

# Phase II Community Values and Vision Summary Report



# SECTION 1: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

For nearly all metropolitan cities, the vision for future change, growth and development is outlined in a Comprehensive Plan. These plans serve as the backbone of any city's planning efforts. They outline opportunities and challenges facing the community, identify appropriate policies and strategies, inform work plans for staff, communicate the community's desires to community members, and provide guidance to appointed and elected officials on a range of growth and development decisions. The most successful Comprehensive Plans are those that have the input, support, and representation from all of a community's neighborhoods, districts, and residents. For this reason, a well-established, equitable, and data-driven engagement program is essential to the development of a strong vision and supporting themes outlined in a Comprehensive Plan.

The City of Fort Worth's Comprehensive Plan (Plan) is the official guide for making decisions about growth and development. The Plan is a summary of the goals, objectives, policies, strategies, programs, and projects that will enable the City to achieve its mission, vision, and goals.

The [ReImagine Fort Worth Comprehensive Plan 2050](#) is a blueprint for the orderly growth and development of the city and its environs, created in partnership among the City, its stakeholders, and its citizens. Per Texas Local Government Code, a Comprehensive Plan for any municipality is intended to facilitate the movement of people and goods, and the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the city. It serves as a guide for development ordinances and is used as the basis of subsequent zoning amendments. This summary report covers the events and discoveries for Phase II (April 8, 2024 – September 24, 2024) of the planning process. In addition, the summary report includes engagement data collected during the pre-planning phase (October 21, 2023 – March 2, 2024) and Phase I (March 3, 2024 – April 7, 2024).

Working with the community, the project team established a clear and actionable vision for the future and strategic priorities that will guide goal and policy development.

Phase II focused on Big Ideas and Vision. Under the leadership and guidance of the Fort Worth City Council and City Manager's Office, a City leader-led Community Advisory Committee (CAC), and a planning-focused Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), the FWLab team gathered community interests through collaboration, policy reviews and comments, community engagement, and communication between residents and the City. The results are summarized in this qualitative and quantitative Phase II summary.

Stakeholder and citizen input was collected from close to 3,000 City stakeholders and residents with events ranging from open houses and pop-up events to other opportunities such as on-line exchanges. In-depth interviews were conducted throughout the process, as well. The Planning Division of the FWLab and the City's Communications and Public Engagement Department worked together to obtain meaningful community engagement in a process to create a vision of Fort Worth's future and strategies to achieve that vision.

A highlight of Phase II included a Vision Summit held on June 18, 2024. During the summit, an estimated 286 participants provided their perspectives, insights and observations, and expressed interests and concerns/questions. Throughout the summit, as well as open houses and virtual engagement opportunities, stakeholders and residents interacted with each other and with our City of Fort Worth leadership and team members to develop the guiding framework of the 2050 Plan. Two questions guided the events/activities: 1) What would your Fort Worth be like in the year 2050? and 2) How can we make Fort Worth an even better place to live, work, and play? The team also collected responses to open-ended queries including why participants love their city, what areas of the city need repair or other attention, and how the future Fort Worth can be improved.

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We broadcast invitations to all communities for input on a dedicated webpage, asking about the elements they believed were essential to having economically successful, well-connected, and safe neighborhoods with clean environments, safe streets, protected green spaces, and convenient low impact commercial centers. We asked about transportation, public health and safety, schools, shopping, and land use. Recognizing that city planning is among the most complex of tasks, we utilized methods designed to educate, inform, and actively engage with the participants, and to capture honest and compelling observations and recommendations from every corner of the city.

Re\Imagine Fort Worth prioritized engaging with segments of our community who have historically been underrepresented in city planning discussions. Through targeted outreach efforts, the initiative worked to ensure diverse voices were heard and included in the planning process. The team conducted meetings across various council districts, hosted pop-up events at community gatherings, provided materials in multiple languages, and partnered with local advisory groups to reach residents who may not typically participate in planning activities. By providing bilingual staff and translated materials, the initiative worked to reduce language barriers and create more accessible opportunities for participation. These deliberate engagement strategies helped ensure that traditionally underrepresented communities could meaningfully contribute to shaping Fort Worth's future.

Re\Imagine Fort Worth is not a one-time event. This is a branding that will engage Fort Worth residents continuously in ongoing processes facilitating communications to continually improve upon the plan that emerges from this round of organized exchanges.

Data presented in this report provides context and specific results/inputs that contribute to the overall findings and recommendations for the 2050 Plan and for Phase III of Re\Imagine Fort Worth. Phase III will focus on working with the community to translate the big ideas and vision into a broad set of strategic priorities, goals, and measurable objectives.



Total No. of Participants  
through 9/24  
**2,943**



No. of Vision Summit  
Participants  
**286**



Tarrant Co. Back to School  
Participants  
**323**



Thought Exchange  
Participants  
**390**



No. of Workshop  
Participants  
**246**



No. of Open House  
Participants  
**55**



No. of Pop-Up Event  
Participants  
**1,101**



Sonidos del Summer  
Participants  
**234**

### ADDITIONAL OUTREACH

- Connect FW (290 participants)
- Fiestas Patrias (193 participants)
- TAC Meetings
- CAC Meetings
- Mayor & Council Interviews
- Superintendent Interviews
- Department Interviews

\*All Nos. Estimated

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## Key Phase II Participation by the Numbers

Stakeholders provided stories, concerns, and ideas that were important to them, their families, and their communities. Most questions focused on the following themes: **Connectivity, Economic Success, Quality of Life, Housing, Commercial Development, and Neighborhood Development.**

While many ideas were shared, some of the most prevalent themes that emerged are:

## Phase II Emerging Themes

<b>GROWTH &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b> Managing urban growth while preserving natural areas	<b>TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS</b> Expanding multi-modal options and reducing congestion	<b>PUBLIC TRANSIT</b> Enhancing transit reliability and connectivity	<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b> Upgrading essential public facilities and utilities
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b> Growing industries and supporting local businesses	<b>HOUSING AFFORDABILITY &amp; DIVERSITY</b> Expanding affordable housing options	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY</b> Improving environmental health and sustainability	<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b> Maintaining accessible green spaces
<b>OPEN &amp; NATURAL SPACES</b> Preserving natural areas and public spaces	<b>COMMUNITY WELL-BEING</b> Enhancing access to services and healthy spaces	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b> Strengthening safety and emergency response	<b>EQUITY &amp; INCLUSION</b> Ensuring equitable access to services and resources
<b>GOVERNANCE &amp; CIVIC ENGAGEMENT</b> Improving transparency and public participation	<b>EDUCATION &amp; WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b> Advancing education and job training	<b>ARTS, CULTURE, &amp; HISTORIC PRESERVATION</b> Supporting arts while preserving historical heritage	

Throughout the engagement activities, we worked to craft a stakeholder and citizen-driven vision statement:

## 2050 Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement

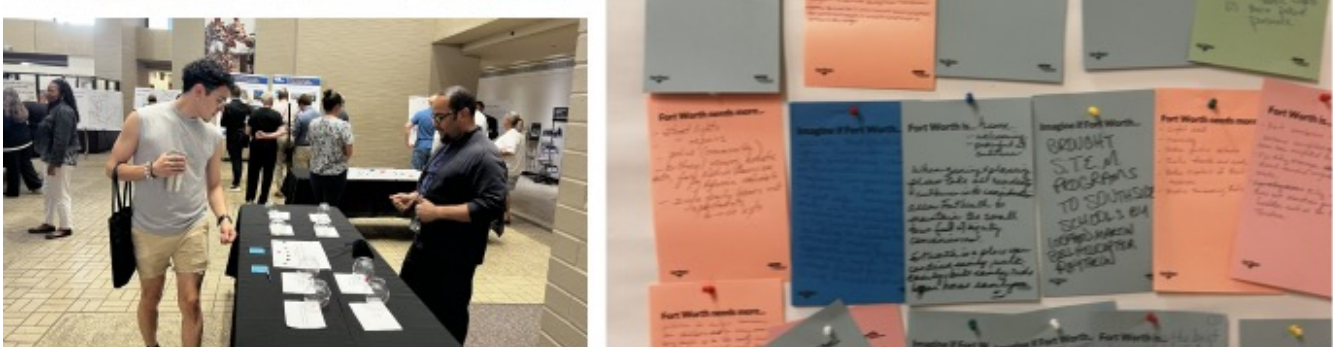
Fort Worth is a world class City of distinct neighborhoods, innovative businesses, and vibrant places enhancing quality of life and providing opportunity for all.

The sections provided within this report provide stakeholder input, data and themes that build the foundation blocks of this vision.

*...I dream of a Fort Worth that becomes a beacon of innovation and sustainability, where technology and nature coexist in harmony. A city that leads in green energy, with parks and green spaces integrated into every neighborhood, promoting health and well-being for all its residents. I envision a Fort Worth that is a hub for the arts, culture, and education, attracting talent from around the world, and fostering a diverse and inclusive community. A place where economic growth is balanced with social equity, providing opportunities for all to thrive. Ultimately, I dream of a Fort Worth that continues to honor its rich heritage while boldly embracing the future, setting a standard for cities everywhere...*

- Stakeholder -

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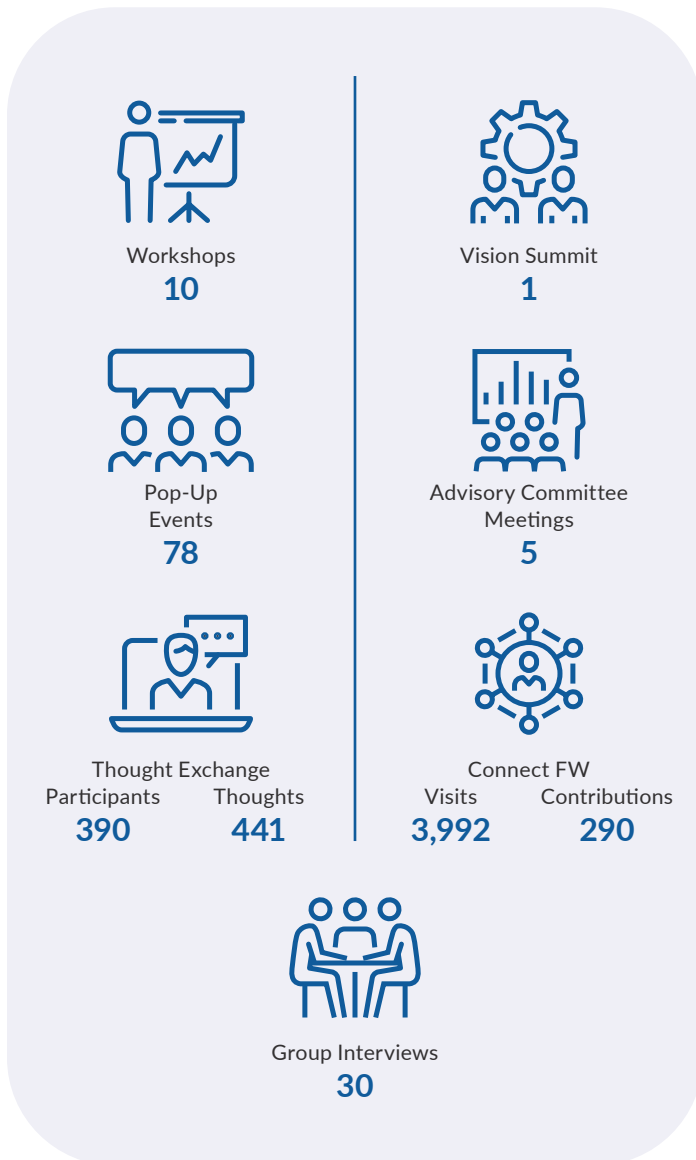
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# SECTION 2: VISIONING ENGAGEMENT PROCESS & ACTIVITIES

## OVERVIEW

In 2023, the City of Fort Worth began preparing for the 2050 Comprehensive Plan, and community engagement began in early 2024 with the development of a Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan. The plan defined Comprehensive Plan stakeholders, identified key messaging, recommended education and engagement activities, and outlined a schedule (timeline of deliverables and activities) and measurements. An informed decision was made to meet stakeholders where they are and to provide a variety of tools so that the exchange of information was accessible. Therefore, a variety of engagement options were deployed.

### Outreach at a Glance



Throughout the engagement process, the City deployed, and is continuing to deploy, the five levels of public participation adopted from the International Association of Public Participation for Public Participation (IAP<sup>2</sup>):

**INFORM.** Provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problems, alternatives, and/or solutions.

**CONSULT.** Obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives, and/or decisions.

**INVOLVE.** Work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public issues and concerns are consistently understood and considered.

**COLLABORATE.** Partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.

**EMPOWER.** Place final decision making in the hands of the public.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN AND BRAND

At the onset of this project, the City developed a Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan, based on IAP<sup>2</sup> principles. Community engagement is a key component in the comprehensive planning process as it helps ensure that desirable and equitable outcomes for community members are achieved. Moreover, it can bring communities together and help individuals more empathetically consider the state of the community and

ways in which it can grow and change for the benefit of all. It acts as the driver for the development of the future land use plan, housing recommendations, transportation infrastructure strategies, and other planning elements, which will help determine the future of the city, its unique community groups, and residents.

To develop a robust people-first plan, the project team implemented several community engagement strategies focused on community education, community building, coalition building, trust building, consensus building, and civic participation. Accentuating these considerations in the strategy helped support the delivery of collaboration and inclusion.

An important way to ensure recognition and relatability was (and still is) through the Re\Imagine brand. The City worked collaboratively to establish a brand and logo that naturally tied-in to the well-known City “Molly” logo and helped maintain a long-term understanding of what stakeholders and citizens could expect when seeing the images.



## PROCESS AND SCHEDULE

There are five phases of the Re\Imagine Fort Worth Comprehensive Plan 2050: Phase I – Preparation; Phase II – Big Ideas and Vision; Phase III – Goals, Objectives and Policy Framework; Phase IV – Implementation Strategies and Action Plans; and Phase V – Principal Plan Components Development and Review. As presented on the adjacent graphic, community outreach and engagement is an essential component integrated into each phase throughout the process.

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fact, the City extended the outreach by incorporating extensive interviews with City Councilmembers and the Mayor, as well as with school district superintendents, by conducting open houses, expanding pop-up events, participating in City and community events, and by providing online mechanisms for participation so that individuals could learn about the plan and provide input at times convenient for them.



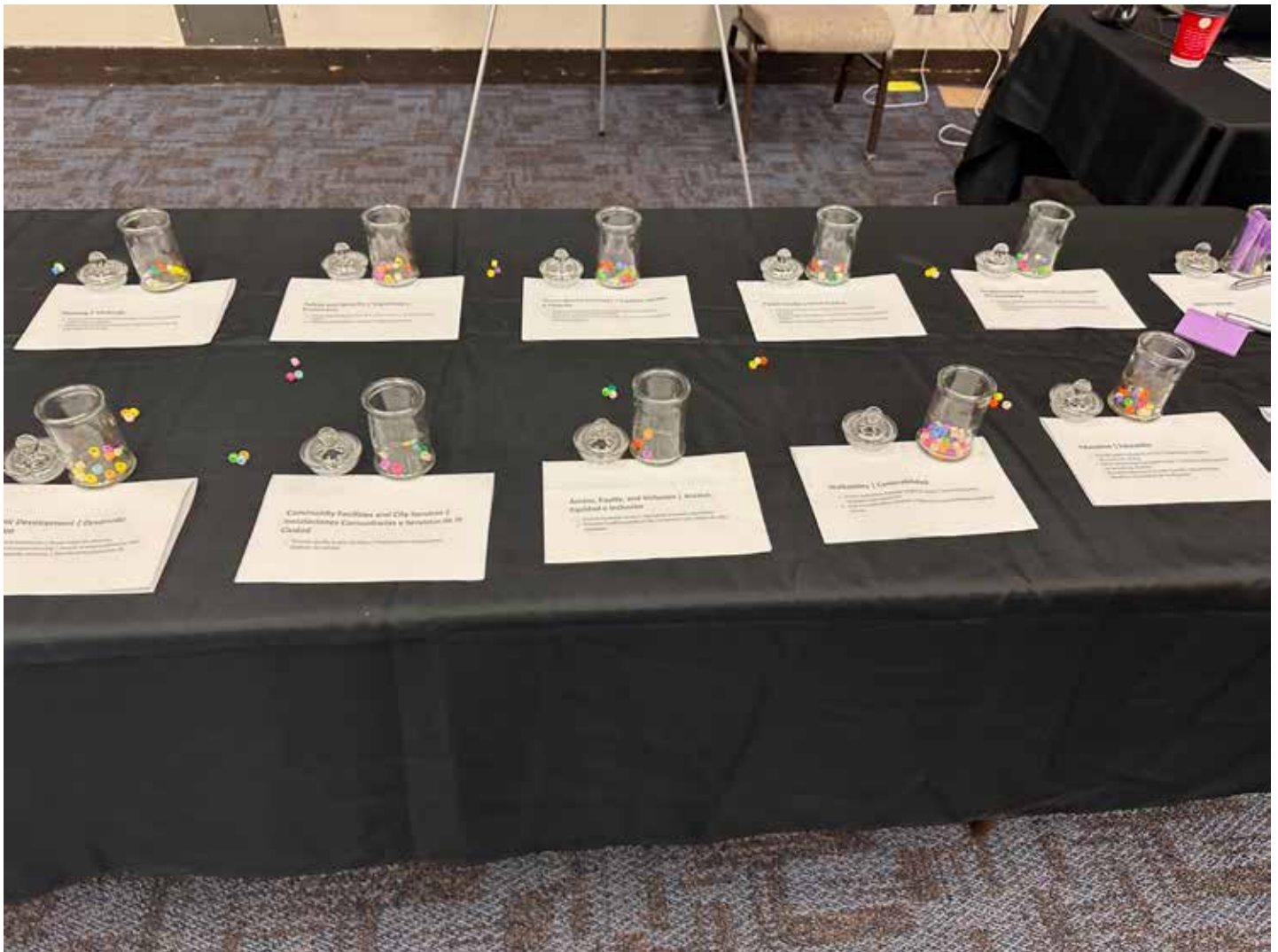
### STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Two stakeholder advisory committees were created at the onset of the project for two distinct purposes: 1) to engage community leaders in the shaping and advising of plan direction; and 2) to seek input and exchange ideas with those in planning and agency arenas and who are in critical roles in Fort Worth.

A Community Advisory Committee (CAC) was established in Spring 2024. The CAC is a working group of community representatives who serve as engagement advisors and ambassadors of plan information. Selected primarily by the City Council, this group met twice during the Phase

II and helped to educate their own constituencies and encourage broad participation in engagement events and activities. CAC members also reviewed and commented on engagement materials.

A Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was also established in Spring 2024. The TAC is a working group of city leaders from key organizations and agencies who serve as subject matter experts, engagement advisors, and ambassadors of plan information. This group has met three times to date, and also helped to educate their own constituencies and encourage broad participation in engagement events and activities. TAC members are also reviewing and commenting on engagement materials.



### ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

There were two essential elements to the Phase II engagement process:

- **Accessibility:** Meet people where they are and provide a variety of engagement options
- **Equity:** Ensure all individuals are provided with the opportunity and capability to provide their input, whether through language, visual assistance, hearing assistance or any other need

For each engagement activity, the team identified the right tools, locations, times, accommodations, and language and tool preferences to ensure that all individuals who wished to participate had the opportunity to do so. In addition, events were conducted in each councilmember district so that those opportunities were brought to the individuals and their communities. These efforts were supported by online tools and the City engagement website, Connect FW.

The following sections provide a summary of each of those efforts. A list of Phase II engagement activities and a map of engagement locations are included on pages 16–18 of this section.

### KEY STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

In early to mid-2024, 30 group interviews were conducted with the City Mayor, all Councilmembers, key City staff, other City leadership, and superintendents who represent the many Independent School Districts (ISDs) throughout Fort Worth.

City departmental interviews included: Economic Development, Library, Aviation, Code Compliance, Public Events, Property Management, Neighborhood Services, Parks, Police, Fire, Transportation and Public Works, Water, City Manager’s Office, and the FWLab Steering Committee.

City Mayor Mattie Parker was interviewed, as were Councilmembers Bivens, Blaylock, Williams, Flores, Crain, Hill, Nettles, Beck, Martinez, and Laursdorf. Key themes emerged from City Council interviews.



Far Southwest & Wedgewood HPFW Meeting

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### Common Themes: Councilmembers

NO.	QUESTIONS	COMMON THEMES
1	What types of development and redevelopment are most appropriate for Fort Worth over the next 20 years?	Mixed-use developments, balanced commercial and residential growth, addressing "missing middle" housing, focus on infrastructure to support growth, and creating walkable communities.
2	How would you rate (from 1-10) the quality and quantity of public and private investments in the last 5-10 years? Can you comment on your District specifically?	Varied ratings across districts, need for improved infrastructure to keep up with growth, concerns about uneven development across the city.
3	What are some of the most successful development projects that you have seen in Fort Worth, your District, or in surrounding areas? Where would you want more of these projects to occur in Fort Worth?	Clearfork development, Alliance Airport area, Dickies Arena, and well-planned master communities frequently mentioned as successful projects.
4	Which areas in Fort Worth should receive more attention when it comes to development and redevelopment?	East Fort Worth, Southeast Fort Worth, and older neighborhoods frequently mentioned as needing more attention.
5	Based on the current Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2023, what do you believe are the most critical issues/concerns that still remain? How do you think they should be addressed?	Better alignment between various city plans (e.g., transportation and land use), addressing housing issues, and focusing on quality of life matters.
6	Who are the stakeholders that MUST be measurably engaged in this project?	Neighborhood associations, business communities, developers, school districts, and historically underrepresented communities.
7	How well do you think the existing comprehensive plan aligns with the FW City Council's strategic priorities? (On a scale of 1-5 with 5 being extremely well) What is missing?	Mixed responses, with many indicating misalignment or unfamiliarity with the plan. Housing and equity issues frequently mentioned as missing elements.
8	If you could wave a magic wand and create the ideal comprehensive plan, what would it look like? What would it focus on?	Focus on job creation, transportation, housing, and infrastructure improvements. Many emphasized the need for a more user-friendly and implementable plan.
9	What questions have we not asked that need to be asked as the city develops the comprehensive plan and communications plan?	Not many specific questions suggested, but emphasis on implementation and communication strategies.
10	What are barriers to success?	Challenges in communication and engagement with residents, difficulties in translating plans into actionable policies, and resistance to change.



For the supplemental questions, common themes included prioritizing infrastructure, housing, and community services, concerns about equitable development across the City, and the need for better communication and engagement with stakeholders.

Follow-up interviews with the City Councilmembers again confirmed some of these concerns mentioned in the table above, with the Councilmembers mentioning concerns about data-driven planning, emphasizing quality of life over development, and using information from stakeholders and citizens to pinpoint specific concerns that can be corrected or addressed with small incremental improvements and improved communications. Those interviews also revealed concerns about gaps or incompatible elements between the Master Thoroughfare Plan and the Comprehensive Plan resulting in gridlock. A common theme in their comments underscored the importance of quality housing, efficient transportation, and purposeful education systems.

A set of meetings were conducted in June 2024 with superintendents to inform and discuss the Comprehensive Plan, followed by individual interviews. Participants included: Dr. Susan Bohn, Aledo ISD; Todd Smith, Azle ISD; Mikala Hill, Burleson ISD, Dr. Michael McFarland, Crowley ISD; Jim Chadwell, EMS ISD; Felicia Donaldson, Everman ISD; Angelica Ramsey, Karen Molinar and Kellie Spencer, Fort Worth ISD; Joe Harrington, Hurst, Euless, Bedford (HEB) ISD; and a representative from the Northwest ISD.

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### Common Themes: Superintendents

NO.	QUESTIONS	COMMON THEMES
1	What do you think are the most important neighborhood features or amenities that support schools and student learning?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green Spaces (parks/trails) – 6</li> <li>• Walkability (safe sidewalks) – 4</li> <li>• Libraries – 2</li> <li>• Grocery Stores/food choices – 2</li> <li>• Safer roads – 2</li> </ul>
2	Are there any examples of neighborhoods or developments in your district that you feel are particularly supportive of schools? Are there any particular community partnerships that have worked well with respect to supporting schools at their facilities or in daily school operations?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walsh Ranch/Walsh Elementary</li> <li>• Bishop &amp; Humble Elementary school areas</li> <li>• River Trails &amp; Trinity Lakes Elementary schools</li> </ul>
3	What are the main challenges your students and staff face in terms of getting to and from school safely and easily?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walkability – 5</li> <li>• Wider roads (lessen congestion) – 5</li> <li>• Safer roads – 2</li> <li>• Access to transportation – 2</li> <li>• Increase police presence near schools – 2</li> </ul>
4	What types of land uses or developments do you think are most compatible with schools?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single-family homes/neighborhoods – 3</li> <li>• Parks – 3</li> <li>• Sidewalks/walkability – 2</li> </ul>
5	Are there any specific land uses or developments that you would like to see more of (or less of) near your schools?	<p>More of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single-family residential development as buffer, Parks and open spaces, Attainable housing options, Protective residential uses around schools</li> </ul> <p>Less of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commercial/industrial development near schools – 5</li> <li>• Multi-family residences/apartments – 3</li> </ul>
6	How do you think land use planning and neighborhood design can help address these challenges?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create comprehensive neighborhood plans that promote walkability and safety while integrating appropriate housing types, amenities, and buffer zones - requires early collaboration between city, developers and schools – 6</li> <li>• Design transportation and access systems that consider school needs and connect to community amenities like parks to increase health outcomes – 3</li> </ul>
7	As your district grows and changes, what are your main concerns or priorities related to school facilities and land use planning over the next 10–20 years?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need developments with amenities (parks, community facilities, mixed use development) – 4</li> <li>• Earlier coordination with developers about schools sites and infrastructure – 3</li> <li>• Concerned about growth and capacity issues, facility planning, economy/tax base concerns, transportation access and traffic concerns – 5</li> </ul>
8	What specific design elements, amenities, or land use considerations should be included in the Place Types to support schools and educational outcomes?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop communities with integrated housing options, parks, grocery stores, libraries and community facilities, proximity to emergency responders – 4</li> <li>• Create connected green spaces with trails and sidewalk connections to schools – 2</li> </ul>
9	What opportunities do you see for your school district and the city to work together on land use planning and community design? Are there any specific ways that you think this collaboration could benefit schools and students?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear communication between city and ISDs including updates – 5</li> </ul>
10	What role do you think land use planning and community development can play in addressing any specific equity concerns or disparities in educational access and outcomes that you have observed in your school district?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equal access to amenities and services across all areas (parks, recreation, emergency services, athletics facilities, city assets) – 4</li> <li>• Need for diverse development and housing options in all areas – 2</li> </ul>

### POP-UP EVENTS

78 pop-up events with an estimated 1,100 participants were completed in the pre phase, Phase I, and Phase II, providing an avenue for understanding perceptions, ideas, and concerns. Staff or consultant-led pop-up events are simple, casual ways for the City to interact with the community by setting up a kiosk, table, or event easels in a centrally located place on a weekend or evening at an event with lots of foot traffic. Pop-ups are a well-established technique for gathering input from people who may otherwise not attend a public meeting or participate in an online survey. In addition to these 78 staff-led pop-ups, similar engagement materials were set up in 30 locations around the city at community meeting places such as libraries, community centers, and recreation centers where the public could provide feedback at their own pace and convenience.

The project team utilized many of the same boards that were used during the workshops to gain feedback regarding the quality of life, housing, connectivity, and neighborhood development. In addition, storyboard cards were used as a way for participants to describe their own vision of a future Fort Worth, or the ideal model of a future City, in a way that was not limited by the boards. Input is summarized Section 3.



## HELP PLAN FORT WORTH WORKSHOPS

A series of 10 workshops with an estimated 246 participants were conducted in April–June 2024 to discuss essential Comprehensive Plan components. These workshops were conducted at key locations/council districts throughout the City:

- Handley-Meadowbrook Community Center (Southside and Southeast)
- Chisholm Trail Community Center (Far Southwest and Wedgwood)
- Fort Worth City Hall (Downtown)
- Leo Adams Middle School (Far North and Far Northwest)
- Riverside Community Center (Northside and Northeast)
- Blue Haze Elementary (Far West and Western Hills/Ridglea)
- Victory Forest Community Center (Southside, Sycamore and Far South)
- Tanglewood Elementary School (Arlington Heights, TCU/Westcliff)
- Tidwell Middle School
- Summerglenn Library

A series of essential themes were discussed during each workshop:

- What does a Well-Connected City look like?
- What does an Economically Successful City mean to you?
- What does a good *Quality of Life* look like to you over the long term?
- What types of places do you Prefer – Housing?
  - Auto-oriented Single-family Houses
  - Walkable Single-family Houses
  - Detached Multifamily
  - Duplex
  - Fourplex
  - Townhouses
  - Suburban Apartments
  - Urban Apartments
  - High-rise Apartments/Condos

- What types of places do you Prefer – Commercial?
  - Urban Village
  - Mixed-Use Apartment Complex
  - Mixed-Use
  - Downtown
  - Suburban Retail
  - Small-scale Industrial
  - Large-scale Industrial
  - Strip Mall
  - Auto-Oriented Retail
  - Office Park
  - Light Industrial
  - Industrial Warehouse
  - Pedestrian Shopping
- What types of things would you like to see in your neighborhood?
  - Diverse Housing
  - Community Centers
  - Shopping Areas
  - Parks and Open Space
  - Schools
  - Grocery and Convenience Stores
  - Cafes and Restaurants
- What types of things would you like to see where you work or visit?
  - Parks and Open Space
  - Office Spaces
  - Grocery and Convenience Stores
  - Cafes and Restaurants
  - Commercial Centers
  - Institutional Uses
- What would you prioritize Fort Worth to work on?

Participants were provided opportunities to share their stories as well. Hundreds of people shared memories from their childhoods, ideas of what the future Fort Worth could look like, and what their hopes are for their children and grandchildren. Details are provided in Section 3.



Help Plan Fort Worth Workshops at Fort Worth City Hall

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- Pop-Ups
- Interviews
- ➔ Meetings
- | Workshops

## PRE-PHASE 2023-2024

- October 21, 2023 Pop-Up - Arts Goggle
- January 18, 2024 Pop-Up - NCTCOG Air Quality Grant Open House
- January 24, 2024 Pop-Up - Parks Master plan Open House - Highland Hills Community Center
- January 24, 2024 Pop-Up - Parks Master plan Open House - Northwest Library
- January 25, 2024 Pop-Up - Parks Master plan Open House - Golden Triangle Library
- January 25, 2024 Pop-Up - CFW Planning Forum
- January 27, 2024 Pop-Up - Parks Master plan Open House - Botanic Garden
- January 27, 2024 Pop-Up - Parks Master plan Open House - Handley Community Center
- February 27, 2024 Pop-Up - March to the Polls
- March 2, 2024 2023 Pop-Up - Fort Worth Neighborhood Awards

## PHASE I SPRING 2024

- February 1 City Council Interview - CM 8 - Nettles
- February 2 City Council Interview - CM 2 - Flores
- February 9 City Council Interview - CM 11 - Martinez
- February 13 City Council Interview - CM 6 - Williams
- February 14 City Council Interview - CM 4 - Lauersdorf
- February 15 City Council Interview - CM 9 - Beck
- February 16 City Council Interview - CM 7 - Hill
- February 16 City Council Interview - CM 10 - Blaylock
- February 22 Mayor Parker Interview
- February 29 City Council Interview - CM 5 - Bivens
- March 6 Department Interview - Water
- ➔ March 6 SteerCo Meeting
- March 7 City Manager's Office Interviews
- March 7 Department Interview - Economic Development
- March 7 Department Interview - Neighborhood Services
- March 7 Department Interview - TPW
- March 8 Department Interview - Parks
- ➔ March 8 TAC Meeting #1
- March 21 City Council Interview - CM 3 -Crain
- March 23 Pop-Up - Cowtown Clean Up/Earth Day Party
- April 4 Pop-Up - Food & Wine Festival Day 1
- April 5 Pop-Up - Food & Wine Festival Day 2
- April 6 Pop-Up - Food & Wine Festival Day 3 Shift 1
- April 7 Pop-Up - Food & Wine Festival Day 4
- April 11 Department Interview - Various
- April 11 Department Interview - Police & Fire

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## PHASE II

### SPRING 2024

- April 11 Help Plan FW - Southeast & Eastside
- April 15 Help Plan FW - Far Southwest & Wedgwood Areas
- April 18 Help Plan FW - Downtown
- April 22 Help Plan FW - Far North & Far Northwest
- April 25 Help Plan FW - Northside & Northeast
- April 29 Help Plan FW - Far West & Western Hills/Ridglea
- May 2 Help Plan FW - Southside, Sycamore, & Far South
- May 6 Help Plan FW & City Open House - Arlington Heights & TCU/Westcliff
- May 9 Pop-Up - Butler Place Open House - Consultants ONLY
- May 13 Pop-Up - City Open House - Heritage Church
- May 16 Pop-Up - GenerationNext - SteerFW
- May 18 Pop-Up - City Open House - Dunbar High School
- May 20 Pop-Up - City Open House - Highland Hills Community Center
- May 23 CD10 additional workshop - Tidwell Middle School

- Pop-Ups
- Interviews
- ➔ Meetings
- Workshops

## PHASE II

### SUMMER 2024

- June 1 Pop-Up - Mayor's Summer Reading Kick-Off
- June 6 ISD Meeting #1 & #2
- June 6 CD4 Additional workshop - Summerglen Library
- June 8 CD5 Lego Workshop & PIA pop up - La Gran Plaza (PIA led pop up)
- June 13 CAC Meeting #1
- June 13 Pop-Up - City Open House - Northside Community Center
- June 17 Pop-Up - Polytechnic Heights South Neighborhood Association
- June 18 Vision Summit
- June 27 Pop-Up - M1M Open House - Worth Heights Community Center
- June 29 Pop-Up - M1M Open House - Reby Cary Youth Library
- July 17 Developer Focus Group
- July 17 TAC and CAC Meeting
- July 18 Real Estate Council Focus Group
- August 2 Pop-Up - Tarrant County Back to School Event
- August 21 Pop-Up - Planning & Priorities Open House - D9
- August 22 Pop-Up - Planning & Priorities Open House - D2 & D7
- August 24 Pop-Up - Planning & Priorities Open House - D10
- August 24 Pop-Up - SteerFW Civic Summit
- August 26 Pop-Up - Planning & Priorities Open House - D8
- August 27 Pop-Up - Planning & Priorities Open House - D2
- August 29 Pop-Up - Planning & Priorities Open House - D4 & CFW Planning Forum (City Staff focused)

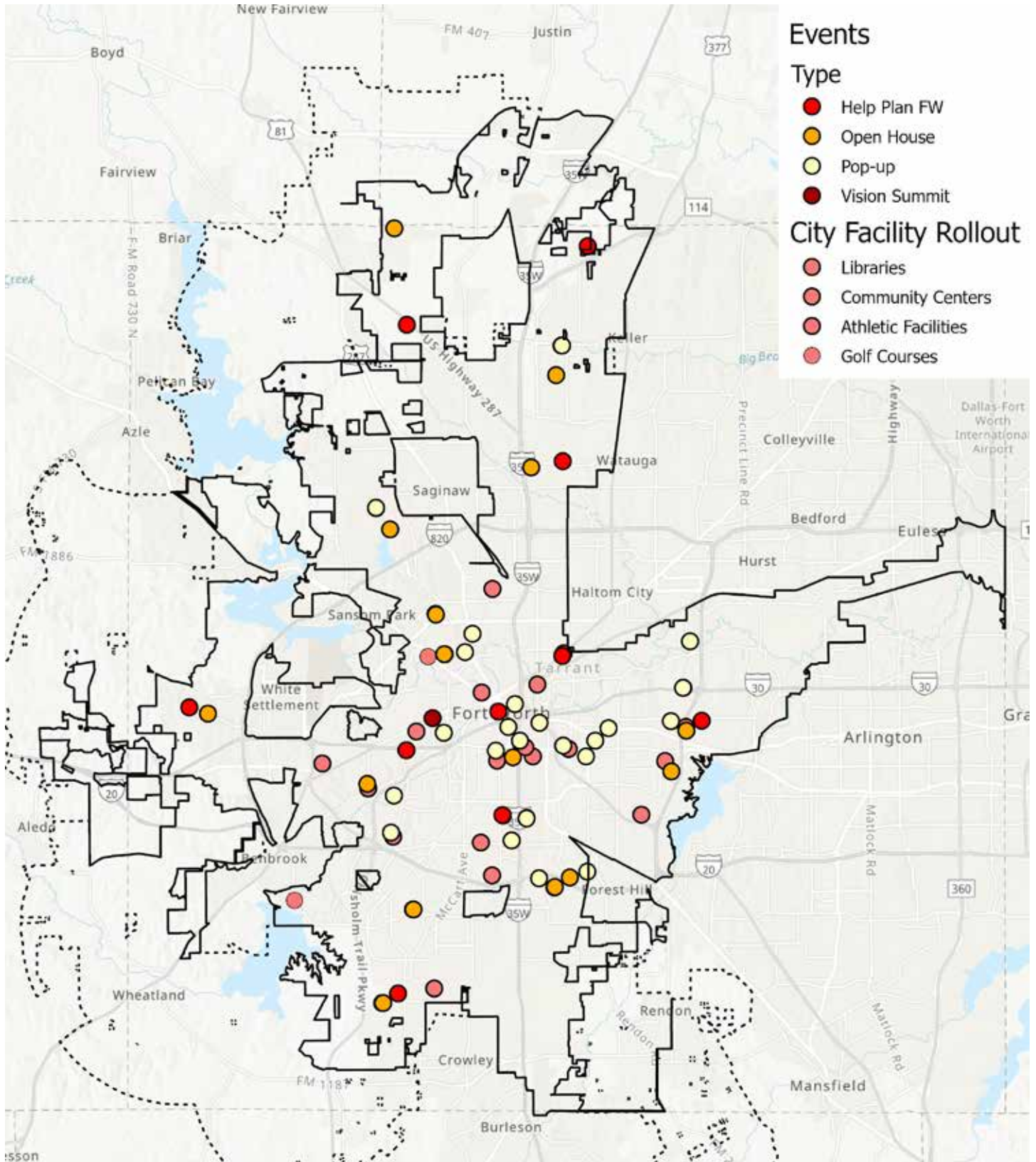
## PHASE II

### FALL 2024

- September 1 Pop-Up - Community Center Drop-Off (30 Locations)
- September 1 Pop-Up - New City Hall (Garage, Main, Side, and 5th Floor Entrances)
- September 5 Pop-Up - Planning & Priorities Open House - D6
- September 7 Pop-Up - Planning & Priorities Open House - D11 & Sonidos del Summer
- September 9 Pop-Up - Planning & Priorities Open House - D7
- September 10 Greater Fort Worth Builders Association
- September 14 Pop-Up - Planning & Priorities Open House - D5 & D6
- September 15 Pop-Up - Fiestas Patrias Celebration
- September 16 Pop-Up - PHSNA Meeting - Phase 2 Presentation
- September 21 Pop-Up - College Fair - La Gran Plaza



Phase II Events Map





## VISION SUMMIT

An estimated 286 people participated in the Vision Summit on Jun. 18, 2024. The Vision Summit consisted of several activities including an open house with interactive boards that were previously used in the HPFW meetings, an area where participants could directly indicate their top choices of planning topics of concern to them, live polling through Thought Exchange (described previously), while the most significant portion of the Vision Summit was dedicated to in-depth table discussions among participants from a variety of neighborhoods and backgrounds. Of those, 75 individuals completed the Summit Exit Survey. Some expressed concerns that the city will not incorporate their input, while others targeted specific aspects of planning, requesting attention.

A brief summary of the most important outcomes were from the categories described through tabletop discussions as summarized in the matrix below. Additional Vision Summit analysis is provided in Section 4.

### Vision Summit Analysis of Table Topic Discussion

CATEGORY	RECURRING TOPICS
General Vision	Transportation/Connectivity, Housing, Community Character, Economic Development, Balanced Development, Safety, Sustainable
Quality of Life	Transportation, Community Character, Parks & Open Space, Housing, Walkability & Access, Community Amenities, Safe Neighborhoods
Economic Success	Education & Workforce Development, Jobs, Affordability, Business Development, Transit Access, Equity and Inclusion, Youth Retention, Health and Wellness, Innovation and Technology, Entrepreneurship, Sustainability, Green Economy
Well-Connected City	Transportation Systems, Public Transportation, Walkability, Safety, Infrastructure and Amenities, Connectivity



## SECTION 2: VISIONING ENGAGEMENT PROCESS & ACTIVITIES

As part of the summit, tables of participants were asked a series of questions based on the categories listed above: General Vision, Quality of Life, Economic Success, and Well-Connected City. The following questions were posed to the 29 tables, as well as 10 additional participants.

### General Vision

- What words or short phrases capture your aspirational vision of Fort Worth's future? How does Fort Worth see itself? How do visitors see Fort Worth? What might Fort Worth be known for in 2050?
- Imagine your ideal General Vision for Fort Worth's future. Describe what the city would look like, feel and function like across areas like jobs, transportation, housing, amenities, etc.
- Looking 20 to 30 years ahead, what is the single most critical issue, opportunity or challenge that Fort Worth should prioritize addressing?
- What tangible goals or accomplishments would you want Fort Worth to achieve over the next few decades?

#### Key Terms Associated with these Questions

Multi-modal transportation, Affordable Accessible Housing, Mixed Housing, Small Town Feel/Big City Amenities, Western Heritage Preservation, Cultural Diversity, FriendlyWelcoming, Equitable

### Economic Success

- How do we encourage the next generation to stay in Fort Worth?
- How can we ensure that our city's growth and development benefits everyone, including low income and underserved communities?
- What types of jobs, employers, or industries should Fort Worth prioritize attracting and supporting over the next 20 to 30 years to provide high quality employment opportunities?
- What workforce development and education initiatives would help prepare our residents for the jobs of the future?
- In your opinion, what are the most important factors that contribute to a strong and resilient local economy? What specific issues or challenges do you think need to be addressed?

#### Key Terms Associated with these Questions

Affordability, Education, Schools, High-Paying Jobs, Higher Wages, Business Attraction, Diversity of School Types (Trade Schools, Traditional Schools), Small Business Support, Partnerships, Healthcare Access, Transportation Access to Jobs

### Quality of Life

- What makes Fort Worth special today? What should we strive to preserve or enhance?
- What do you love about the places you spend time in regularly? What would you change?
- In your opinion what housing options are currently missing or in short supply in our city? What would you like to see more of in the future to meet the diverse housing needs?
- Imagine our city 20 years from now. What improvements to community amenities, public spaces, or recreational opportunities would have the biggest impact on your Quality of Life?

#### Key Terms Associated with these Questions

Community Character, Cultural Diversity, Trinity Trails, Parks Access, Affordable Housing, Missing Middle Housing, Sidewalks, Connected, Light Rail, Green Space, Arts and Culture Venues, Recreation Facilities

### Well-Connected City

- What makes you feel connected to your neighborhood? Your city?
- What do you think a world class transportation system looks like?
- How do you want to get around the city in 2050? What keeps you from doing that now?
- In your ideal future, what transportation system components would best lead to a system centered on safety, maintenance, comfort, prosperity, technology, and equality?

#### Key Terms Associated with these Questions

Public Transportation Network, Access to Open Spaces and other Destinations, Walkability, Bikeability Network, Neighborhood Cohesion, Safe, Clean, Reliable Transportation

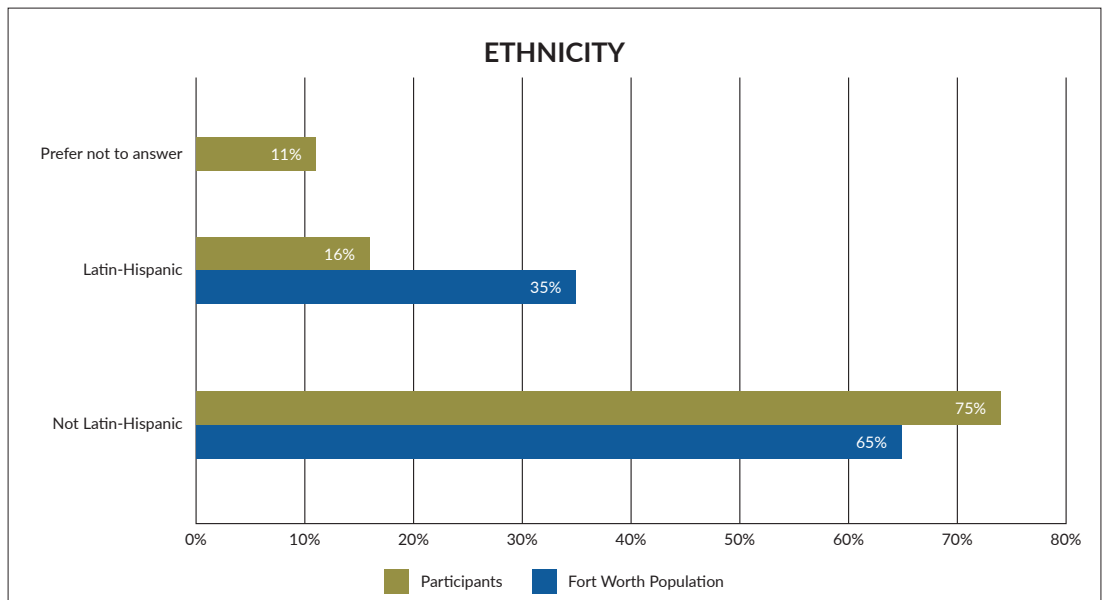
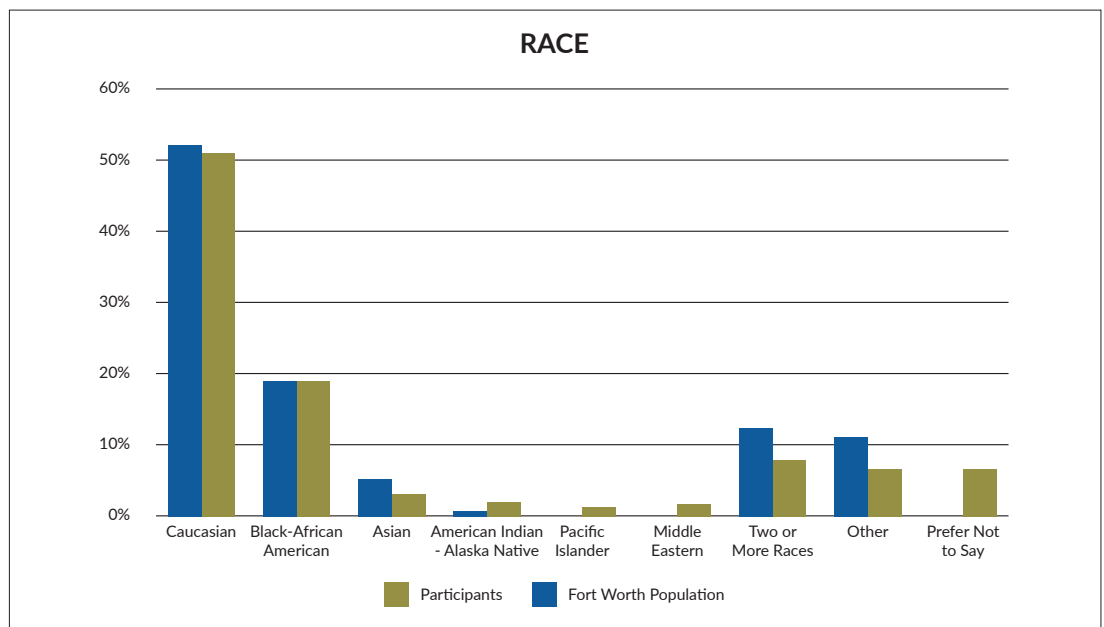
# SECTION 3: OPEN HOUSE, WORKSHOPS, POP-UPS, AND VISION SUMMIT OUTCOMES

## DEMOGRAPHICS

Although it was not possible for every situation, every effort was made to document demographic information at each event. For those who agreed to provide demographic information, that information is summarized below. Throughout the process, the project team captured demographic information from 619 individuals, which represents close to 20 percent of the estimated 3,000 identified project participants. We collected information regarding age, sex, race/ethnicity, and income. Furthermore, we compared participant demographics with those of Fort Worth residents. **Overall, the Phase II participants in the Comprehensive Plan community engagement activities tended to be older than the citywide population, with higher incomes and greater homeownership rates.**

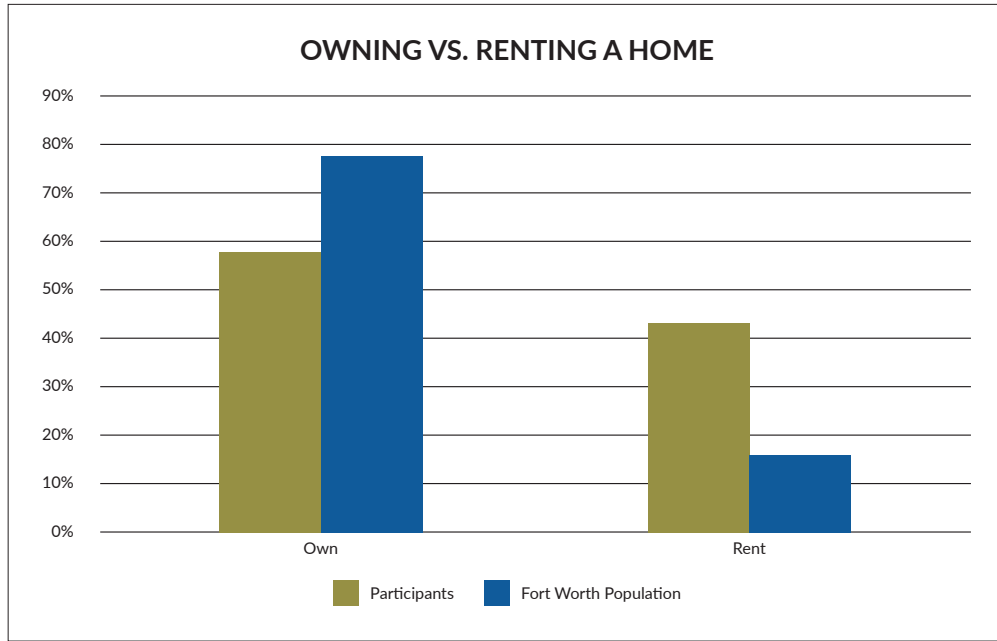
### Race and Ethnicity

We received a slightly less number of Latin/Hispanic participants in comparison to Fort Worth residents. 74 percent of participants identified as not Latin-Hispanic, while 65 percent of Fort Worth residents identify as not Latino-Hispanic. However, racial demographics appeared consistent with the City overall.



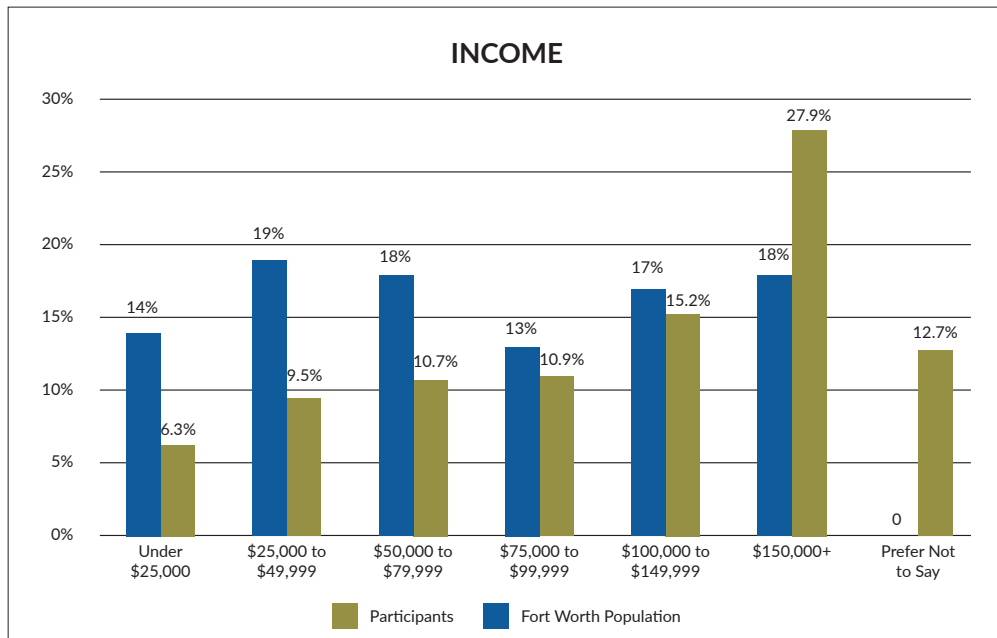
### Housing Status of Participants

Most participants own their own home while a modest percentage did not wish to report. 57 percent of Fort Worth residents own their homes, while 43 percent rent. Of those who participated in the engagement opportunities, 77 percent own their homes, 15 percent rent, six percent listed “other” and the resident either preferred not to say or decided to not report.



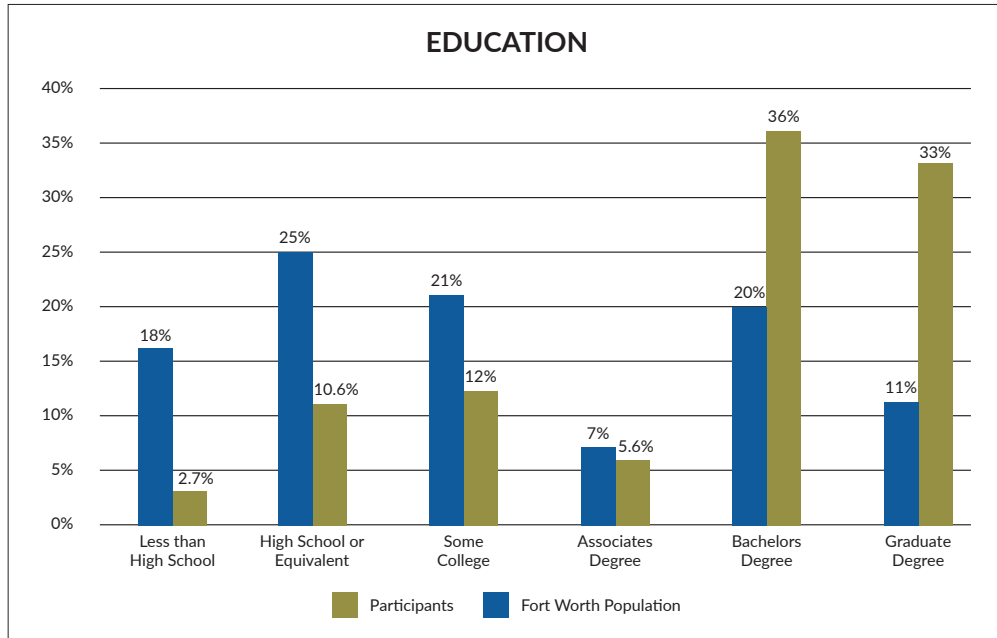
### Participant Income Compared to Fort Worth Income

Participation by those who earn less than \$75,000 per year was less than those with higher incomes. This is in comparison to Fort Worth resident data overall. Demographic information indicates that, when compared to the city overall, a higher number of participants earn more that \$150,000 a year, while a significant number earn more than \$75,000 per year.



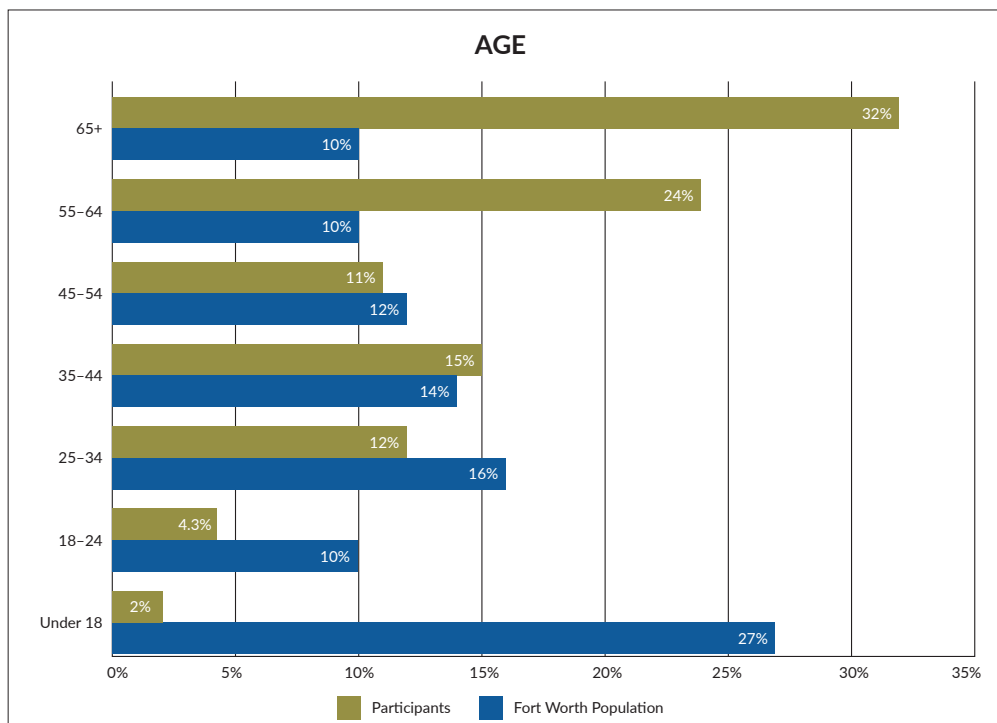
### Participant Education Levels Compared to Fort Worth Education Levels

In line with income levels, participants with Bachelors and Graduate degrees were more likely to attend the Comprehensive Plan events than those with less than high school, a high school diploma, some college, and/or an associates degree.



### Participant Age Ranges Compared to Fort Worth Age Ranges

Most Comprehensive Plan participants were over the age of 55. However, there appeared to be moderate representation for the 25–54 age group in comparison to the Fort Worth population of that same sector.

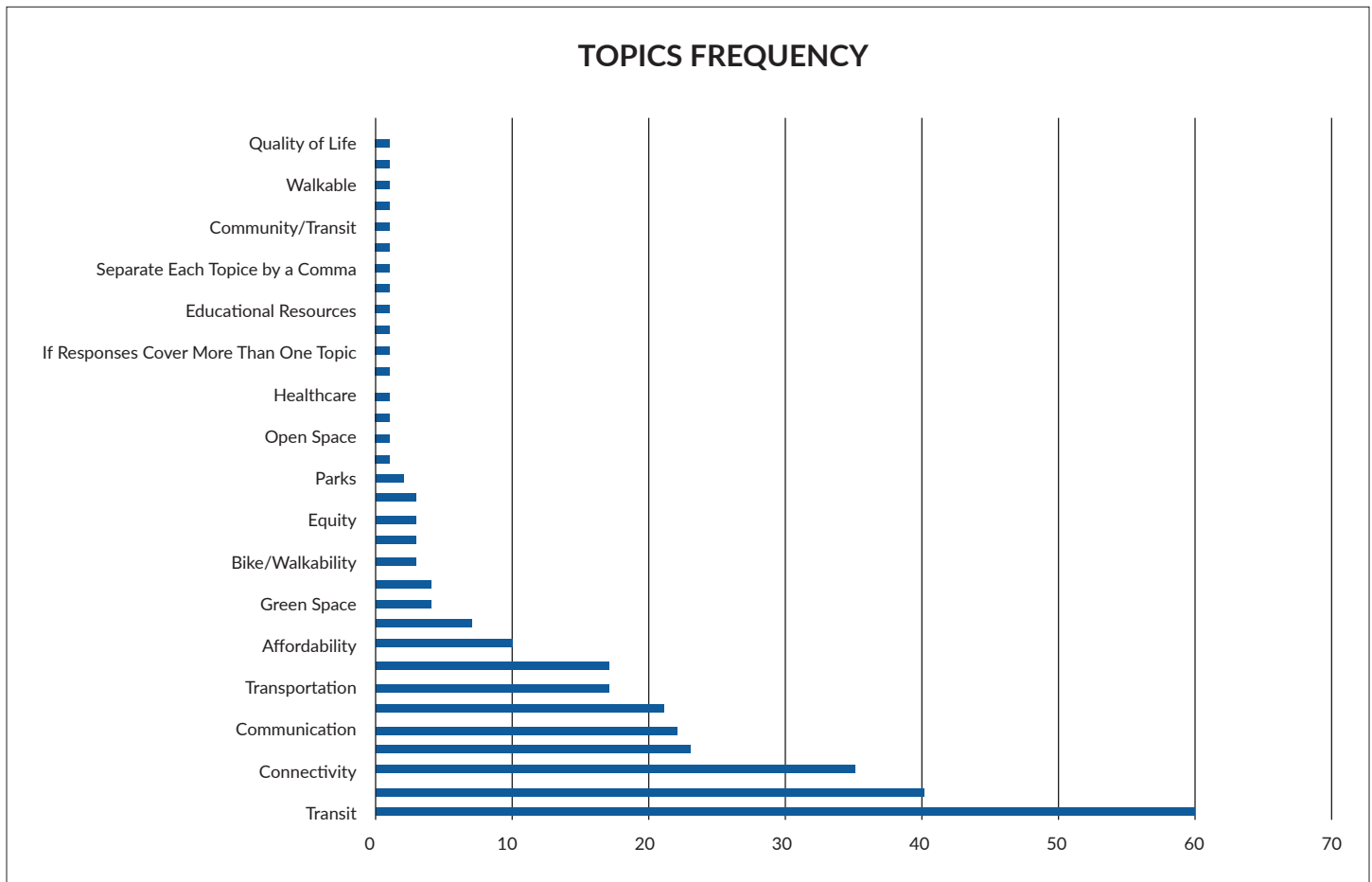
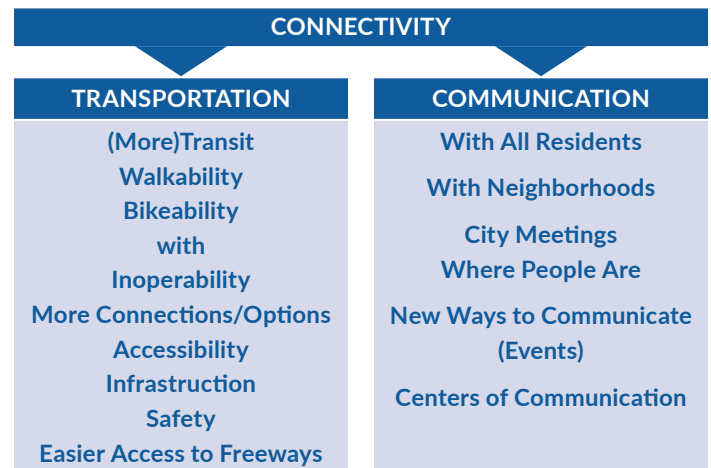


## WHAT DOES A WELL-CONNECTED CITY LOOK LIKE?

An estimated 187 individuals at pop-ups, workshops, and summit events answered the following question: “What does a Well-Connected City look like?” Understanding that this is an open ended question, the project team intentionally wanted to leave the context open to better understand perspectives and perceptions of connectivity among participants.

While input varied, commonalities existed among traditional thoughts of connectivity, such as forms of transportation: transit, bikeability and walkability. Other thoughts emerged, too, such as expanding lines of communication, i.e., communicating with residents and low-cost internet. In reviewing input from participants, nearly all sentiments were deemed “neutral” in tone and intent. The top frequency of information, from a qualitative review, is presented below.

### Qualitative Connectivity Themes

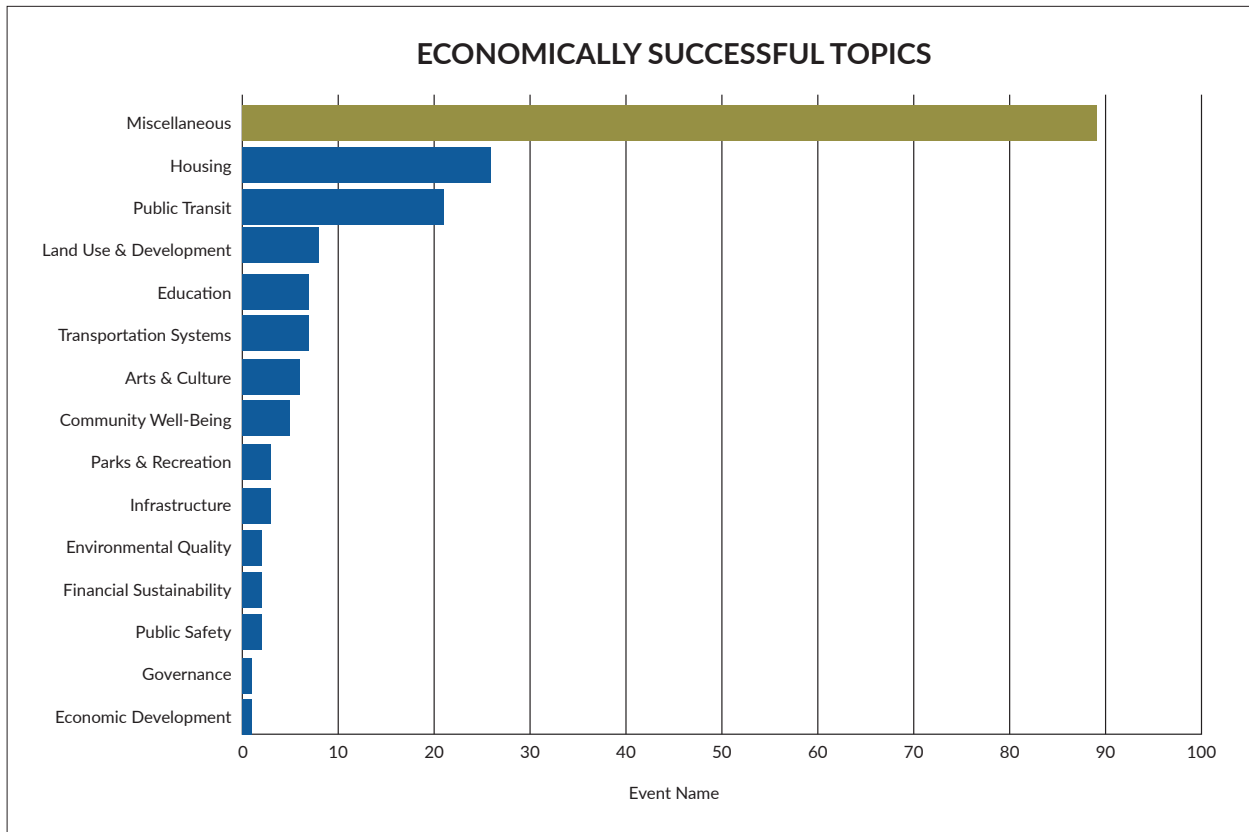


## WHAT DOES AN ECONOMICALLY SUCCESSFUL CITY MEANT TO YOU?

A second key question asked at each outreach event was, “What does an economically successful City mean to you?” The project team received 181 in-person responses and two online responses. Success areas were divided into topics.

Although the top category is listed as “miscellaneous,” primary topics included Housing, Public Transit, and Land Use and Development. The term miscellaneous refers to Affordability, Healthcare, Accessibility, and Equity. Furthermore, the majority of sentiments were considered to be neutral in nature.

### What an Economically Successful City Means to Participants



La Gran Plaza Pop-Up

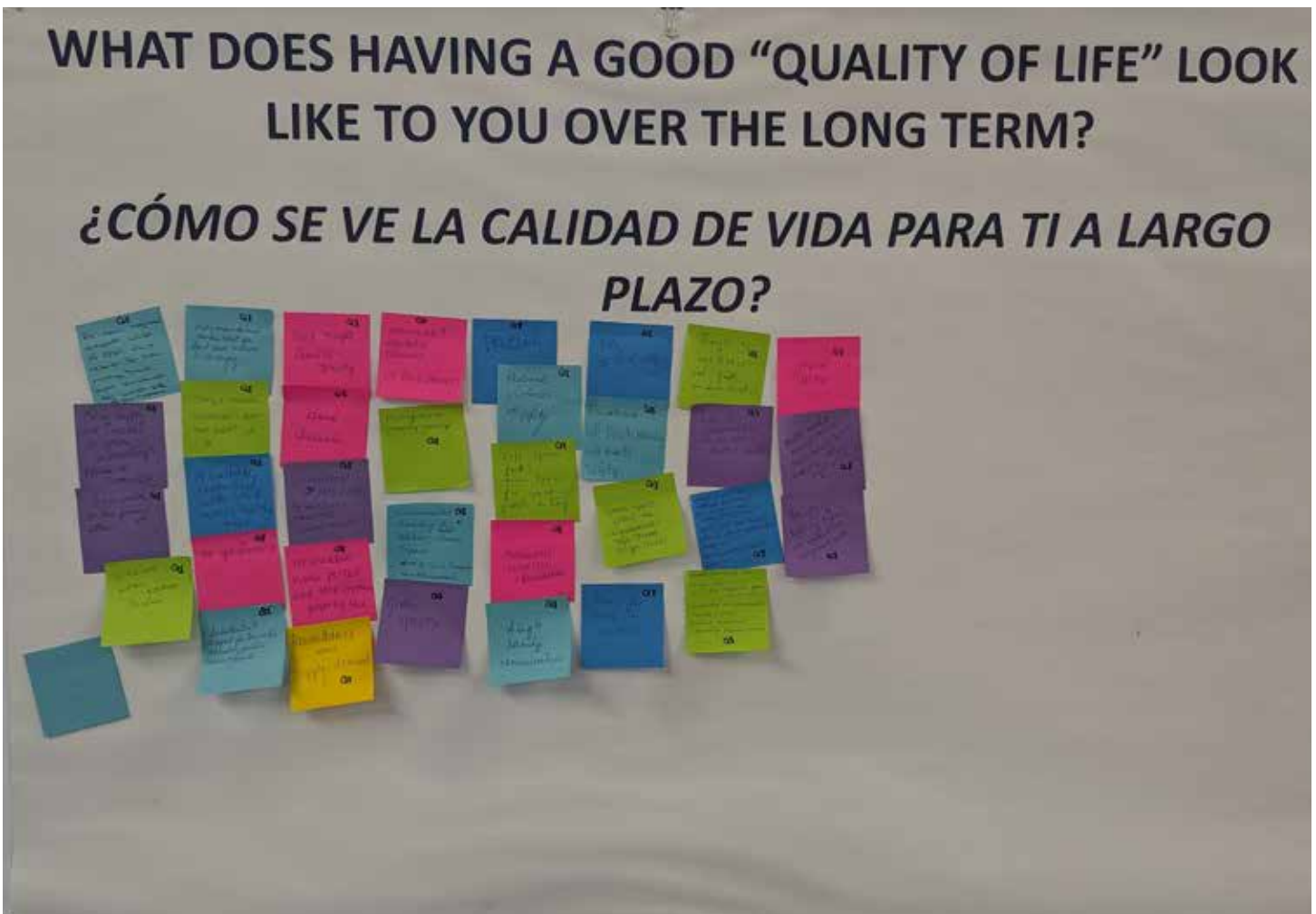
## WHAT DOES A “QUALITY OF LIFE” LOOK LIKE TO YOU OVER THE LONG TERM?

A third important question asked at each outreach event was, “What does ‘Quality of Life’ look like to you over the long term?” The project team received 356 responses. While these were open ended questions, certain commonalities emerged with the following themes:

- Safe, Clean Neighborhoods and Communities
- Parks/Open Space/Green Space: Walkability
- Affordable housing
- Health: Access to Quality Healthcare and Healthy Food Options, Walkability

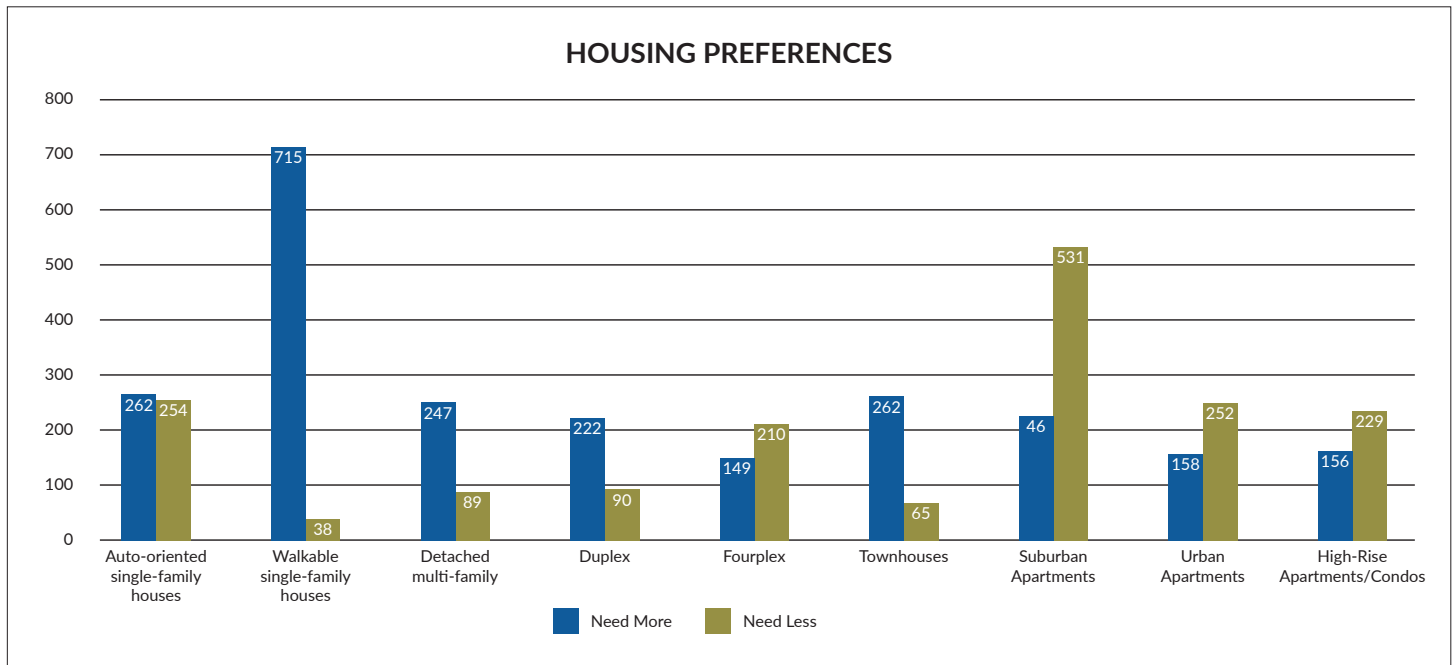
## VISUAL PREFERENCES

Throughout the engagement process, participants’ input led to the development of visual preferences. Visual preferences were obtained through stakeholder and citizen feedback on physical design alternatives for housing and commercial development types. The project team received responses for housing and commercial design at each event.



### Housing Preferences

Firstly, when asked if there needs to be more or less suburban apartments, a vast majority stated there needs to be less. For a variety of additional housing options, preferences were mixed, but there was commonality on the fact that the City needs less apartments, whether urban or suburban. Walkable, single-family homes are the greatest preference by participants, when compared to auto-oriented single-family houses, detached multi-family units, duplexes, fourplexes, townhouses, and apartments.



### Commercial Development Preferences

Participants were asked a series of preference questions for commercial development options. Options included urban villages, mixed-use, downtown, suburban retail, small-scale industrial, large-scale industrial, strip mall, auto-oriented retail, office park, light industrial, industrial warehouse, and pedestrian shopping.

An estimated 1,093 individuals said the City needs more urban villages, while only 24 said less. Participants also stated that the City needs more pedestrian shopping, mixed-use, and downtown commercial development. Meanwhile, the participants generally preferred less small-scale industrial, strip malls, and auto-oriented retail.

This information was compiled by the project team to help determine the community’s preferences for different forms of development.

### Visual Preference – Places

During the Re\Imagine Fort Worth meetings and events, attendees participated in a visual preference survey to share their ideas for improving areas where they live, work, and visit. This survey gave the public a voice in shaping the future of their neighborhoods, workplaces, and community spaces by highlighting their priorities and preferences. The exercise aimed to uncover gaps in amenities, identify features that contribute to vibrant and inclusive environments, and explore ways to enhance the quality of life for Fort Worth residents.

This graphic on the next page highlights that **parks and open spaces** are the most desired feature for neighborhoods in Fort Worth, indicating a strong community emphasis on outdoor recreation, green spaces, and natural environments. This is followed by a significant interest in **cafes and restaurants** and **community centers**, showing that residents also value social hubs for dining, gathering, and community engagement. The notable

demand for **grocery/convenience stores** suggests a need for accessible, everyday shopping options within neighborhoods, while **shopping areas** reflect a broader desire for retail spaces. The inclusion of **diverse housing** and **schools** underscores the importance of creating

inclusive and family-friendly communities. Lastly, the nine percent for “other elements” indicates that there are additional, more localized or niche needs that the community feels are important.

## WHAT WE HEARD: PLACES PEOPLE WANT TO SEE IN FORT WORTH!

### THE PIECES OF PLACES WHERE PEOPLE WANT TO LIVE



23%

Parks and Open Space



7%

Schools



13%

Grocery/Convenience Stores



15%

Cafes & Restaurants



8%

Diverse Housing



14%

Community Centers



11%

Shopping Areas

Are There Other Elements of Places You Would Like To See Where You Live?

9%

Community members responded to the visual development preference surveys to share the types of places where people want to *work* or *visit*. Meeting participants envision dynamic, multi-use spaces that prioritize quality of life alongside economic activity. **Parks and open spaces** emerged as the clear priority, garnering 24 percent of responses, followed by **entertainment venues** (18 percent) and **dining establishments** (17 percent). This preference for **recreational and social spaces** suggests residents value environments that blur the line between work and leisure. The desire for **grocery and**

**convenience stores** (12 percent) points to the importance of everyday amenities, while **institutional** (nine percent) and **commercial uses** (seven percent) indicate support for **traditional service-oriented development**. Though **office spaces** received just five percent of responses, this signals an opportunity to reimagine workplace design. The remaining eight percent of responses captured “**other**” diverse suggestions (community gardens, childcare centers, amphitheater, full service grocery store), highlighting the need for flexible planning that adapts to community needs.

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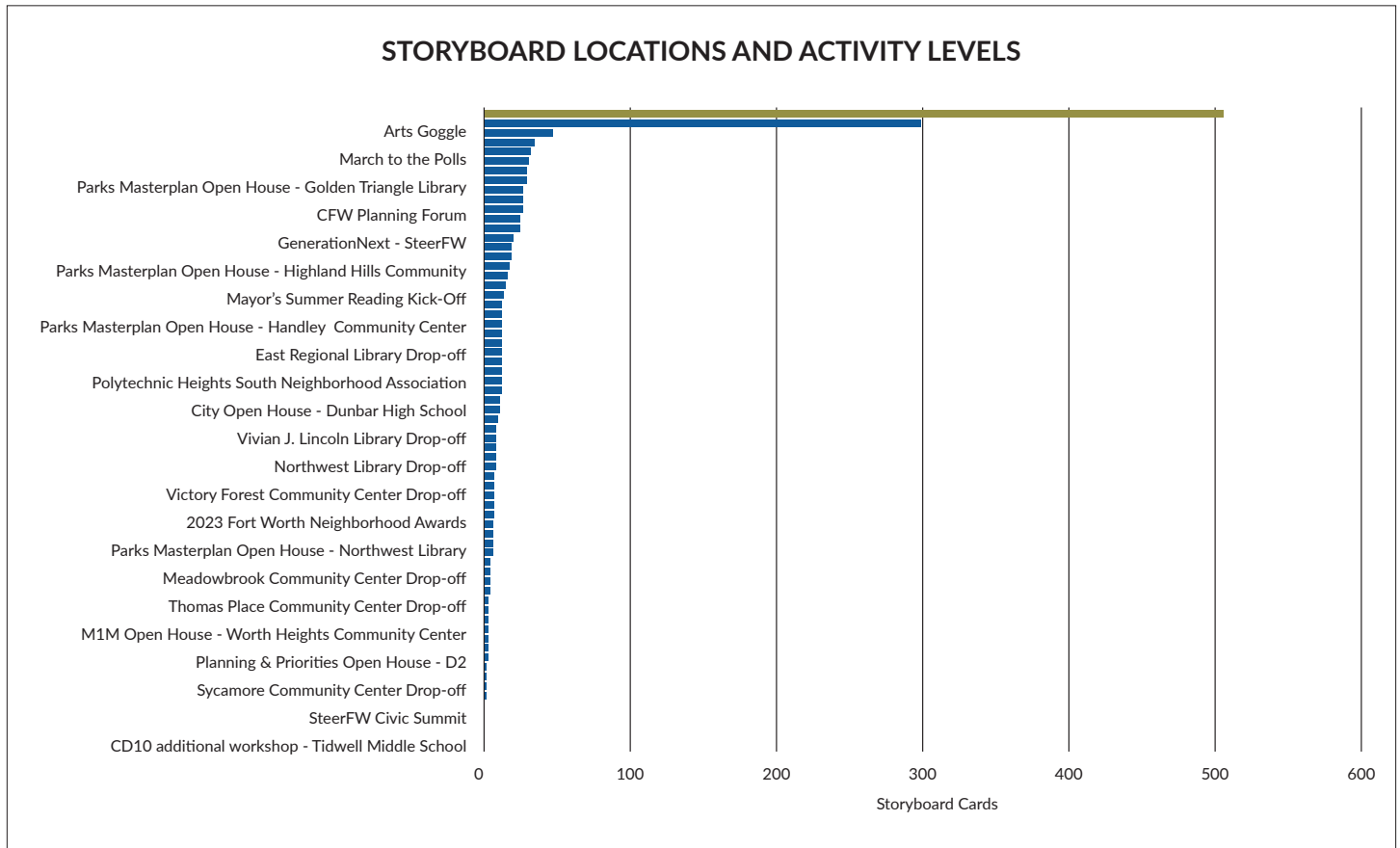
## STORYBOARDING

An estimated 1,578 storyboard cards were completed and submitted during the pre-phase, Phase I, and Phase II engagement portions of the Comprehensive Plan. Storyboard cards ranged from reminiscence from years past to ideas for the future. The storyboard cards also include thoughts on how neighborhoods should grow, how the City should be connected, and how place types should be developed.

The following charts reflect sentiments, trends, and themes from some of the most prevalent topics.

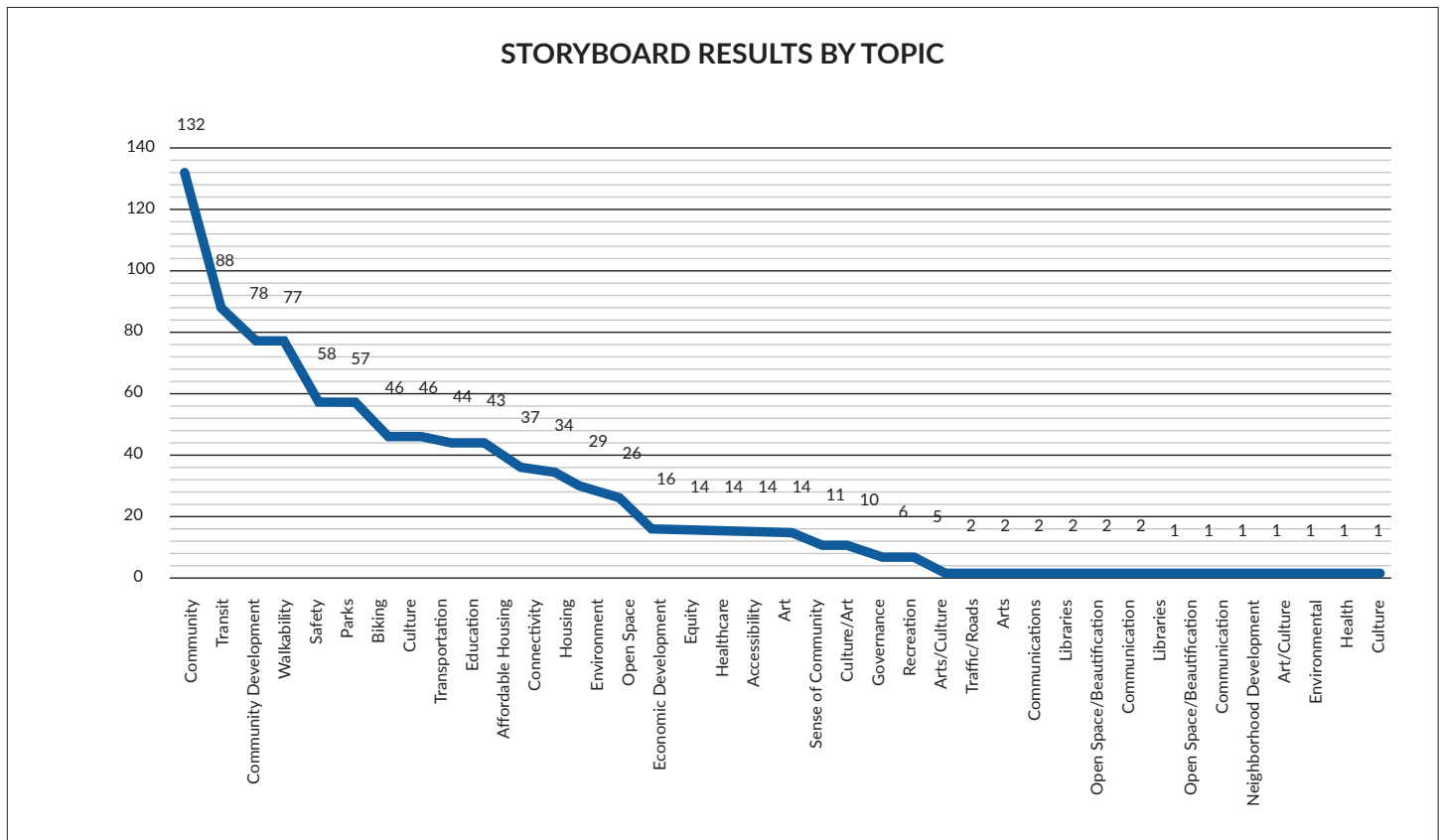
The 2023 ArtsGoggle was the most popular location for storyboard cards contributions as shown below.

### Storyboard Location Activity



### Storyboard Topics

Numerous topics were explored. The most popular one involved a sense of community, followed by transportation and Community Development.



During ReImagine Fort Worth’s community engagement activities, participants were given the opportunity to share their priorities through storyboard cards. The data shows a clear hierarchy of concerns among community members, with some topics receiving significantly more attention than others.

The most frequently mentioned topic by far was “Community,” appearing 132 times, followed by “Environment” with 88 mentions and “Walkability” with 78 mentions. “Safety” and “Parks” rounded out the top five priorities, with 58 and 57 mentions respectively.

Mid-range priorities included topics such as “Transportation” (46 mentions), “Education” (43 mentions), and “Affordable Housing” (37 mentions). Economic Development and Housing also received notable attention with 29 and 26 mentions respectively.

Lower on the frequency scale but still significant were topics like “Healthcare,” “Accessibility,” and “Art,” each receiving 14 mentions. The data shows that while these issues were important to some community members, they weren’t as broadly cited as the top-tier concerns.

At the lower end of the spectrum, several topics received minimal mentions (1-2 times each), including “Libraries,” “Communication,” “Neighborhood,” and “Culture.” The results highlight community development, environmental issues, and mobility as key priorities for participants.

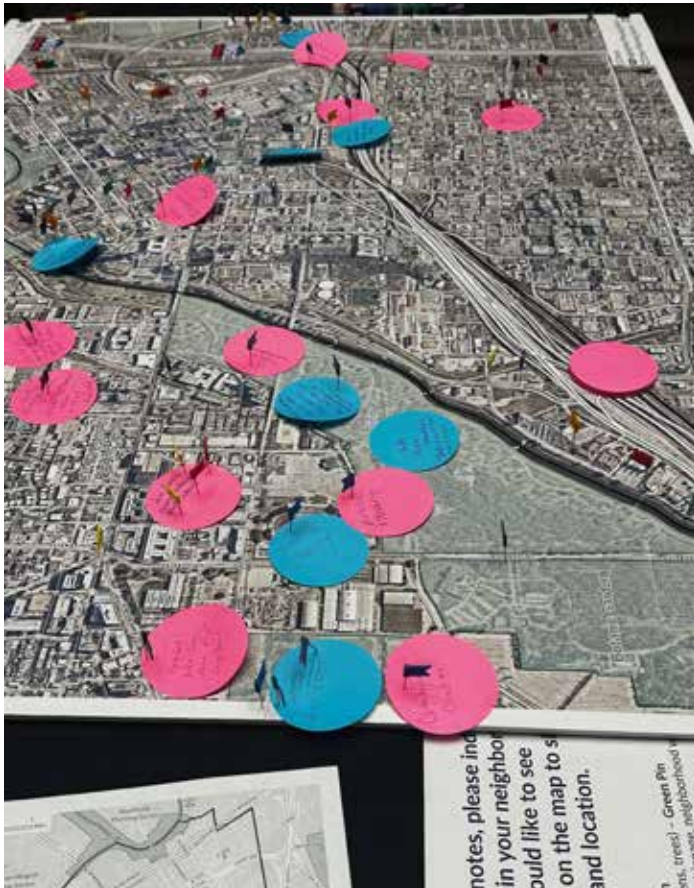
## PRIORITIES

When asked at 42 different events what types of places they preferred, participants placed 5,980 dots to express wanting more or less of thirteen types.

While exact counts (i.e. how many individuals or how many “votes” each individual placed on the boards) cannot be determined precisely, the voting does express varying degrees of community consensus about the built environment.

People are concerned about urban blight, uncontrolled growth, and lack of interactions between residents and developers. Complaints about accessibility and safety were common, particularly by persons who have limited transportation options.

Participant statements describing a good Quality of Life, a Well-Connected City, an Economically Successful City, and other qualitative input suggest themes and priorities on citizens’ minds.



Quality of Life was described as the extent to which one’s neighborhood is safe, with adequate infrastructure ensuring that safety, housing affordability and appropriateness, and the environment. Participants emphasized ten elements of Quality of Life.

- **Improved Public Transportation and Walkability:** including more safe and clean transit, sidewalks, and bike paths or bicycle-friendly lanes while reducing traffic congestion;
- **Safety and Crime Reduction:** Participants emphasized the need for increased police presence of officers willing to engage with the residents, better street lighting, and measures to reduce gun violence and loitering;
- **Environment:** More green spaces, less industrialization, and measures to reduce pollution to enhance air quality and overall environmental health;
- **Affordable Housing:** including single-family homes and apartments with noise-softening features;
- **Community Amenities:** More parks, libraries, community centers, and recreational facilities to enhance the quality of life and provide spaces for social interaction;
- **Better City Services:** Timely trash pickup, street maintenance, and efficient public transportation;
- **Education and Youth Programs:** Strong public education, STEM programs, and more activities and sports for youth are highlighted as essential for community development;
- **Economic Development:** Call for job opportunities, support for local businesses, and economic development supporting diversity and community;
- **Healthcare and Social Services:** Affordable healthcare and social services, including support for the elderly and disabled, are important concerns;
- **Community Engagement and Inclusivity:** Residents stress the importance of community engagement, diverse cultural activities, and ensuring that all voices are heard in city planning.

Other mechanisms for input, such as the website call for comments, echo the concerns and desires expressed at the in-person events. Housing, zoning, transportation, public amenities, and community safety are the five top priorities underscored by residents. Participants also seek city planning involvement in climate and environmental issues, while at the same time seeking improved public transportation, commuter options, and creating linked communities while protecting green spaces and outdoor recreation areas. Particular attention was given to senior citizen amenities and places for youth to socialize safely.

Nine scheduled events offered participants the opportunity to declare their preferences for up to three of the city’s seven priority areas, plus an open-ended “other,” for which there are few specific comments. Transportation, Housing, and Natural Resources scored the top three spots, all else taking 13 percent or lower of the 850 recorded endorsements. At the Vision Summit, seven areas were added, expanding the voting slate to 14 specific areas, and one “other.” Of 165 recorded endorsements, Walkability was the most endorsed, followed closely by Green Space and Parks, as well as Transportation.

The table on the next page provides details of that stakeholder and citizen input.



Far North & Northwest HPFW Meeting

## SECTION 3: OPEN HOUSE, WORKSHOPS, POP-UPS, AND VISION SUMMIT OUTCOMES

PRIORITY AREA	SCHEDULED EVENTS		VISION SUMMIT	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Cultural and historical resources	106	12.50%	8	4.80%
Land use	79	9.30%	7	4.20%
Natural Resources	124	14.60%	5	3.00%
Transportation	138	16.20%	21	12.70%
Housing	135	15.90%	14	8.50%
Economic Development	103	12.10%	11	6.70%
Community facilities and services	111	13.10%	7	4.20%
Other	54	6.40%	3	1.80%
<b>Total Scheduled Events</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		
Safety and Security	-	-	11	6.70%
Access, Equity and Inclusion	-	-	4	2.40%
Green space and parks	-	-	22	13.30%
Walkability	-	-	24	14.50%
Education	-	-	13	7.90%
Neighborhood Preservation	-	-	10	6.10%
Government, Communications, Transparency	-	-	5	3.00%
<b>Total Vision Summit</b>			<b>165</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

# SECTION 4: CUMULATIVE THEMES AND REPORT SUMMARY

## PLANNING CONTEXT

The Re\Imagine Fort Worth 2050 comprehensive planning process launched in the Spring and Summer of 2024, marking an important first step in creating a community-driven vision for Fort Worth's future. Chapters 1-3 summarized the initial engagement activities and emerging community aspirations in Phase II of the five-phase planning process. The diverse engagement methods helped reach community members across Fort Worth's unique neighborhoods and districts, gathering initial insights that will shape future conversations about our city's growth and development.

## CONCURRENT PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS



Re\Imagine Fort Worth is being conducted alongside two other interconnected long-range planning efforts that extend to 2050: the Moving 1 Million transportation

plan, and Play Big parks master plan, and world-class transportation system that enhances economic vitality and quality of life. This plan aligns its mobility strategies with the Comprehensive Plan's vision while coordinating with Play Big to create an integrated trail network. The plan focuses on delivering well-funded, equitable transportation options including pedestrians, bicycles, cars, transit, and freight.

Play Big outlines the future of Fort Worth's parks, recreational facilities, and open spaces. Its vision for a connected, dynamic system of public spaces complements both the Comprehensive Plan's community development

goals and Moving 1 Million's mobility network. The plan emphasizes expanding recreational opportunities while ensuring equitable access and sustainable management.

While each plan maintains its independent focus, they share data, analysis, and public engagement insights. This collaborative approach allows each plan to benefit from shared research and community feedback, creating a more integrated vision for Fort Worth's future. Together, these plans will guide the city's growth through 2050, ensuring that land use, transportation, and parks planning work together to enhance quality of life for the Fort Worth community.

### KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Fort Worth has three major 2050 planning initiatives underway simultaneously
- The comprehensive plan provides the foundation for citywide policies and land use decisions
- Moving 1 Million and Play Big maintain independent focuses while sharing data and community input
- All three plans emphasize equity, connectivity, and quality of life
- Plans will shape Fort Worth's growth through coordinated transportation, parks, and land use


## ALIGNMENT WITH CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The 2050 Comprehensive Plan's foundation builds upon the strategic priorities and goals established by City Council in February of 2024 through an official Resolution. The Council identified five strategic priorities — **economic development, community investment, community safety, infrastructure, and responsible growth** — that will help chart Fort Worth's long-term trajectory. Through this resolution, the Council initiated activities intended to "build community trust, invest in neighborhoods, and sustain existing community and cultural assets, while also providing guidance to City staff for budgeting, programming, and planning across all departments."

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While these Council priorities serve as a reference for the ReImagine Fort Worth 2050 Comprehensive Plan, the public engagement process provided a “blank slate” whereby the stakeholders and residents could share their concerns and aspirations. During community meetings, pop-ups, online events, focus groups, and interviews, the Fort Worth community shared its values, needs, and hopes for Fort Worth’s future. The results of the

engagement activities were found to generally align with City Council’s strategic priorities. Starting with the independent interviews with each council member as well as departmental interviews, there was consistency observed with many of the topics discussed. The key takeaways from the City Council interviews and Fort Worth department interviews are cross referenced below.

ADOPTED CITY OF FORT WORTH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND GOALS FOR INCORPORATING INTO THE CITY’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – RESOLUTION – 2/27/24		
FORT WORTH CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES	GOALS	ALIGNMENT WITH COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENTAL INTERVIEWS
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1:</b> <b>Economic Development</b></p> 	<p>1.1 Improve the development process.</p> <p>1.2 Attract &amp; retain corporations &amp; jobs.</p> <p>1.3 Support &amp; develop small businesses.</p>	<p><b>Improve the development process (1.1):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on streamlining and clarifying the permitting and zoning processes to support efficient growth and improve communication among departments.</li> <li>• Acknowledge challenges with departmental coordination and consistency in project timelines.</li> <li>• Suggestions for modernizing systems and tools to reduce delays and enhance accessibility.</li> </ul> <p><b>Attract &amp; retain corporations &amp; jobs (1.2):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasis on balancing residential and commercial development to sustain a diversified tax base and prevent reliance on residential properties.</li> <li>• Acknowledgment of opportunities for industrial and commercial expansion in areas such as Alliance and North Fort Worth.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2:</b> <b>Community Investment</b></p> 	<p>2.1 Invest in and revitalize neighborhoods, including access to food &amp; dining options.</p> <p>2.2 Ensure access to affordable housing &amp; address homelessness.</p> <p>2.3 Focus on commercial &amp; retail development, including growth corridors and mixed-use development.</p> <p>2.4 Sustain existing community &amp; cultural assets; enhance recreation &amp; learning opportunities.</p>	<p><b>Invest in and revitalize neighborhoods (2.1):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunities for strategic investment in underserved areas, particularly in South and East Fort Worth, to address food deserts and infrastructure gaps.</li> <li>• Focus on improving neighborhood amenities such as grocery stores, parks, and pedestrian connectivity.</li> </ul> <p><b>Ensure access to affordable housing &amp; address homelessness (2.2):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addressing the need for a broader range of housing types, including affordable housing, to meet the needs of diverse residents.</li> <li>• Identifying barriers in zoning and transit access for affordable housing projects and the importance of long-term housing strategies.</li> </ul> <p><b>Focus on commercial &amp; retail development (2.3):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting economic hubs through retail development in underserved neighborhoods and reactivating vacant or underutilized commercial properties.</li> <li>• Encouragement of mixed-use spaces that integrate housing, retail, and services.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sustain existing community &amp; cultural assets (2.4):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acknowledging the importance of preserving Fort Worth’s cultural identity while supporting recreation and arts programs.</li> <li>• Plans for improved park maintenance, trail linkages, and leveraging partnerships to expand amenities.</li> </ul>

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## ADOPTED CITY OF FORT WORTH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND GOALS FOR INCORPORATING INTO THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – RESOLUTION – 2/27/24

FORT WORTH CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES	GOALS	ALIGNMENT WITH COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENTAL INTERVIEWS
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3:</b> <b>Community Safety</b></p> 	<p>3.1 Increase community presence &amp; non-traditional approaches to enforcement.</p> <p>3.2 Build trust through relationships, education &amp; community listening.</p> <p>3.3 Ease traffic flow &amp; enhance road safety.</p> <p>3.4 Shorten response times, improve reliability &amp; outcomes of public safety services.</p> <p>3.5 Use modern approaches, data, and technology.</p> <p>3.6 Monitor and review the use of CCPD &amp; other funding sources.</p> <p>3.7 Enhance neighborhood infrastructure including streetlights, sidewalks &amp; park lighting.</p>	<p><b>Increase community presence &amp; non-traditional enforcement (3.1):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encouragement for proactive community policing initiatives and programs that engage youth and local organizations.</li> <li>• Focus on addressing public health and safety concerns, including animal control and illegal dumping.</li> </ul> <p><b>Build trust through education &amp; community listening (3.2):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasis on inclusive engagement efforts to rebuild trust, particularly in underserved communities.</li> <li>• Suggestions for enhancing transparency and communication in planning processes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Ease traffic flow &amp; enhance road safety (3.3):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identified opportunities to improve road maintenance and connectivity to alleviate congestion.</li> <li>• Recommendations for better integration of multi-modal transportation options to support safe and efficient travel.</li> <li>• Enhance neighborhood infrastructure (3.7):</li> <li>• Focus on improving streetlights, sidewalks, and park lighting to enhance neighborhood safety and livability.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4:</b> <b>Infrastructure</b></p> 	<p>4.1 Ensure funding for &amp; capacity of infrastructure.</p> <p>4.2 Maintain infrastructure &amp; assets on schedule.</p> <p>4.3 Reduce &amp; prevent negative impacts of flooding.</p>	<p><b>Ensure funding for infrastructure (4.1):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition of the need for dedicated funding to address the city's aging infrastructure and support its rapid growth.</li> <li>• Maintain infrastructure on schedule (4.2):</li> <li>• Opportunities to improve coordination and prioritization of infrastructure projects, ensuring timely completion.</li> <li>• Suggestions for increasing staffing and resources for maintaining parks, roads, and facilities.</li> <li>• Reduce &amp; prevent flooding impacts (4.3):</li> <li>• Acknowledgment of flood-prone areas and the importance of integrating flood management into long-term planning and sustainability initiatives.</li> </ul>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5: Responsible Growth</b></p> 	<p>5.1 Proactively plan for growth.</p> <p>5.2 Enhance connectivity of communities at both neighborhood &amp; citywide levels.</p> <p>5.3 Prioritize preservation of parks &amp; open space.</p> <p>5.4 Provide opportunities for robust public engagement in all planning processes.</p>	<p><b>Proactively plan for growth (5.1):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong focus on data-driven planning to address urban sprawl and ensure sustainable development across all districts.</li> <li>• Suggestions for aligning infrastructure planning with anticipated growth areas to prevent delays.</li> </ul> <p><b>Enhance connectivity of communities (5.2):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunities to expand transit-oriented developments and create more walkable neighborhoods.</li> <li>• Suggestions to address connectivity gaps and improve transit infrastructure for underserved areas.</li> </ul> <p><b>Preserve parks &amp; open space (5.3):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasis on expanding and maintaining parks and green spaces as key components of Fort Worth's identity.</li> <li>• Suggestions for integrating sustainability and conservation efforts into park planning.</li> </ul>

A partial list of additional topics voiced during the interviews that were not explicitly addressed within the council strategic priorities is included below. These topics are not exhaustive and will likely be carried forward for further investigation in the development of the Comprehensive Plan. Some of the topics include:

**Environmental Health and Industrial Impacts:**

Interviewees expressed concerns about air quality, environmental degradation near industrial areas, and the need to address these issues for public health and livability.

**Community Centers as Multi-Use Hubs:** Multiple interviewees mentioned the opportunity to expand the role of community centers, combining libraries, recreation, and other services into shared spaces for greater efficiency. This concept could align with Community Investment Strategic Priority (2.4).

**Workforce Development:** A focus on workforce development was discussed in the interviews. Suggestions included creating better pathways to employment, addressing skill gaps, and fostering partnerships between the city, schools, and employers to prepare residents for high-paying jobs.

**Urban Forestry and Heat Mitigation:** Interviews mentioned Fort Worth urban forestry plans, cooling strategies (e.g., cooling pavement), and addressing climate concerns.

**Transit Investment:** Interviewees suggested opportunities exist to increase ridership through improved neighborhood connectivity and transit access by increasing the per capita transit expenditure. The comprehensive plan presents an opportunity to address transit funding and develop strategies that enhance equitable growth and mobility.

**Coordination Across Bond Programs and Comprehensive Plan:** Interviewees seek more alignment between the Comprehensive Plan and the bond program, in order to obtain consistency across funding and planning priorities.

## PRESERVING FORT WORTH'S CORE VALUES

After embarking on the approximate six months of activities engaging with the public in Phase II, the study team was able to confirm some of the Fort Worth values from the past that still remain as the community reimagines Fort Worth's future. Some of those values that were referenced in previous Fort Worth Comprehensive Plans remain steadfast in the city, including 1) a commitment to the betterment of youth and the next generation, 2) a desire to conserve the historical legacy of the city (buildings and western heritage), 3) a desire to make way for dynamic neighborhoods, 4) educational and economic opportunity supported in the city, 5) a resilient spirit, 6) continuing to improve mobility in the city, 7) an appreciation for the arts, 8) environmental stewardship, 9) celebration of the diverse racial and ethnic cultural mosaic in the city, and 10) collaborative and inclusive leadership and cooperation.

## ESTABLISHING GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Drawing from this community input from Phase II, the study team formulated six guiding principles to direct the city's progress over the next 25 years: Bold, Adaptable, Actionable, Collaborative, Authentic, and Equitable.

These principles reflect Fort Worth's commitment to innovation and confident leadership, the city's ability to embrace change and build resilience for the year 2050, the focus on implementing tangible solutions, dedication to ongoing and transparent stakeholder engagement, the celebration of unique neighborhood character, and the pursuit of inclusive growth that benefits all in the community.

These six guiding principles are intended to provide direction and serve as evaluation criteria for the policies, strategies, and recommendations presented in the Comprehensive Plan.

### BOLD

Fort Worth embraces innovation and leads with confidence, tackling challenges head-on and seizing opportunities to shape a vibrant future. We encourage forward-thinking solutions in urban development, economic growth, and community building.

### ADAPTABLE

Fort Worth is a city that embraces change, leveraging its diverse strengths and innovative spirit to adapt and thrive in the face of evolving challenges and opportunities. Our resilience lies in our commitment to preparedness and the development of flexible systems and infrastructure, designed to withstand and recover from social, economic, and environmental stressors.

### ACTIONABLE

Fort Worth is committed to turning vision into reality through concrete, measurable actions. Our Comprehensive Plan is not just a document of aspirations, but a roadmap for tangible change. We prioritize implementable strategies that translate big ideas into day-to-day progress.

### COLLABORATIVE

Fort Worth unites various stakeholders around a shared vision for the city's future. We work together to foster public-private partnerships and create a holistic framework for growth and development. All aspects of our city – from transportation and housing to economic development and environmental stewardship – work in harmony to create a thriving Fort Worth.

### AUTHENTIC

Fort Worth celebrates the unique characteristics of its diverse neighborhoods and districts while embracing growth and innovation. We promote development that enhances the city's distinctive character and fosters a sense of place that resonates with both newcomers and long-time residents.

### EQUITABLE

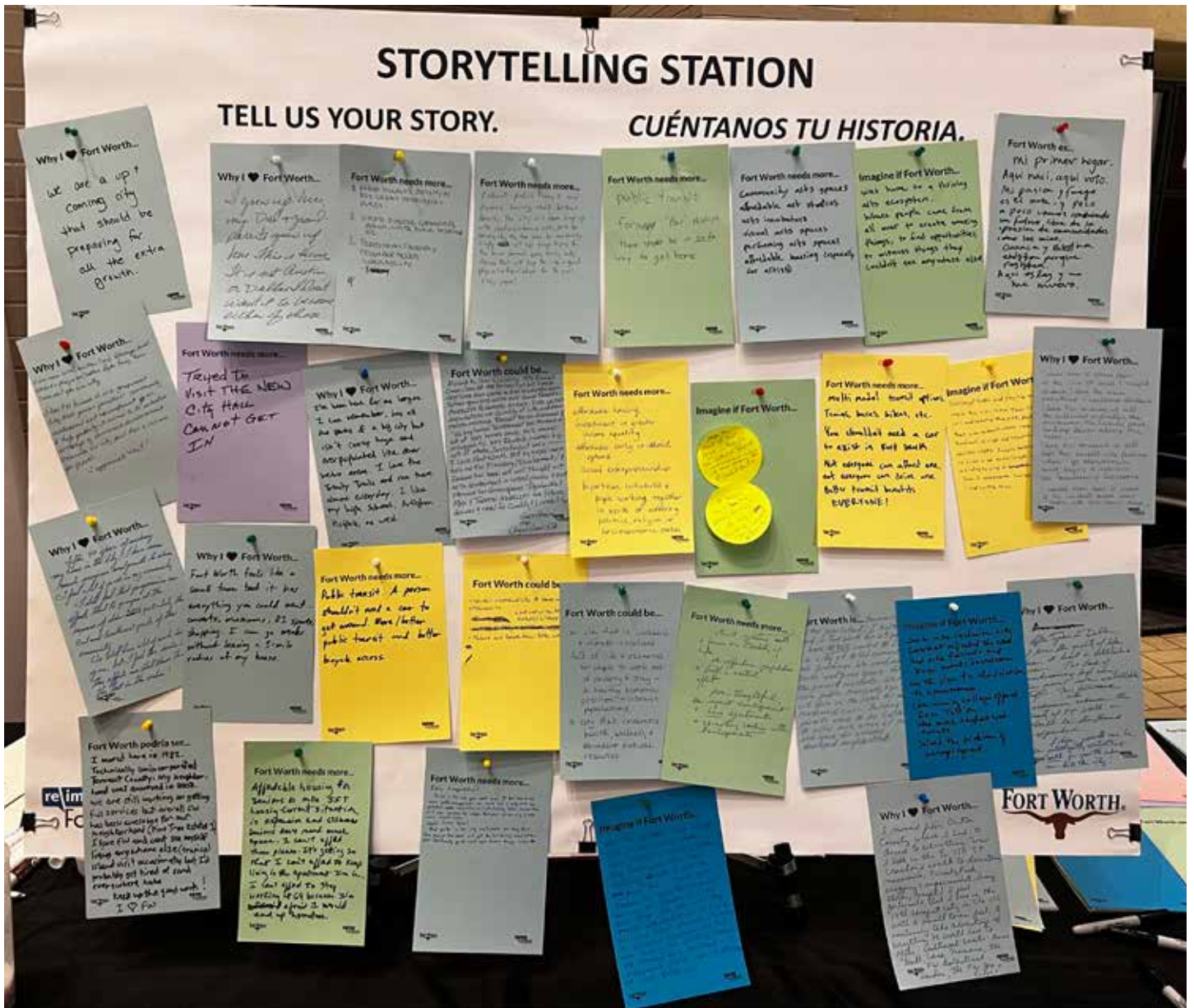
Fort Worth recognizes that our city's rapid growth and development have not equally benefited all areas. Equity is central to our vision for creating a more inclusive, just, and vibrant community. As Fort Worth continues to grow, we are committed to promoting fair and inclusive practices that celebrate diversity and foster a strong sense of belonging for everyone who lives, works, and plays here.

## KEY TAKEAWAYS – WHAT DO THESE THINGS MEAN TO YOU?

### In Their Own Words

The storyboard cards utilized in Phase II captured the heartfelt reflections and aspirations of Fort Worth's residents, highlighting what they value most about their city and the changes they wish to see. Through these cards, community members express a deep love for Fort Worth's unique culture, family-oriented atmosphere, and rich history, while envisioning a future that embraces

inclusivity, innovation, and sustainability. Their voices call for walkable neighborhoods, better transportation options, more diverse housing, and investments in public spaces and the arts. These insights reflect a shared desire to balance tradition with progress, fostering a city that stays true to its roots while evolving to meet the needs of all its people. A complete list of remarks from meeting attendees can be found here.





East & Southeast “Help Plan Fort Worth” Meeting

**Community Wall**

Phase II included the use of community walls that were set up for each of the introductory vision meetings (HPFW meetings) across Fort Worth. A community wall is a dynamic and interactive tool for fostering engagement and creativity among residents. It provides a space where individuals can express their thoughts, ideas, and aspirations in a visual or artistic way, making it particularly valuable for those who feel more comfortable drawing or using imagery rather than words. This inclusive approach ensures that more voices are represented, encouraging participation from individuals who may otherwise remain silent. Additionally, community walls serve as a collective canvas where community members can immediately see, review, and build upon the ideas of others, sparking a collaborative exchange of thoughts and a sense of shared purpose.

For example, the art wall in the photo below is from the very first neighborhood meeting in District 5 on April 11. The contributions it contains showcase a wide range of community priorities and creative expressions. From calls for “environmental justice now” and “keeping trees” to ideas for “adaptive reuse of buildings,” the wall reflects a deep concern for sustainability and community well-being. Other drawings and notes highlight the desire

for more public spaces, such as “music venues” and “community gardens,” and practical improvements like “light rail” and “better roads.” Some comments address inclusivity, suggesting investments in affordable housing and incentives to shop locally. Facilitators also play an essential role in this process by documenting spoken ideas for participants who prefer verbal expression, further enriching the collaborative nature of the wall.

The community wall acts as both a conversation piece and a visual representation of collective aspirations, capturing the diversity of thought and the creative energy of Fort Worth’s residents. It not only documents, but also amplifies community voices, fostering dialogue and inspiring ideas for Fort Worth in 2050. Many of the sentiments found on the community walls were also expressed on the boards, in comment cards and on the storyboard cards. The comments on the wall are another way of affirming what issues are important to the community.





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development that meets Fort Worth’s evolving needs — addressing affordable housing shortages, enhancing educational opportunities, and investing in transportation infrastructure to support growth and connectivity — while maintaining sustainability. Participants emphasized equitable treatment for underserved neighborhoods by addressing disparities in housing, transportation, and education; fostering innovative urban design through

connected communities and mixed-use development; and creating an inclusive city where all residents feel valued and have access to opportunities. Sustainability was a key focus, with calls for environmentally friendly solutions such as green infrastructure, renewable energy, and more extensive tree canopies, ensuring Fort Worth remains equitable, innovative, inclusive, and resilient.

VISION SUMMIT KEY TAKEAWAYS		
What Does a Well-Connected City Look Like?	What Does Economic Success Look Like?	What Does Quality of Life Mean Over The Long Term?
Fort Worth respondents to well-connected city question the envision a city where mobility is seamless with multi-modal options, equitable, sustainable and safe.	The responses to the economic success question indicate that in Fort Worth, economic growth must balance innovation with community-centered strategies.	The responses to the quality of life question underscore how Fort Worth’s livability is tied to how both physical and social infrastructure will evolve to accommodate future needs by 2050.
HIGHLIGHTS		
Enhanced transportation networks, pedestrian-friendly design, and digital connectivity were emphasized as priorities.	Job creation, support for small businesses, and attracting investment were highlighted.	Access to green spaces, education, healthcare, and cultural amenities emerged as top priorities.
DETAIL		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand multi-modal transportation options, including light rail, streetcars, and better bus systems.</li> <li>Prioritize walkability, biking infrastructure, and pedestrian safety.</li> <li>Improve the frequency, affordability, and convenience of public transit.</li> <li>Develop shaded pedestrian paths and safe bike routes to encourage use of alternative transit modes.</li> <li>Create transportation systems that connect all parts of the city, ensuring accessibility for underserved areas.</li> <li>Foster a sense of community through neighborhood associations, shared spaces, and local events.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emphasis on skilled trades, technology, and high-paying jobs to attract and retain younger residents.</li> <li>Participants highlighted the importance of trade schools, workforce certifications, and partnerships with local businesses.</li> <li>Ensure growth benefits underserved communities through equitable housing and job opportunities.</li> <li>Support small businesses and minority-owned enterprises.</li> <li>Promote innovative industries like biotech, clean energy, and advanced manufacturing.</li> <li>Enhance educational programs and financial literacy to prepare residents for a dynamic economy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Historical landmarks, cultural districts, and neighborhood identities are highly valued.</li> <li>Community appreciates the city’s green spaces, Trinity Trails, and overall livability.</li> <li>Create more walkable neighborhoods with connected green spaces.</li> <li>Increase cultural and recreational programming.</li> <li>Invest in public safety, lighting, and better amenities for underserved communities.</li> <li>Expand of affordable housing options, particularly for middle-income families, seniors, and diverse housing types like duplexes and modular builds.</li> <li>Provide better maintenance and enhancement of public spaces, including parks, community centers, and recreational facilities.</li> </ul>

## DEVELOPMENT AND PLACE TYPES VISUAL PREFERENCE SURVEYS – KEY TAKEAWAYS

Fort Worth residents have painted a clear picture of what they want their city to look like in the future through the ReImagine Fort Worth visual preference surveys. When asked about their priorities, meeting attendees consistently emphasized the importance of having great parks and open spaces in their neighborhoods, along with a variety of housing choices that fit different lifestyles and budgets. They also want to be able to easily walk or bike to everyday services and amenities.

Community centers stood out as essential gathering places where neighbors can connect and participate in local activities. Meeting participants also emphasized the importance of having places to meet and socialize, like coffee shops, restaurants, and cultural venues, which help create lively and connected neighborhoods. Many residents suggested specific additions to their communities, such as community gardens, childcare facilities, and accessible green spaces, showing that different neighborhoods have different needs that require flexible planning solutions.

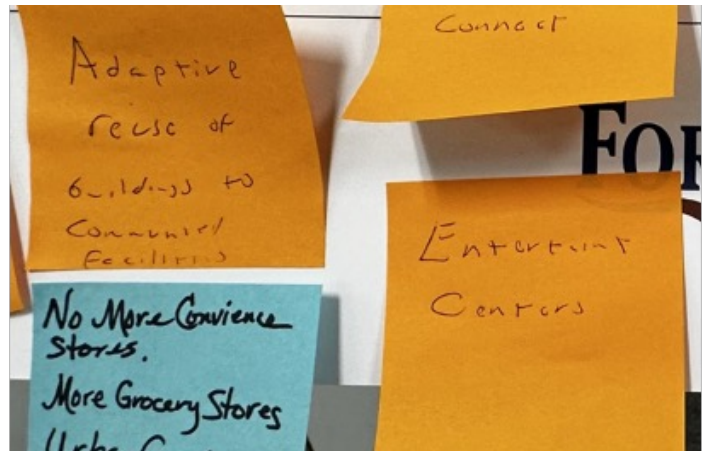
The feedback gathered during the ReImagine Fort Worth visual preference surveys provides a valuable snapshot of community aspirations and serves as a key reference for shaping the 2050 Comprehensive Plan, ensuring future developments align with the needs and desires of the community.

The public had further opportunity to elaborate on the visual survey with supplemental comments on sticky notes. Additional feedback is provided below:

### Key Themes From Sticky Notes

#### 1. Parks and Open Spaces

Parks, trails, and green spaces were identified as vital features of Fort Worth neighborhoods. Residents emphasized splash pads, shaded walking trails, better park maintenance, and expanded access to natural areas. Many highlighted the importance of having parks within walking distance to promote recreation and relaxation.



#### 2. Community Centers

Community centers emerged as essential hubs for fostering engagement and inclusivity. Suggestions included facilities equipped for arts, sports, and intergenerational activities that meet the needs of families, children, and seniors. Meeting participants also called for expanded programming that addresses diverse interests and enhances community connections.

#### 3. Grocery and Retail Access

There was a strong demand for full-service grocery stores in underserved areas, as well as a desire for more diverse retail options. Many participants voiced concerns about the prevalence of convenience stores and expressed a need for accessible, everyday shopping opportunities within neighborhoods.

#### 4. Social and Cultural Spaces

The feedback expressed interest in spaces that celebrate Fort Worth's unique culture and encourage community interaction. Suggestions included art galleries, theaters, and community gardens integrated into neighborhoods, creating opportunities for social engagement and cultural enrichment.

#### 5. Housing Diversity





Feedback highlighted the need for more inclusive and varied housing options. Members of the community emphasized the importance of affordable housing that meets the needs of those who fall between qualifying for government assistance and affording market-rate homes. Senior housing and mixed-use developments were also frequently mentioned.

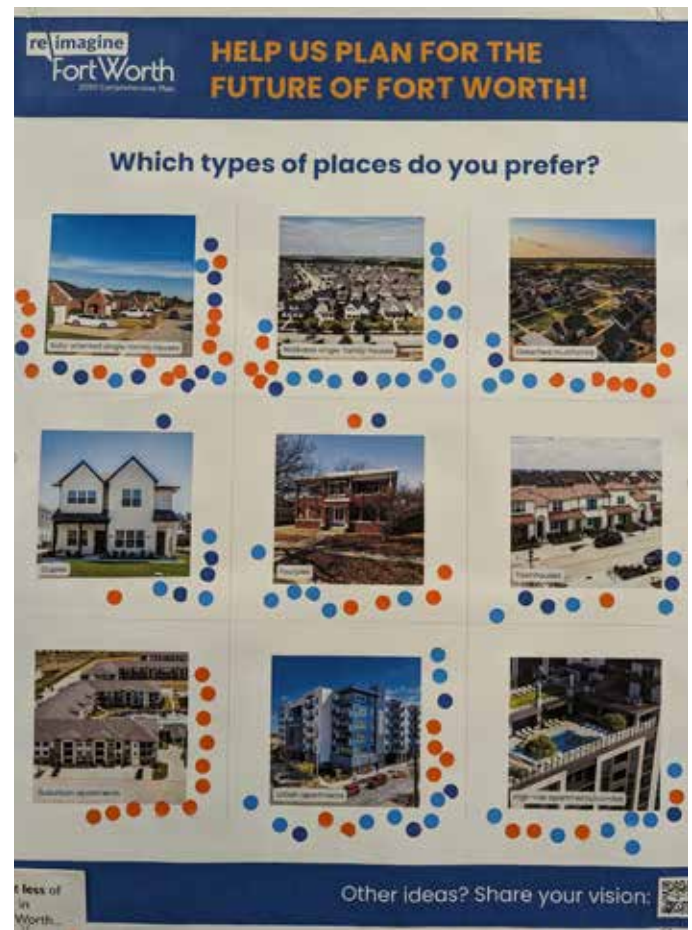
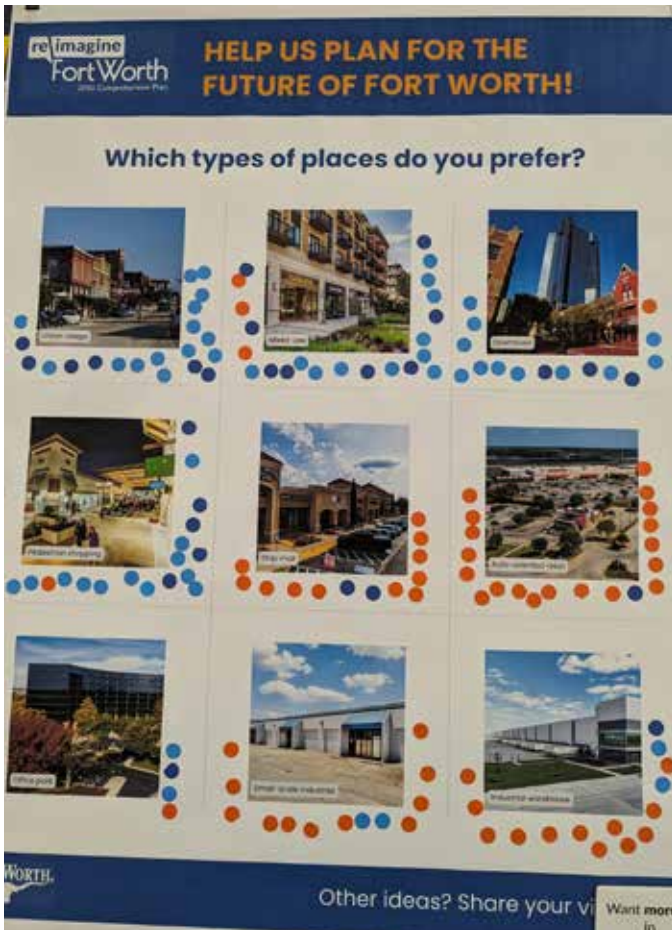
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The team asked the community to respond to a second visual preference survey related to development types specifically related to preferences for commercial building types and residential building types. As mentioned in Section 3 for commercial development types, community feedback shows a strong preference for walkable, mixed-use environments like urban villages, downtown settings, and pedestrian-oriented shopping areas. The community indicates less desire for traditional auto-oriented development patterns. While industrial, warehouse, and conventional retail spaces remain essential components of a complete community – providing jobs, services, and economic stability – the data suggests an opportunity to reimagine how these necessary uses can be better integrated into the urban fabric.

Through thoughtful design standards, landscaping, architectural styles, and site planning, conventional commercial and industrial developments can become more compatible with community preferences. For example, industrial areas can incorporate better buffering and architectural treatments, while retail centers can be retrofitted with improved pedestrian connections and outdoor spaces. The goal is not to eliminate any particular building type, but rather to ensure all development types contribute positively to Fort Worth’s built environment while maintaining their vital economic functions.

When meeting attendees were asked about housing preferences, they strongly supported walkable neighborhoods, especially single-family homes in pedestrian-oriented areas. More urban housing in walkable mixed-use environments were also popular. While people showed less enthusiasm for suburban apartments and some high density housing, they recognized the value of having different housing choices like townhouses, duplexes, and urban-style homes. The responses tell us that residents want housing variety in their neighborhoods, but they care about how new housing fits in. Future housing development should focus on good design that makes neighborhoods better – using the right size buildings, good landscaping, community connections, and attractive architecture. New apartment communities could include green spaces and walking paths, while townhouse developments could match the look and feel of existing neighborhoods. By focusing on quality design and thoughtful planning, Fort Worth has the opportunity to create neighborhoods that work for everyone – from young professionals to growing families to retirees.

 <p><b>KEY TAKEAWAY</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>PREFERRED DEVELOPMENT TYPES</b></p>	 <p><b>KEY TAKEAWAY</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>REIMAGINING COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS</b></p>	 <p><b>KEY TAKEAWAY</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>SUPPORT FOR DIVERSE HOUSING TYPES</b></p>	 <p><b>KEY TAKEAWAY</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES IN WALKABLE NEIGHBORHOODS PREFERRED</b></p>
<p>Community feedback emphasizes walkable, mixed-use environments such as urban villages, downtown settings, and pedestrian-oriented shopping areas.</p>	<p>Industrial and retail spaces remain essential but should integrate better into the urban fabric through design standards, landscaping, and improved pedestrian connectivity.</p>	<p>The data shows openness to townhouses, duplexes, and urban-style housing options when designed to align with neighborhood character, while preferences for some housing types, such as suburban apartments, are less common.</p>	<p>Community feedback shows walkable single-family homes received the highest positive response (715 votes), highlighting a strong preference for this housing type.</p>



## INTRODUCTION TO PLACE TYPES

The public’s strong preference for walkable, mixed-use environments and Urban Villages has helped shape Fort Worth’s approach to defining different types of places throughout the city. Urban Villages – which Fort Worth has successfully established in areas like West 7th, South Main, Berry/University, Magnolia Village, and Six Points – and other mixed-use areas like Clearfork, River District and Historic Handley are vibrant districts that integrate housing, jobs, shopping, and public spaces into walkable neighborhood centers. These existing Urban Villages show how good planning can create distinctive places that reflect community preferences for mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly environments.

Traditional planning has relied on Future Land Use maps that simply identify where different uses can go, without addressing building form, green spaces, or infrastructure needed to support development. To better guide future development, Fort Worth is moving beyond this

approach to introduce the concept of “place types.” Place types provide a more comprehensive framework that considers how different elements work together to create complete communities. This approach coordinates both private realm elements (land use, building form, and site design) and public realm components (streets, parks, and infrastructure) to create well-connected and coordinated places throughout Fort Worth.

The place types are organized into “Live,” “Play,” and “Work” categories that reflect their primary functions:

### Live – Places Where People Primarily Reside:

- **Neighborhood Low:** Lower density areas with single-family homes, duplexes, and accessory dwelling units
- **Neighborhood Medium:** Areas with townhomes, duplexes, and small apartments
- **Neighborhood High:** Urban-style apartments and larger apartment communities

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## Play – Mixed-Use Areas:

- **Neighborhood Mixed-Use:** Smaller scale mixed-use environments integrated into communities, similar to Urban Villages like Six Points or Historic Handley
- **Community Mixed-Use:** More intensive mixed-use areas like Magnolia, South Main, or West 7th Urban Villages
- **Regional Mixed-Use:** Highest intensity mixed-use areas, with downtown Fort Worth as an example

## Work – Employment Centers:

- **Commercial:** Traditional shopping centers and office parks
- **Campus:** Educational, civic, and medical office complexes
- **Innovation Flex:** Modern employment centers mixing light manufacturing with amenities like maker spaces and breweries
- **Manufacturing/Logistics:** Conventional industrial, warehouse, and manufacturing facilities

Additionally, green spaces are integrated throughout all place types, with two specific categories:

- **Preserve/Conserve:** Natural and green spaces that should be protected from development to maintain ecological features and provide open spaces for public access to nature and trails
- **The Regional Parks/Active Spaces:** Larger standalone park and recreation facilities, such as regional parks, sports complexes, and major active spaces, serve as self-contained destinations, distinct from smaller parks that are typically integrated into various place types. These larger spaces fulfill a regional function, providing expansive green areas and recreation opportunities.

Each place type is defined not just by its allowed uses, but by how buildings relate to each other and the street, what infrastructure and amenities are needed, and how public spaces should be integrated. This comprehensive approach helps ensure that as development occurs – whether by individual homeowners or larger developers – all elements work together to create vibrant, connected places where transitions make sense and everything adds up to a complete community.

## Places in Fort Worth where people . . .

### LIVE

Predominantly residential, but increasingly mixed-use with increased density



- Neighborhood Low (NL)
- Neighborhood Medium (NM)
- Neighborhood High (NH)

### PLAY

Predominantly mixed-use with greater proportion of residential with increased density



- Neighborhood Mixed-Use Center (NMUC)
- Community Mixed-Use Center (CMUC)
- Regional Mixed-Use Center (RMUC)

### WORK

Predominantly employment with varied other uses mixed in depending on type



- Commercial (COM)
- Campus (CMP)
- Innovation Flex (IF)
- Manufacturing & Logistics (M&L)



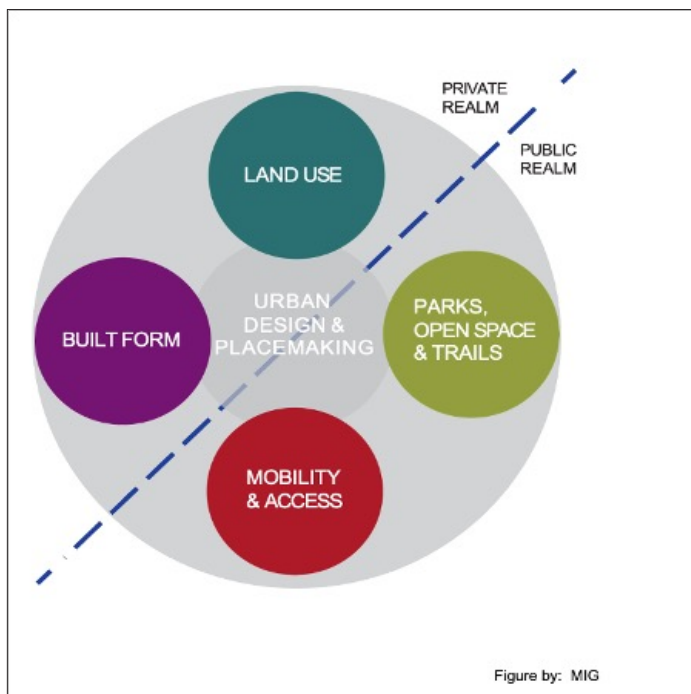
Preserve & Conserve (P&C)



Regional Parks & Active Spaces (RP&AS)

When we think about place types, we're considering factors such as:

- **Building form:** How tall are the buildings? How are they arranged on the property?
- **Shared amenities:** Parks, open spaces, and community spaces that benefit everyone
- **Mobility:** How do people get from one place to another? Are there connections between neighborhoods and districts?
- **Transitions:** How do different types of places, such as residential and commercial areas, blend and transition into one another?



This more nuanced approach to planning allows Fort Worth to move beyond simple land use designations to create places that truly reflect community preferences while ensuring all necessary functions of a complete city are accommodated. As the city continues to grow and evolve, these place types will help guide development that is both functional and attractive, supporting diverse activities while creating distinctive neighborhood identities. The place types framework will continue to be tested and refined through public engagement to ensure it meets community needs and aspirations.

A deeper exploration of place types and their application across Fort Worth will be discussed in Phase III of the Comprehensive Plan community engagement, which addresses community goals, choices, and policy framework.



Magnolia Village: Photo Courtesy Near Southside, Inc. Annual Report

## A VISION FOR FORT WORTH'S FUTURE

Fort Worth's vision for the future is deeply rooted in the values and spirit of its diverse community. Guided by a set of forward-looking vision elements, this plan reflects the aspirations of the city's residents and embraces opportunities to create a brighter future. These elements will drive the Comprehensive Plan, ensuring that the city's growth remains thoughtful, equitable, and reflective of its unique heritage. Together, they paint a picture of Fort Worth as a city that respects its past while boldly pursuing its greater potential.

This community vision is captured in the overarching vision statement:

*Fort Worth is a world-class city of distinctive neighborhoods, innovative businesses, and vibrant places that enhance quality of life and provide opportunity for all."*

This vision is supported by five key elements that define our path forward:

### Vision Elements

#### Inclusive & Eclectic

Fort Worth envisions a future where our inclusive spirit and eclectic character combine to create a city of unparalleled opportunity and vibrancy. We recognize that our city's success depends on fostering an environment where every resident can thrive, regardless of their

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background or neighborhood. Our commitment to equity ensures that as we grow and evolve, we create a community that is not only diverse and welcoming but also just and opportunity-rich for all residents.

### Innovative & Resilient

As Fort Worth grows and evolves, our plan prepares us to face future challenges and seize new opportunities with a spirit of creativity and strength. Whether addressing affordable housing needs, enhancing our transportation systems, or adapting to environmental changes, this plan provides a flexible and forward-thinking framework for decision-making. By fostering innovation and embracing change, we build a resilient city capable of flourishing amidst dynamic urban, economic, and environmental landscapes.

### Fiscally & Physically Sustainable

Our plan recognizes that Fort Worth’s long-term success depends on both fiscal responsibility and wise stewardship of our physical resources. We commit to making strategic investments that support sustainable growth, enhance

our quality of life, and maintain the city’s financial health. By balancing economic development with environmental conservation and efficient use of resources, we ensure that Fort Worth remains a vibrant, livable city for generations to come.

### Connected & Vibrant

Fort Worth is a city where seamless infrastructure and community connections create a dynamic and energetic environment. In Fort Worth, residents have easy access to resources, services, and amenities, making daily life convenient and connected. The city’s lively neighborhoods are full of cultural, social, and economic activity, offering a rich and engaging urban experience for everyone.

### Healthy People & Healthy Places

Fort Worth prioritizes the preservation and creation of healthy communities, trails, greenways, parks and open space. By protecting and enhancing healthy, recreational, and natural amenities and places, we will ensure all residents have opportunities for healthy eating, active living, and connecting with nature.

CONNECTED & VIBRANT	FISCALLY & PHYSICALLY SUSTAINABLE	INNOVATIVE & RESILIENT	INCLUSIVE & ECLECTIC	HEALTHY PEOPLE & HEALTHY PLACES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seamless infrastructure and community connections for a dynamic environment</li> <li>Easy access to resources, services, and amenities for convenient daily life</li> <li>Lively neighborhoods offering a rich urban experience through cultural, social, and economic activity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long-term success through fiscal responsibility and resource stewardship</li> <li>Strategic investments for sustainable growth and quality of life</li> <li>Economic development balanced with environmental conservation</li> <li>A vibrant, livable city designed with for future generations in mind</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creativity and strength to address future challenges and opportunities</li> <li>Affordable housing and enhanced transportation systems</li> <li>A flexible, forward thinking framework for adapting to environmental changes</li> <li>Innovative approaches to building a resilient city</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thriving residents, regardless of background and zip code</li> <li>Growth that embraces diversity and equity</li> <li>Opportunity-rich and welcoming neighborhoods</li> <li>Success built on fostering a just and vibrant community for all</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure equitable access to parks, trails, recreation, and healthcare for all residents</li> <li>Create clean, walkable neighborhoods with access to healthy food and safe streets</li> <li>Preserve natural spaces, greenways, and waterways for a sustainable future</li> <li>Develop public areas that foster community pride, connection, and inclusivity</li> </ul>

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These vision elements work together to create a comprehensive framework that will guide Fort Worth's development into a world-class city while maintaining its unique character and ensuring opportunities for all who reside in the community. They also closely align with Fort Worth's strategic priorities, ensuring the Comprehensive Plan supports the city's key goals:

**Economic Development:** Vision elements like "Fiscally & Physically Sustainable" and "Innovative & Resilient" address attracting businesses, creating jobs, and supporting small businesses through sustainable growth and innovation.

**Community Investment:** The "Inclusive & Eclectic" element reflects the city's commitment to revitalizing neighborhoods, expanding affordable housing, and preserving cultural and recreational assets.

**Community Safety:** Elements like "Connected & Vibrant" reinforce priorities such as improving streetlights, sidewalks, and transit options to create safer, more livable neighborhoods.

**Infrastructure:** "Fiscally & Physically Sustainable" emphasizes maintaining and funding critical infrastructure, addressing flooding risks, and ensuring growth is well-supported.

**Responsible Growth:** The focus on connectivity and open spaces aligns with goals to proactively plan for sustainable growth and foster walkable, transit-friendly communities. Fiscal sustainability draws attention to the need of the city to grow and develop in a fiscally healthy way, with City revenues able to cover the full costs of maintaining infrastructure and providing services over the long haul.

This alignment ensures the vision reflects Fort Worth's priorities while setting the stage for meaningful implementation. Future updates can build on this foundation by further emphasizing the city's cultural identity and leadership in innovation.

In Phase III, the vision and vision elements will undergo further review and refinement based on feedback from city leadership, key stakeholders, and focused engagement efforts with the public. Future iterations will offer opportunities to address economic development,

innovation, and Fort Worth's unique identity more explicitly, ensuring the vision resonates with both the public and decision-makers.

The feedback collected has highlighted the need to clarify innovation's role – not just as fostering creativity and adaptability in technology, business, and planning but also as establishing Fort Worth as a regional leader and model for growth, housing, and economic practices. Future refinements may also emphasize the importance of local businesses in creating jobs, driving partnerships, and sustaining competitiveness.

Additionally, Fort Worth's distinctive cultural identity, including its Western heritage, cultural landmarks such as the Stockyards and museums, and its role as a hub for tourism and commerce, will be an important element of the vision. This iterative process will ensure the vision reflects Fort Worth's aspirations, celebrates its unique character, and lays a strong foundation for the Comprehensive Plan.



## PLANNING TOPICS AND CREATING A LIVABLE AND HEALTHY FORT WORTH

“Livability is the sum of the factors that add up to a community’s quality of life — including the built and natural environments, economic prosperity, social stability and equity, educational opportunity, and cultural, entertainment and recreation possibilities,” according to Partners for Livable Communities (<https://livable.nonprofitsoapbox.com>).

Phase II of the Re\Imagine Fort Worth 2050 Comprehensive Plan engagement process provided insights into how Fort Worth community members envision a more livable community. Analysis of community feedback showed strong emphasis on transportation (16.2 percent), housing (15.9 percent), and natural resources (14.6 percent), with community facilities and services (13.1 percent) and cultural and historical resources (12.5 percent) rounding out the top five issues/topics of concern. At the Vision Summit, participants emphasized walkability (14.5 percent), green space and parks (13.3 percent), and transportation (12.7 percent). On the online Thought Exchange platform, respondents promoted parks, open space, clean communities, maintained roadways, walkability, affordable housing, community involvement and transportation infrastructure among their top list of desirable themes for making Fort Worth a great place to live, work, and play.



Through a thorough analysis of the community feedback gathered from a variety of sources — including HPFW meetings, pop-up events, storyboard contributions, interviews, advisory group discussions, and the Vision Summit — the study team was able to identify recurring patterns and priorities across the different datasets. By carefully examining both the frequency and context of the various themes that emerged, the team refined the overlapping planning topics into a distinct set of categories. This analytical process ensured that the key concerns expressed by the Fort Worth community would be comprehensively addressed in the 2050 comprehensive plan. The resulting topics create a strong foundation for developing specific goals, objectives, strategies, and action items in subsequent phases of the planning process. The key planning topics that have emerged in Phase II include:

### Growth & Development

Focuses on managing urban expansion, promoting mixed-use neighborhoods, and balancing development with preservation of natural areas



### Transportation Systems

Aims to improve the city’s transportation network by expanding multi-modal options and reducing congestion



### Public Transit

Seeks to enhance the reliability, affordability, and reach of public transportation options to better connect communities



### Infrastructure

Prioritizes upgrading and maintaining essential public infrastructure like roads, utilities, and public amenities





**Economic Development**  
Focuses on attracting new industries, creating high-quality jobs, and supporting local businesses and entrepreneurship



**Housing Affordability & Diversity**  
Seeks to provide a range of affordable housing options that meet diverse community needs and prevent displacement



**Environmental Quality**  
Aims to improve air and water quality through eco-friendly practices and enhance green infrastructure to support long-term environmental health



**Parks & Recreation**  
Focuses on conserving natural areas and green spaces, ensuring their accessibility and beauty for future generations



**Open & Natural Spaces**  
Emphasizes expanding, preserving and maintaining public parks and recreational spaces for the community's enjoyment and well-being



**Community Well-Being**  
Advances the quality of life by improving access to education, healthcare, and social services, along with creating healthy, family-friendly spaces



**Public Safety**  
Seeks to strengthen community policing, emergency response, and safety initiatives to ensure a secure environment for all residents



**Equity & Inclusion**  
Focuses on ensuring all communities have equitable access to services, resources, and decision-making processes that affect their lives



**Governance & Civic Engagement**  
Aims to improve transparency, citizen participation, and accountability in government while addressing local concerns in rising costs



**Education & Workforce Development**  
Prioritizes improving the education system and workforce training to prepare residents for evolving job markets



**Arts, Culture, & Historic Preservation**  
Supports for the local arts and cultural scene while preserving the city's historical landmarks and promoting diverse cultural experiences



Courtesy Fort Worth Neighborhood Services



Phase II of the comprehensive plan engagement process revealed how Fort Worth community members envision a more livable community – one that enhances quality of life through the built environment, economic prosperity, and social connections. Stakeholders highlighted topics like parks, open space, transit, walkability, public safety, affordable housing, job opportunities, and local business growth as important factors in creating a “livable city”.

Most of these planning topics emerging in Phase II of the ReImagine Fort Worth Comprehensive Planning engagement were also priorities discussed within the context of Fort Worth’s most recent *2023 Comprehensive Plan Update*, which indicates the consistency of these elements in contributing to quality of life in the community.

Notably, these community-identified planning topics are themes that align with established principles for creating healthy, livable communities. The Urban Land Institute’s (ULI’s) Building Healthy Places framework (Eitler et al., 2013) identifies ten principles that contribute to community health and livability:

1. **Put People First:** Design communities for all populations’ needs, create spaces for social interaction, and support active lifestyles
2. **Recognize the Economic Value:** Incorporate health and wellness design features, strengthen community investment potential, and enhance economic vitality through health outcomes

3. **Empower Champions for Health:** Engage local stakeholders, build partnerships, and foster community leadership for healthy places
4. **Energize Shared Spaces:** Create vibrant public spaces that encourage activity, provide flexible community gathering areas, and support diverse programming
5. **Make Healthy Choices Easy:** Design walkable communities, ensure access to healthy food options, and provide active transportation choices
6. **Ensure Equitable Access:** Provide services and amenities for all income levels, offer diverse housing options, and ensure fair distribution of resources
7. **Mix It Up:** Promote mixed-use development, provide variety in housing types, and integrate services and amenities
8. **Embrace Unique Character:** Preserve local identity, celebrate and integrate cultural assets into design, and protect historic resources
9. **Promote Access to Healthy Food:** Address food insecurity by incorporating healthy food into urban planning and policies, rethinking grocery access, and creating food initiatives to drive community and economic development
10. **Make It Active:** Implement active design principles, provide recreation opportunities, and create connected trail systems

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This alignment between Fort Worth’s community priorities and ULI’s healthy places principles appears throughout the feedback received:

- When the community emphasized walkability and transportation options, they echoed principles like “Make It Active” and “Make Healthy Choices Easy”
- The community’s focus on parks, open spaces, and gathering places aligns with “Energize Shared Spaces”
- Concerns about housing affordability and equity reflect “Ensure Equitable Access” and “Mix It Up”
- Interest in preserving cultural assets and historic areas supports “Embrace Unique Character”
- Emphasis on economic development and business growth connects to “Recognize the Economic Value”



### The Fort Worth 2023

*Comprehensive Plan Update* dedicated a specific chapter to the topic of public health, underscoring the City’s commitment to making healthy living a priority (City of Fort Worth, 2023). This chapter outlined strategies aligned with ULI’s healthy places principles, such as:

- Improving the built environment to address safety concerns and enhance walkability and accessibility
- Expanding sidewalks, bike lanes, and other active transportation options
- Creating community projects that boost neighborhood vitality and provide opportunities for social interaction
- Decreasing tobacco use through targeted policy actions

Since the early 2000s, Fort Worth has promoted walkable, mixed-use development and sustainable communities to support healthier living. The city has collaborated with partners to transform urban areas into “Urban Villages” and “mixed-use growth centers” designed to encourage walking, cycling, and transit over driving – improving public health outcomes.

Additionally, Fort Worth has been a leader in the “Blue Zones Project” since 2014 – a community-driven well-being initiative focused on making healthy choices easier. Through this program, the city has raised its well-being ranking, improved the built environment, expanded active transportation, and reduced health risk factors. As a result, Fort Worth became the world’s largest certified Blue Zones Community in 2018, demonstrating its commitment to improving quality of life.

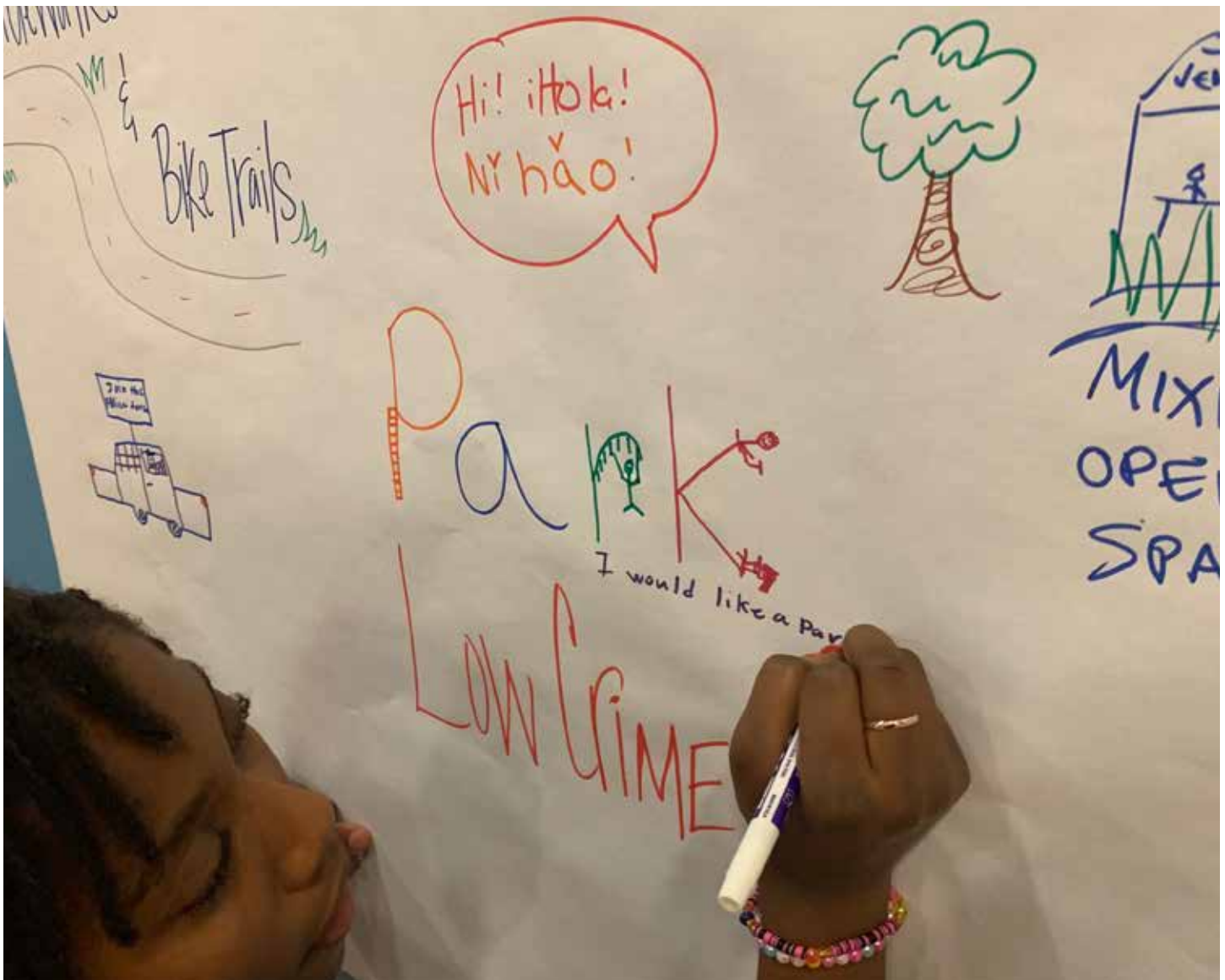
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This alignment between Fort Worth's community-driven planning topics and ULI's healthy places principles, combined with the city's emphasis on public health in its 2023 Comprehensive Plan and its leadership in the Blue Zones Project, suggests the community is well-positioned to make meaningful progress towards a more livable future.

These ULI healthy living principles provide a comprehensive framework that the City of Fort Worth can strive towards in its 2050 planning horizon. As the analysis has shown, the community-driven planning priorities that emerged from the 2050 process demonstrate a clear alignment with these established principles for creating healthy, livable communities. This natural convergence

suggests the city is already identifying elements that research shows contribute to overall quality of life.

As the comprehensive plan moves into Phase III, the process of developing specific goals and strategies for each of the key planning topics will help solidify the foundation for a more livable Fort Worth. This alignment between the community's vision and the ULI's healthy places principles indicates that the city is moving in a positive direction. By continuing to build upon this strong foundation through the implementation phase, Fort Worth can work towards its goal of creating complete neighborhoods where all residents can truly thrive.



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