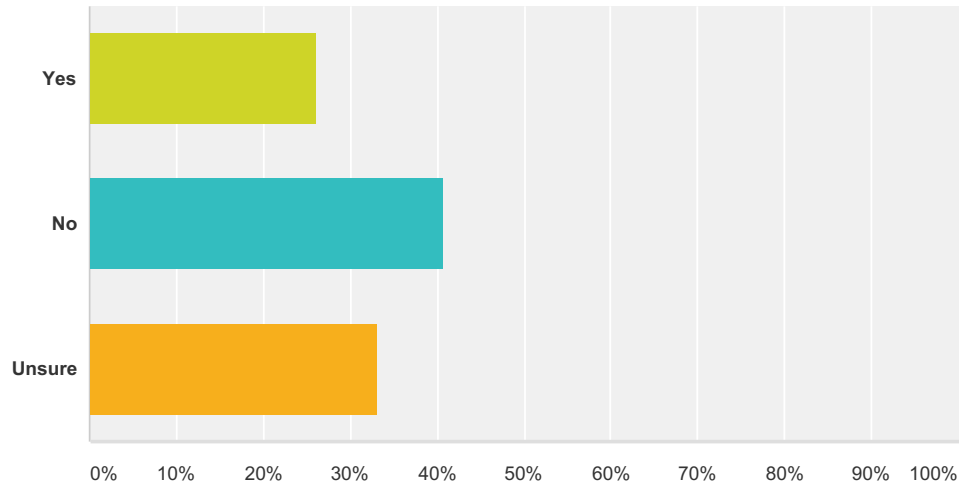


Q1 Expanding employment opportunities continues to be a strategic goal for the City of Decatur. Should the City consider taxpayer funded economic incentives as part of its business recruitment and retention strategy?

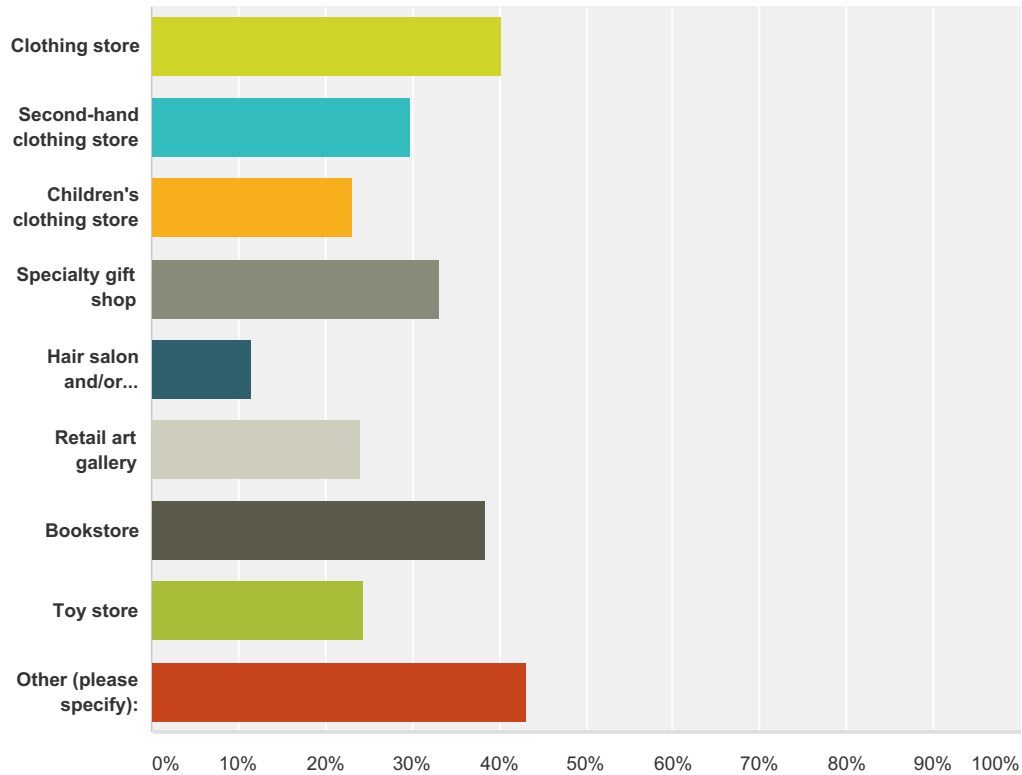
Answered: 1,032 Skipped: 20



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	26.16%	270
No	40.70%	420
Unsure	33.14%	342
Total		1,032

Q2 Expanding retail and service businesses is a goal for the City of Decatur. What type(s) of businesses would you like to see in Decatur? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 982 Skipped: 70



Answer Choices	Responses
Clothing store	40.22% 395
Second-hand clothing store	29.94% 294
Children's clothing store	23.22% 228
Specialty gift shop	33.20% 326
Hair salon and/or Barbershop	11.41% 112
Retail art gallery	23.93% 235
Bookstore	38.39% 377
Toy store	24.34% 239
Other (please specify):	43.18% 424
Total Respondents: 982	

#	Other (please specify):	Date
1	Trader Joe's	5/31/2016 9:54 PM

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2	Supermarket.	5/31/2016 7:48 PM
3	one-stop service that incorporates extra-curricular education opportunities (how-to workshops) and volunteer opportunities as well as a family entertainment options such as independent movies in the square on large projector	5/31/2016 4:15 PM
4	some higher quality mainstream stores (Crate&Barrell,PotteryBarn,Gap) would be nice so you dont have to drive all the way across town)	5/31/2016 11:19 AM
5	doctors' offices, architect's offices	5/31/2016 7:04 AM
6	Grocery, grocery	5/31/2016 6:15 AM
7	Arts related business (Dance, Music,design, Computer Graphics)	5/30/2016 10:13 PM
8	hardware	5/30/2016 8:09 PM
9	Bakery	5/30/2016 2:36 PM
10	Specialty foods, groceries	5/30/2016 1:35 PM
11	Shoe store	5/30/2016 1:26 PM
12	sandwich shop, like Candler Park Market's deli	5/30/2016 12:44 PM
13	Food retail	5/30/2016 11:47 AM
14	old fashioned dime store like Midtown's next to Trader Joe's	5/30/2016 11:08 AM
15	shoe store	5/29/2016 9:23 PM
16	Grocery store not a small one where they do not have a lot of things on my list	5/29/2016 6:52 PM
17	Mixed foodservice retail such as those in Scottsdale AZ area	5/29/2016 6:42 PM
18	computer supplies, accessories	5/29/2016 5:44 PM
19	dog park cafe	5/29/2016 11:53 AM
20	chain restaurant like Red Lobster, Olive Garden or Boston Market; Honda service center/dealership; museum; Foot Solutions retail store; Apple Store;	5/29/2016 11:23 AM
21	Grocery Store	5/28/2016 8:41 PM
22	grocery, bakery	5/28/2016 2:23 PM
23	Speciality food market	5/27/2016 9:55 PM
24	Speciality food market	5/27/2016 9:52 PM
25	Quality speciality food market	5/27/2016 9:22 PM
26	Movie theater	5/27/2016 12:38 PM
27	Coat Factory Store and Electronics-CDs.	5/27/2016 12:34 PM
28	There's no section for adding a comment to question 3, so I will do so here. The question is very vague and impossible to answer.	5/27/2016 12:26 PM
29	More ethnic restaurants, ie.. Indian, Moroccan, Russian	5/27/2016 11:31 AM
30	None of the above. We already have more than enough. Enough is enough.	5/27/2016 9:21 AM
31	Let market decide, not government.	5/26/2016 9:55 PM
32	Trader Joes	5/26/2016 9:04 PM
33	A retail store that stays open late for adults	5/26/2016 5:26 PM
34	Pet store	5/26/2016 4:55 PM
35	hardware store	5/26/2016 4:21 PM
36	A useful food market like Candler Park Market or Oakhurst Market. Sawicki's was more sandwich cafe than useful market.	5/26/2016 3:32 PM
37	pet store	5/26/2016 2:24 PM
38	Small, locally owned grocers	5/26/2016 1:06 PM

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39	camera, dvd, variety, amplified music	5/26/2016 11:44 AM
40	household supplies in neighborhood	5/26/2016 10:56 AM
41	roller skating rink	5/26/2016 10:47 AM
42	Development is approaching point where we should consider a retail magnet (probably not REI but something in that category)	5/26/2016 10:40 AM
43	Locally owned shops, not chains	5/26/2016 10:31 AM
44	Bulk item food coop	5/26/2016 10:06 AM
45	Health food store	5/26/2016 9:15 AM
46	Children's Museum or Play Space	5/26/2016 8:09 AM
47	european bakery, arts movie theater, 5&10 variety store	5/25/2016 10:44 PM
48	small movie theater, 24h coffee shop, dance club	5/25/2016 10:04 PM
49	Senior focused assist companies .old people have money too	5/25/2016 8:24 PM
50	Grocery	5/25/2016 6:55 PM
51	Trader Joes; Google Fiber	5/25/2016 6:25 PM
52	MOVIE THEATER- I support public subsidy of movie theater that can also be used as class/event space during the weekdays (extra classroom(s) for DHS?), special programming for kids and adults alike. Public funding could be explored in conjunction with membership drives, etc. facility could be paid for with 501(c)(3) bonds that receive some revenue from membership/space earnings. See Omaha's Film Streams as a great example. Movies great way to generate spinoff business for restaurants and bars.	5/25/2016 1:52 PM
53	Any businesses that are open on nights and weekends vs. street front businesses that are only open M-F, 8-5.	5/25/2016 12:52 PM
54	Anything which is locally owned - no big box retailers please	5/25/2016 11:02 AM
55	Grocery Stores, Fitness Centers	5/25/2016 9:27 AM
56	Gourmet food store/market	5/25/2016 8:55 AM
57	Bakery	5/25/2016 8:48 AM
58	no preference	5/25/2016 7:52 AM
59	Cheesemonger, charcuterie	5/25/2016 2:41 AM
60	Restaurants	5/25/2016 12:23 AM
61	Specialty foods	5/24/2016 11:21 PM
62	gourmet grocery	5/24/2016 11:00 PM
63	Deli's	5/24/2016 9:03 PM
64	trader vics	5/24/2016 7:35 PM
65	bakery	5/24/2016 6:48 PM
66	Organic grocery stores	5/24/2016 4:44 PM
67	High-end food stores -- fresh bread (European style) bakery, hi-end grocery stores	5/24/2016 4:35 PM
68	Trader Joes	5/24/2016 3:55 PM
69	grocery store	5/24/2016 3:29 PM
70	Grocery Store	5/24/2016 3:19 PM
71	Maintain Decatur CD	5/24/2016 2:28 PM
72	Bring a Mast General Store to Decatur - hands down the best retailer you can get. Sporting goods (get play-it-again to move from the mall),	5/24/2016 2:07 PM
73	bike shop	5/24/2016 1:43 PM
74	Another Supermarket	5/24/2016 12:33 PM
75	mini golf course	5/24/2016 10:41 AM

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76	Theater	5/24/2016 10:24 AM
77	restaurants	5/24/2016 10:14 AM
78	Costco	5/24/2016 9:57 AM
79	a department store or a discount clothing store like Marshalls	5/24/2016 9:46 AM
80	Liquor Store	5/24/2016 9:26 AM
81	locally sourced grocer	5/24/2016 9:14 AM
82	Trader Joe's	5/24/2016 8:26 AM
83	Restaurants	5/24/2016 8:15 AM
84	Other Grocery options	5/24/2016 8:11 AM
85	Flower shop	5/24/2016 7:25 AM
86	Bagels	5/23/2016 11:14 PM
87	Grocery	5/23/2016 10:52 PM
88	Cheap restaurants but not fast food chains. Trending toward all expensive	5/23/2016 10:35 PM
89	Shoe store	5/23/2016 10:25 PM
90	Pool and Racquet club	5/23/2016 8:51 PM
91	Grocery store	5/23/2016 8:41 PM
92	Homewares, bakeries, cafes/coffee shops suitable for families with children	5/23/2016 8:19 PM
93	office supplies	5/23/2016 7:03 PM
94	Grocery	5/23/2016 6:20 PM
95	Grocery store	5/23/2016 6:04 PM
96	bakery with breads, not just sweets	5/23/2016 5:47 PM
97	GROCERY STORE	5/23/2016 5:35 PM
98	Not high end boutique clothing. Let's be practical.	5/23/2016 4:57 PM
99	Consignment	5/23/2016 4:56 PM
100	better grocery store options	5/23/2016 4:45 PM
101	Electronics	5/23/2016 4:40 PM
102	Office supply	5/23/2016 4:18 PM
103	Target, adult bookstore	5/23/2016 3:49 PM
104	Cheaper Food Options... Food Trucks? Street Vendors on the square?	5/23/2016 3:14 PM
105	outdoor equipment/rec (eg REI)	5/23/2016 12:18 PM
106	Grocery larger then baby kroger	5/23/2016 11:36 AM
107	All the basic walkable services that allow for car-lite living -- basic apparel, more small scale grocery options, office/business supplies, etc.	5/23/2016 10:29 AM
108	Anything but another restaurant.	5/23/2016 9:29 AM
109	grocery	5/23/2016 9:04 AM
110	None...we have many retail shops that do well and people go to as neighborhood shops. More will add congestion and traffic.	5/23/2016 8:55 AM
111	Stores where the profits go to charities.	5/23/2016 8:51 AM
112	men's clothing, shoes reasonable priced	5/23/2016 8:50 AM
113	Hardware	5/23/2016 8:45 AM
114	stores that are non profits...proceeds go to charity	5/23/2016 8:42 AM

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115	More whole foods/organic food options, more high end fitness studios & gyms (Flywheel, Exhale, Equinox, etc.)	5/23/2016 8:41 AM
116	shoes, stores that are non-profits..give to charities	5/23/2016 8:28 AM
117	womens clothing	5/23/2016 8:13 AM
118	music store	5/23/2016 8:08 AM
119	Earthfare market; outdoor stores like High Country	5/23/2016 7:56 AM
120	a gas station.	5/22/2016 11:54 PM
121	Less specialized store and more retail where you can buy affordable things. A department store like the old Belk's would be great.	5/22/2016 11:18 PM
122	more moderately priced restaurants so lines aren't ridiculous as population grows	5/22/2016 11:14 PM
123	Men's clothing store	5/22/2016 11:08 PM
124	going to need more moderately priced restaurants to accommodate population growth. places like pastries a go go will get swamped when apartments are fully occupied.	5/22/2016 10:53 PM
125	Grocery store like trader joe's	5/22/2016 10:39 PM
126	Bagel shop	5/22/2016 10:15 PM
127	Mexican restaurant and seafood restaurant	5/22/2016 10:15 PM
128	Sephora type beauty store	5/22/2016 8:36 PM
129	small company stores	5/22/2016 8:25 PM
130	Grocery Store on the side of the tracks without one.	5/22/2016 8:05 PM
131	Trader joes	5/22/2016 7:52 PM
132	Full Service Car Detail (wash and vacuum)	5/22/2016 6:02 PM
133	grocery	5/22/2016 5:59 PM
134	grocery in downtown area and pet supplies	5/22/2016 5:57 PM
135	breakfast options, bagel shop	5/22/2016 1:59 PM
136	Arts and crafts	5/22/2016 1:55 PM
137	Bakery	5/22/2016 11:02 AM
138	Bakery	5/22/2016 10:57 AM
139	recycling,maker space	5/22/2016 9:06 AM
140	independent general store like Richards on Monroe & 10th; office supplies;	5/21/2016 8:13 PM
141	arts and crafts	5/21/2016 5:35 PM
142	Major lack: a convenience store or one level up, like the Oakhurst Market.	5/21/2016 4:53 PM
143	Nice grocery store	5/21/2016 4:30 PM
144	Restaurants	5/21/2016 3:32 PM
145	Breakfast place	5/21/2016 3:18 PM
146	Florist/potted plant shop (that has good greeting cards)	5/21/2016 3:11 PM
147	Shoe	5/21/2016 2:51 PM
148	A grocery better than the Soviet Kroger; maybe a Trader Joes or Whole Foods	5/21/2016 2:21 PM
149	Trader Joe's	5/21/2016 1:41 PM
150	bicycle shops	5/21/2016 1:18 PM
151	Dentist, Florist	5/21/2016 12:57 PM
152	Variety! Different price points would be nice too. Shops that specialize in unique, quality items would be a nice change.	5/21/2016 11:46 AM
153	Sports stores	5/21/2016 11:43 AM

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154	Grocery store	5/21/2016 11:04 AM
155	A hair salon that is affordable and doesn't suck; same with day spa, nail salon. Our are all outrageous with lame service.	5/21/2016 10:50 AM
156	Sporting goods	5/21/2016 9:46 AM
157	Art supplies (could be at a bookstore), shoe store that isn't too high brow or athletic.	5/21/2016 9:21 AM
158	bakery	5/21/2016 9:18 AM
159	Flowers, patisserie, bread and bakery,	5/21/2016 9:05 AM
160	A decent independent flower shop	5/21/2016 7:59 AM
161	reasonably priced asian restaurant	5/21/2016 7:46 AM
162	Bagels and s good Chinese restaurant	5/21/2016 7:43 AM
163	small general food store	5/21/2016 6:57 AM
164	Organic grocery	5/21/2016 12:37 AM
165	Phones, electronics, garden enter, sport accessories	5/21/2016 12:36 AM
166	Gourmet food store: Trader Joes, Wholefoods	5/20/2016 9:48 PM
167	Hardware store	5/20/2016 9:21 PM
168	Trader Joes	5/20/2016 9:08 PM
169	Restaurants	5/20/2016 8:32 PM
170	None of the above	5/20/2016 8:24 PM
171	Outdoor recreation store	5/20/2016 8:15 PM
172	No big box stores	5/20/2016 7:59 PM
173	Indoor play place for children	5/20/2016 6:26 PM
174	specialty grocery, daycare, furniture,	5/20/2016 4:51 PM
175	i miss heliotrope	5/20/2016 4:41 PM
176	music store	5/20/2016 4:34 PM
177	Sporting goods	5/20/2016 4:20 PM
178	Asian food restaurants	5/20/2016 3:57 PM
179	grocery store	5/20/2016 3:49 PM
180	Would love to see more grocery options with basic items available	5/20/2016 3:20 PM
181	Bakery/boulangerie	5/20/2016 2:54 PM
182	small movie theatre, small playhouse like Horizon Theater or 7 Stages in L5P	5/20/2016 2:54 PM
183	Hardware store, grocery store	5/20/2016 2:52 PM
184	antique store	5/20/2016 2:47 PM
185	Bicycle shop	5/20/2016 2:47 PM
186	Craft and Fabric store	5/20/2016 2:14 PM
187	record store	5/20/2016 2:07 PM
188	Bakery, fish market	5/20/2016 2:03 PM
189	Full-service grocery south of the tracks.	5/20/2016 1:56 PM
190	Senior care services	5/20/2016 1:52 PM
191	Groceries, arts, movie theater	5/20/2016 1:52 PM
192	Grocery Stores throughout.	5/20/2016 1:45 PM
193	Electronics	5/20/2016 1:25 PM

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194	camera store	5/20/2016 1:11 PM
195	small hardware store (west Ponce), small grocery store (west Ponce)	5/20/2016 1:06 PM
196	Movie Theater	5/20/2016 12:37 PM
197	I liked it when Decatur had a collectible/antique shop where Karma clothing is; there also was one where Opus music is. Now there are no shops where you can browse after dining downtown. It used to be fun. No more.	5/20/2016 12:27 PM
198	Black owned hair salon.	5/20/2016 12:16 PM
199	Garden Supply Store	5/20/2016 11:37 AM
200	home goods	5/20/2016 11:19 AM
201	Grocery type like oakhurst market	5/20/2016 10:58 AM
202	Office Supply store, Costco, Trader Joe's	5/20/2016 10:55 AM
203	sporting goods (like REI), another hardware store on the agnes scott/columbus side of Decatur	5/20/2016 10:46 AM
204	Trader Joes or and Independant food store (i.e. Oakhurst market or the Mercantile)	5/20/2016 10:44 AM
205	men's clothing	5/20/2016 9:44 AM
206	more grocery stores, hardware store,	5/20/2016 9:34 AM
207	hardware store, grocery store, produce store, vegetarian restaurants	5/20/2016 9:15 AM
208	mens clothing store	5/20/2016 8:59 AM
209	Specialty grocer like Trader Joe's or Whole Foods	5/20/2016 8:47 AM
210	Never chains, please!	5/20/2016 8:21 AM
211	unique furniture, antiques	5/20/2016 8:06 AM
212	Non-chain restaurants: specifically one that is overly kid friendly.	5/20/2016 7:57 AM
213	Specialty food	5/20/2016 7:48 AM
214	there is enough free market retail in and around Decatur as it is.	5/20/2016 7:47 AM
215	Full size grocery	5/20/2016 7:41 AM
216	Believe we have most/all these.	5/20/2016 7:19 AM
217	Comic book shop	5/20/2016 7:11 AM
218	Grocery	5/20/2016 6:57 AM
219	Specialty grocery	5/20/2016 6:47 AM
220	Trader Joe's	5/20/2016 6:26 AM
221	Grocery store	5/20/2016 5:43 AM
222	Resturants	5/20/2016 4:10 AM
223	Trader Joe	5/20/2016 4:07 AM
224	Full size grocery. Baby Kroger is not big enouh.	5/20/2016 4:07 AM
225	Indoor sports/soccer arena (especially since cottages are taking away recess field space at the schools and the number of children are increasing) something like Score Indoor Sports.	5/20/2016 2:49 AM
226	easier to get to gas stations. good grief.	5/19/2016 11:21 PM
227	Hardware store south of the tracks	5/19/2016 11:08 PM
228	trader joes and antique stores	5/19/2016 10:38 PM
229	Beatuty products- skincare & makeup	5/19/2016 10:33 PM
230	grocery	5/19/2016 10:15 PM
231	Pet store	5/19/2016 10:12 PM
232	Performances, Plays, Concerts	5/19/2016 10:10 PM

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233	Grocery, shoes, sporting goods	5/19/2016 9:56 PM
234	let the market decide	5/19/2016 9:55 PM
235	Farm supplies	5/19/2016 9:32 PM
236	Organic products (beauty, food, etc.)	5/19/2016 9:30 PM
237	variety store	5/19/2016 9:09 PM
238	athletic supply store	5/19/2016 8:17 PM
239	grocery, movie theatre,	5/19/2016 6:13 PM
240	Hardware store.	5/19/2016 6:08 PM
241	Hardware store.	5/19/2016 6:05 PM
242	Family Store	5/19/2016 5:48 PM
243	Outdoor gear	5/19/2016 5:48 PM
244	Plus Size Women's Boutique,	5/19/2016 5:31 PM
245	office supply store	5/19/2016 5:26 PM
246	Gourmet food shop (e.g., cheese shop)	5/19/2016 5:22 PM
247	movie theater? art films?	5/19/2016 5:21 PM
248	More ethnic food options	5/19/2016 5:14 PM
249	Hardware store	5/19/2016 5:13 PM
250	art supply store	5/19/2016 5:06 PM
251	office supply store	5/19/2016 5:04 PM
252	office supply store	5/19/2016 4:52 PM
253	grocery that also sells ready to go meals	5/19/2016 4:49 PM
254	n/a	5/19/2016 4:47 PM
255	More entertainment: comedy club, bowling, theater	5/19/2016 4:20 PM
256	Specialty food	5/19/2016 4:02 PM
257	Local Health food store	5/19/2016 3:59 PM
258	Small grocery/gourmet market	5/19/2016 3:54 PM
259	Grocery store	5/19/2016 3:38 PM
260	Redbox or video rental in Oakhurst!	5/19/2016 3:32 PM
261	grocery store such as Sprouts, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods	5/19/2016 3:27 PM
262	a cool place for the teens to hang out, listen to music, talk to friends etc. an arcade?	5/19/2016 3:12 PM
263	food market like the Chandler Park Market	5/19/2016 3:08 PM
264	Bakery, hardware store	5/19/2016 2:39 PM
265	Some sort of family entertainment (new version of an arcade?) would be good. Twains is sort of there but less for smaller kids...	5/19/2016 2:20 PM
266	Trader Joe	5/19/2016 2:08 PM
267	Moderately priced retail for basic clothing and household needs. Condo and apartment dwellers will need everyday items, not just specialty shop goods.	5/19/2016 2:05 PM
268	Indoor play spaces for children of all ages.	5/19/2016 1:57 PM
269	Trader Joes	5/19/2016 1:42 PM
270	Yoga	5/19/2016 1:25 PM
271	Olive Garden	5/19/2016 1:24 PM

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272	A real adult human BAKERY (not for dogs). Highland is coming, I guess, but another one wouldn't hurt.	5/19/2016 1:13 PM
273	grocery store in Oakhurst	5/19/2016 1:12 PM
274	Children's resale clothing	5/19/2016 1:03 PM
275	small urban Target-like store where can find basic necessities	5/19/2016 12:55 PM
276	Gourmet grocery store, similar to Alon's	5/19/2016 10:40 AM
277	we have too many restaurants; we need some different types.	5/19/2016 10:30 AM
278	hardware store	5/19/2016 10:17 AM
279	BBQ restaurant and/or bakery/deli, a REAL bakery, not like that awful Sugar Moon place	5/19/2016 9:24 AM
280	Gas Station	5/19/2016 5:41 AM
281	Independent retailers with connections to the community.	5/18/2016 11:29 PM
282	Grocery	5/18/2016 11:09 PM
283	Produce store/small grocery store	5/14/2016 4:38 PM
284	bike shops and repair; repair shops ideally with training opportunities for employees/young interns	5/14/2016 10:25 AM
285	24-hour bodega	5/13/2016 4:35 PM
286	casual clothes, jeans,etc.	5/13/2016 2:42 PM
287	Deli	5/13/2016 10:56 AM
288	Fresh Market, Trader Joes or Whole Foods	5/12/2016 9:00 PM
289	Electronics and technology stores or services. More new open-concept office space, combined with a coffee shop to allow new small businesses and entrepreneurs set up shop.	5/11/2016 11:12 AM
290	antiques store	5/10/2016 7:09 AM
291	grocery store	5/7/2016 9:52 PM
292	Markets	5/6/2016 8:51 PM
293	Grocery store	5/6/2016 7:31 PM
294	Grocery store!!	5/6/2016 6:17 PM
295	Clothing stores less expensive than the current slate of boutiques	5/6/2016 5:50 PM
296	Grocery	5/6/2016 3:16 PM
297	Target	5/6/2016 3:01 PM
298	child centered activities like gymboree or kindermusik	5/3/2016 2:24 PM
299	health food	5/3/2016 9:58 AM
300	shoes. I would like to see mini malls with some name brand stores. I have seen in cities and they go up rather than out and take no more than a city block. right now most stores don't offer what i might buy or are too expensive. I like that they are there but think brinking in some bigger names would be good for all. I have seen these types city malls in Memphis and Baltimore. They go up rather than out and park underneath.	5/2/2016 11:40 AM
301	Grocery store	5/2/2016 2:24 AM
302	Better grocery options	4/29/2016 10:17 AM
303	Office supply	4/28/2016 11:17 PM
304	Pet Store	4/28/2016 6:57 PM
305	Boutique hotel, funky old run/art movie theatre, comedy club	4/28/2016 5:41 PM
306	not really interested in additional stores	4/26/2016 4:35 PM
307	independent retail	4/26/2016 8:51 AM
308	Sporting goods store	4/25/2016 11:49 PM
309	Artist markets	4/25/2016 9:37 PM

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310	Small grocery store(s)	4/25/2016 4:17 PM
311	Locally owned grocery store	4/25/2016 2:16 PM
312	book store	4/25/2016 12:14 PM
313	Antiques	4/24/2016 9:17 PM
314	local/regionally owned, not national chains	4/24/2016 8:29 PM
315	Moderately priced clothing stores.	4/22/2016 6:03 PM
316	Makers art center and gallery with space to create	4/22/2016 10:11 AM
317	Bakery	4/22/2016 9:48 AM
318	More of everything!	4/21/2016 8:01 PM
319	Decatur needs businesses other than retail and service - such as more office, light manufacturing, etc.	4/21/2016 1:14 PM
320	Diversity	4/21/2016 11:25 AM
321	hardware store	4/21/2016 10:32 AM
322	Good Shoe Store like Abbadabba's in Little 5 Points	4/20/2016 7:09 PM
323	I can't reliable use Decatur businesses because of parking. I can't walk 2 miles when I need/want hair cuts or books so unfortunately, I end up taking my businesses outside of Decatur.	4/20/2016 6:18 PM
324	Bakery, florist	4/20/2016 1:47 PM
325	Home furnishings	4/20/2016 11:06 AM
326	Arcades and Skating Facility	4/20/2016 10:33 AM
327	Outfitter (i.e., Half Moon)	4/20/2016 10:30 AM
328	Nail salon	4/20/2016 10:27 AM
329	groceries such as Whole Foods, Trader Joe's, etc.	4/20/2016 10:15 AM
330	grocery or wholesale club	4/20/2016 8:47 AM
331	none of the above	4/20/2016 8:44 AM
332	shoe store	4/20/2016 7:54 AM
333	Restaurants	4/19/2016 9:51 PM
334	Dairy Queen	4/19/2016 9:41 PM
335	Basic retail needs. We basically have to leave CoD for everything!	4/19/2016 7:47 PM
336	Chinese Restaurant	4/19/2016 4:06 PM
337	bakery, BBQ restaurant	4/19/2016 3:06 PM
338	E	4/19/2016 2:48 PM
339	A Trader Joe's or something similar, something like ross or TJ max, something more like a target but not the dollar store...just think of why we go out of decatur, Target, TJ Max, whole foods, Publix, Best Buy	4/19/2016 2:09 PM
340	Costco	4/19/2016 2:04 PM
341	locally owned; no franchises	4/19/2016 1:18 PM
342	Expanded Craft Breweries with laws that allow them to sample and sell their products direct to consumers.	4/19/2016 12:51 PM
343	specialty clothing-- lingerie, hosiery	4/19/2016 11:57 AM
344	A decent grocery store to replace the Baby Kroger, which gets worse every week.	4/19/2016 11:42 AM
345	Trader Joes	4/19/2016 10:46 AM
346	Bagels!!!	4/19/2016 7:49 AM
347	Craft/yarn store, game/comic store	4/19/2016 7:41 AM
348	Adult book store: we have A great kid bookstore.	4/19/2016 7:24 AM

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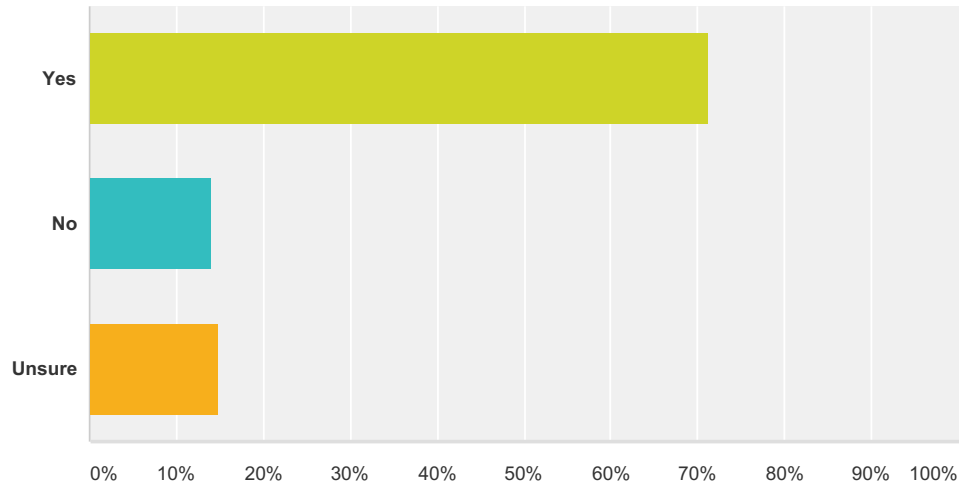
349	Electronics (camera, Apple, computer).	4/19/2016 4:55 AM
350	Grocery store	4/19/2016 3:56 AM
351	Healthcare	4/18/2016 11:01 PM
352	National Chains with Pull like Gap, Bannana Republic	4/18/2016 10:00 PM
353	Costco	4/18/2016 9:52 PM
354	Bagel shop	4/18/2016 9:37 PM
355	Sporting good store	4/18/2016 8:52 PM
356	movie theater, grocery store	4/18/2016 5:33 PM
357	craft supplies, different types of clothing stores and shoe stores.	4/18/2016 4:15 PM
358	Specialty grocery stores	4/18/2016 3:25 PM
359	Bakery - think cakes, cupcakes, pies, etc. - not bread	4/18/2016 3:08 PM
360	full service liquor store	4/18/2016 3:02 PM
361	Grocery store or Fresh Market Store; also Movie Theater	4/18/2016 3:00 PM
362	more coffee (seriously - hard to get a seat at Dancing Goats some days), card/games/comics (unique niche), casual clothing (not boutique)	4/18/2016 2:19 PM
363	Trader Joes, Van Michael Salon	4/18/2016 12:15 PM
364	More non-retail businesses would be better. Less traffic. Maybe more law firms.	4/18/2016 12:09 PM
365	small specialty grocery store downtown (walking distance for apt dwellers)	4/18/2016 10:39 AM
366	high end retail	4/16/2016 1:59 PM
367	1 national chain womens: Talbots Chicos, etc	4/15/2016 9:59 AM
368	grocery other than the mini-kroger	4/15/2016 7:37 AM
369	Bakery	4/14/2016 8:23 PM
370	Grocery store	4/14/2016 4:50 PM
371	Healthfood Grocery Store and/or Trader Joe's	4/14/2016 2:07 PM
372	Nice grocery store. French bakery.	4/14/2016 12:35 PM
373	a store that sells cards	4/14/2016 8:06 AM
374	maker/craft shops	4/13/2016 9:27 PM
375	restaurant with everyday food-not too expensive and not pub food	4/13/2016 9:25 PM
376	fresh fish market	4/13/2016 8:12 PM
377	movie theater/ arts theater and performance arts space	4/12/2016 11:59 PM
378	natural food market/florist	4/12/2016 7:52 PM
379	Movies,plays,?local talent?	4/12/2016 10:16 AM
380	Stores that are economically accessible for all residents	4/4/2016 10:59 PM
381	Shoe store like Tops for Shoes in Ashville.	4/4/2016 10:56 PM
382	affordable dining	4/1/2016 9:40 PM
383	Shoe store pet grooming Publix	3/29/2016 2:34 PM
384	More locally owned restaurant	3/29/2016 2:28 PM
385	Grocery stores (large chains & smaller artisan markets)	3/29/2016 11:57 AM
386	Let market decide	3/27/2016 12:35 PM
387	Movie Theatre, arts venue	3/24/2016 2:52 PM
388	Aldi's	3/24/2016 11:29 AM

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389	Womens shoes	3/23/2016 10:29 AM
390	small department store, shoe store,	3/22/2016 9:58 AM
391	Craft/hobby store	3/22/2016 6:36 AM
392	Please do not turn Decatur into another Five Points with sketchy retail (like the bong shop that recently closed)	3/21/2016 3:14 PM
393	Whole Foods, Trader Joe's, or some other upscale grocery store	3/21/2016 3:05 PM
394	Groceries	3/21/2016 12:40 PM
395	package store (spirits)	3/21/2016 9:02 AM
396	Full-scale grocery store, for example: Trader Joe's, Sprout's, Earth Fare (or even Whole Foods, in spite of its high prices).	3/20/2016 5:56 PM
397	Downtown package store	3/20/2016 1:09 PM
398	Package store	3/20/2016 12:24 PM
399	men's clothing and shoes	3/20/2016 10:30 AM
400	Office supply store	3/20/2016 10:24 AM
401	Trader Joe's	3/20/2016 10:17 AM
402	Grocery store	3/20/2016 7:13 AM
403	small general food store	3/20/2016 6:59 AM
404	Trader Joe's	3/20/2016 6:54 AM
405	Trader Joes, Bakery, veggie restaurants,	3/20/2016 6:09 AM
406	Family Store	3/19/2016 9:07 PM
407	Grocery store	3/19/2016 8:17 PM
408	Grocery with organic food/produce.	3/19/2016 5:01 PM
409	Mini golf	3/19/2016 4:37 PM
410	Outdoor living	3/19/2016 4:05 PM
411	hardware store	3/19/2016 3:53 PM
412	movie theater, grocery store	3/19/2016 2:22 PM
413	Trader Joe's	3/18/2016 11:38 PM
414	organic-friendly grocery (WholeFoods, Earthfare, etc.)	3/18/2016 4:24 PM
415	A nicer grocery store downtown.	3/18/2016 4:11 PM
416	Grocery Store, Upscale small market	3/18/2016 3:22 PM
417	Target, Whole Foods.	3/18/2016 9:24 AM
418	Movie theater (small, just a few screens)	3/17/2016 5:25 PM
419	We have plenty of the above options, we need more variety! Affordable clothing for children and young people, furniture/homegoods, a gift store with a card shop, etc	3/17/2016 11:50 AM
420	Service businesses: repair shops	3/17/2016 10:46 AM
421	Hardware	3/16/2016 5:40 PM
422	outdoor gear - similar to Half Moon Outfitters in Va-Hi	3/16/2016 4:25 PM
423	HOMe Furnishings, Art Supplies, Pet Supplies	3/16/2016 4:24 PM
424	Grocery	3/16/2016 3:43 PM

Q3 One of the constraints for locally owned retail businesses is the high cost of rent. Should the City of Decatur consider options for creating programs that would assist new retailers in testing the market and growing their businesses?

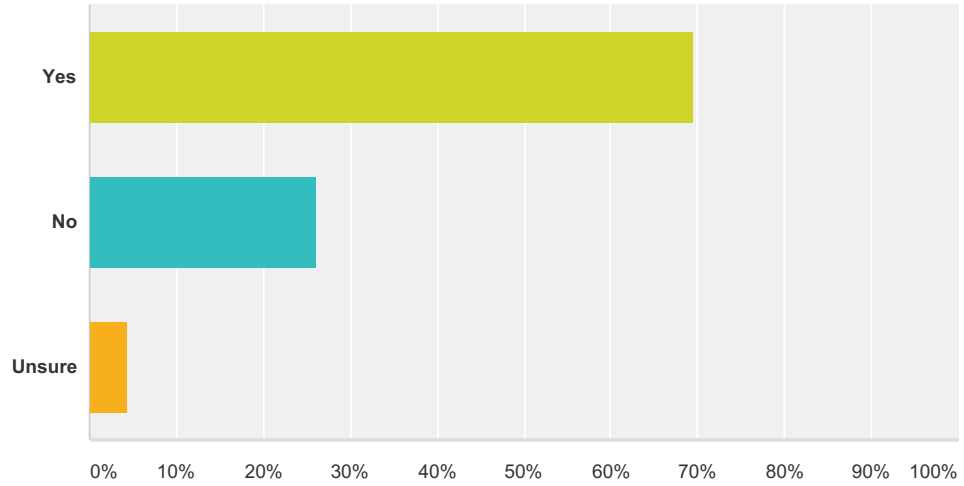
Answered: 1,035 Skipped: 17



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	71.21%	737
No	14.01%	145
Unsure	14.78%	153
Total		1,035

Q4 Have traffic or parking issues been a barrier to patronizing retail and service businesses in downtown Decatur?

Answered: 1,042 Skipped: 10



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	69.58%	725
No	26.01%	271
Unsure	4.41%	46
Total		1,042

Q5 Please suggest some solutions to traffic or parking issues that the City should consider.

Answered: 687 Skipped: 365

#	Responses	Date
1	I actually like the mobile parking app. It's made street parking a lot easier to pay for (when I can find a spot).	5/31/2016 9:54 PM
2	bike lane(s) on W. Howard Ave, better lighting and cleaning up the area around the Downtown Decatur bus stop loop (Swanton Way, off Commerce)	5/31/2016 9:39 PM
3	I don't have any issues with parking	5/31/2016 8:49 PM
4	A parking lot w a monthly pass. Free parking downtown, limited to 2 hours.	5/31/2016 5:28 PM
5	Remove the arrogant man who boots cars in the CVS parking lot and reduce the amount of public parking fees to \$5	5/31/2016 4:15 PM
6	Implement a free shuttle around downtown.	5/31/2016 2:05 PM
7	The parking deck at W. Trinity near courthouse should be free on weekends and after 6 on weekdays.	5/31/2016 1:40 PM
8	The county parking deck should be free to residents after hours. It's been that way for years and the county has now decided to charge for parking. On one hand I understand that. Are they really that much in need of revenue? The parking deck at the new development project at the former Calloway building should have parking available for residents. I visit towns/cities/communities all around the country. I don't spend much time in communities that require me to pay for parking. I don't think pay parking "solves" any parking problems. More public parking areas solves parking problems.	5/31/2016 1:14 PM
9	1) Improve the traffic light systems. There are no turn signals heading north on South Candler Street (going left onto College) and no turn signals on College turning onto N. Candler/S. Candler, McDonough, Columbia/Commerce) This is a traffic nightmare and encourages people to "cut through" neighborhoods and past schools. It also encourages people to "go for it" at lights so they can turn before oncoming traffic (dangerous!) These are also at student crosswalks. 2) Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Crossing Signs and Blinking Hazard lights are urgently needed to slow traffic down down on South Candler. We have almost been hit in a crosswalk (once with crossing guard) at S. Candler / Kirk due to drivers either not seeing the crosswalk (no signs on S Candler if your driving north), lights are green for way too long and South Candler is down hill in 2 directions which encourages drivers to "pick up speed" on South Candler. When you combine that with being in a hurry or texting and driving - it's ridiculous! 3) keep streets narrow but if there is room for a center "turn only" lane that would improve traffic flow on streets like Trinity, Commerce (where the multi family developments are going up and near retail shopping).	5/31/2016 11:19 AM
10	I am certain parking is an issue for those who don't live within walking distance, esp if they have to pay to walk around the Square with their kids in the middle of the afternoon, and not during the high volume times (like Friday-Sunday evenings around dinner time). Perhaps making parking on the street free and encouraging cheaper or free parking in surface lots free may get more families walking around downtown and patronizing restaurants and shops.	5/31/2016 9:29 AM
11	Better info out (signs, etc) about county parking deck which is available at night and on weekends.	5/31/2016 7:04 AM
12	Make walking and biking a priority. Cars are polluting and take up physical and Emotional space.	5/31/2016 6:15 AM
13	Allow for free deck parking all the time	5/30/2016 10:45 PM
14	Get rid of the parking in the square the one in front of the courthouse and the other by Starbucks. They always cause a lot of traffic and are always full. Make better signage for parking decks!!!	5/30/2016 10:13 PM
15	Make Decatur more pedestrian friendly	5/30/2016 8:09 PM
16	Why delete spaces on N. McDonough right after installation of the new meter system!? Free or cheap (less than \$4) clearly marked public parking garage like the one for the courthouse. We always find alternative places to shop because Decatur prices are already high and then parking in lots is so expensive you make an already expensive dinner or haircut even more so	5/30/2016 6:03 PM
17	Allow City of Decatur residents to park for free!	5/30/2016 4:52 PM
18	Bike Valet :)	5/30/2016 4:25 PM
19	Get rid booter bounty hunters	5/30/2016 3:52 PM

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20	Shuttles	5/30/2016 3:48 PM
21	Build a parking deck that is not so expensive!	5/30/2016 2:36 PM
22	Less strict booting, lower minimum credit card charges at pay stations, cleaner/safer garages, lots that are not restricted to just a few shops (i.e. Need to move the car to visit two close stores). Need to improve railroad crossing intersections.	5/30/2016 1:35 PM
23	People should be allowed to leave a parking lot for 1 hour after shopping at a store in that lot. They should show proof of shopping because their receipt has time stamp or change the lots to lay lots with first 30 minutes free. It's a much better solution and constant income rather than booting.	5/30/2016 1:26 PM
24	Make it free again! Free street parking or free for 2 hours then charged. Same with lots, free for 2 hours then you have to pay	5/30/2016 12:44 PM
25	Park Mobile App is great! No new parking lots, please, but better signage and CLEARER signage for existing lots, and get those private lots on board for the App and consistent signage.	5/30/2016 11:47 AM
26	Purchasing the Bank of America empty lot and putting a reasonably priced parking structure - co/work with B of A and let them issue a long-term bond as a community service. Shuttle service between downtown & Oakhurst	5/30/2016 11:08 AM
27	No auto traffic between Church and Commerce on the Ponces and no auto traffic between Commerce and the old Court House and the old Court House and Trinity.	5/30/2016 10:02 AM
28	Should have been considered before increasing the houses off of Howard and along Ponce. What can be done now?	5/30/2016 9:15 AM
29	We are not using Decatur businesses anymore bc we used to pay to park on N McDonough St but now there are signs saying parking by permit only so now - at night and on weekends - these spots are empty. How senseless! We can't walk a mile and a half from Oakhurst to pick up a book or go eat at 246. Many of us have young kids who can't walk that far or ride and some people have injuries or want to dress nicely. Why eliminate some of the minimal parking and make empty spots? This is what hurts Decatur businesses!	5/30/2016 6:58 AM
30	free retail parking	5/29/2016 9:23 PM
31	Allow free parking in that giant lot surrounding Bank of America after hours and on weekends.	5/29/2016 7:17 PM
32	Free 2 hour parking	5/29/2016 6:52 PM
33	Those for whom walking is an issue but who do not qualify for handicapped parking.	5/29/2016 6:42 PM
34	Signage for available parking might be useful. More visible valet parking.	5/29/2016 11:23 AM
35	Allow parking in one lot (for example, CVS) and ability to walk to stores outside of the parking lot.	5/28/2016 8:08 PM
36	parking has become a huge issue. Make parking should free for citizens of Decatur. Also do away with predatory practices of booting cars on parking lots.	5/28/2016 2:23 PM
37	Encourage biking	5/28/2016 8:25 AM
38	Allow free on-street parking for Decatur residents (by using a decal on residents' cars) and promote free or validated parking at garages throughout downtown. Personally, I do not patronize any downtown Decatur businesses (restaurants, shops, etc) who do not have free parking available if I drive instead of walking.	5/27/2016 9:35 PM
39	Perhaps creating/reduced to less expensive parking lots.	5/27/2016 12:34 PM
40	1. For a town that tries to promote itself as sustainable and eco-friendly, there's a serious lack of bicycle racks in Decatur. There should be more near the MARTA entrances and in other parts of the city. 2. The new parking meters require you to pay a minimum of \$2. There should be an option for paying less if you only want to stop somewhere for a few minutes to get a cup of coffee or drop something off, for example.	5/27/2016 12:26 PM
41	Make certain streets car free on the weekends only.	5/27/2016 11:31 AM
42	I wish I had answers for you	5/27/2016 11:29 AM
43	Decatur has become a destination for many people who come as far as Marietta. 1. Need a lot more PARKING. I live a mile from downtown on Drexel Ave and people are parking on our street because they cannot find any paying or free parking. Friends I had not heard from in years calling from other areas to ask if I knew where there was parking..One couple went home with tickets to Eddie's Attic without seeing the show. Said they were never coming back. 2. Sticker for people living within a close distance with designated parking. Myself and several neighbors stopped doing everyday errands in downtown Decatur.	5/27/2016 11:10 AM
44	STOP the BOOTING. I don't shop in Decatur because of it. Remove some of the Parking Meters that the Dollar Sign People (Commissioners who only see dollar signs when they open their eyes) have approved	5/27/2016 9:21 AM

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45	I do tend to only go to places where I know I can find a place within 400 meters to park. For example, I never visit Thumbs Up because I'm not sure where to park. Maybe a map of all the parking options would be nice to share with residents and non-residents.	5/27/2016 9:15 AM
46	What if resident's could get some kind of parking code, so they could park free on the street, where there are meters.	5/27/2016 9:15 AM
47	I recently used the google bikes system in Austin TX and loved it. I think it would be a great addition to the city to reduce the need for cars.	5/27/2016 8:59 AM
48	protected bike access from all directions	5/27/2016 6:27 AM
49	Improve the traffic light flow and wait times. Wait times are too long at many intersections, including along Commerce. Result is people waiting at long stretches to go when there are no cars in the cross lanes.	5/27/2016 12:29 AM
50	Privately run shuttles from lots at First Baptist Church, First Methodists and Saint Thomas More lots (based on of course, agreements with the churches)	5/26/2016 9:55 PM
51	shuttles	5/26/2016 9:27 PM
52	Safer bike lanes	5/26/2016 9:22 PM
53	structured parking just off the Square, possibly on the site of the PD office surface parking or as part of a development on the BofA parking lots. Lack of free short-term parking is always cited as the biggest problem in patronizing the downtown core.	5/26/2016 9:20 PM
54	Not sure	5/26/2016 9:04 PM
55	More biking avenues and bike parking areas	5/26/2016 8:42 PM
56	Don't close more lanes as was done in Church. Meters are hard to use. Have free parking earlier in the evening and all weekend.	5/26/2016 7:19 PM
57	More free parking	5/26/2016 7:00 PM
58	Not creating any more lanes for bikes would be a start. Every time the lanes disappear, traffic either gets worse, or is concentrated further elsewhere. Parking is great, and no problem. Best of all would be a Marta with real train access to the area, but that will never happen.	5/26/2016 6:46 PM
59	I believe some areas should have dedicated free parking for restaurants or stores; if those parking spaces fill up then patrons have to pay the meter. You guys took away the parking at the bank and raised the cost of parking so now people hesitate to come to Decatur when they can go somewhere with more excitement and more to do.	5/26/2016 5:26 PM
60	public awareness of courthouse garage usage	5/26/2016 4:55 PM
61	Further reduce the need to drive in Decatur	5/26/2016 4:21 PM
62	Ensuring that all new approved development makes accommodation for ou public parking above and beyond the needs of the development. Ensure that decks are built along with mpnew developments. Offer trams or other simple public transportation from Oakhurst to downtown.	5/26/2016 3:58 PM
63	Emphasize and improve options other than car transportation (MARTA, walk, and bike). Even car sharing options would help improve the traffic.	5/26/2016 1:06 PM
64	We need to figure out a way for owners of private lots to protect their lots from non-customers whilst still encouraging a walkable downtown. For example, you'd have to drive from CVS to Dancing Goats to Cook's Warehouse to get your errands done or else you'd get booted. That is ridiculous. Why not make all surface lots free for 30 minutes and charge a payment after that? If you want to park at CVS and go spend two hours at T'Mac, that's fine, but you pay for it. Get rid of the horrible booters!	5/26/2016 12:35 PM
65	Look at Santa Monica, CA. They have public parking decks, but the first 2 hours are free. Pretty much fully automated, too. As for traffic, I'd say get expert input on that. All I know is that going crosstown in our little city can take quite a bit of time.	5/26/2016 11:44 AM
66	more free parking	5/26/2016 11:28 AM
67	Please continue to support biking, transit and walking to downtown Decatur. More bike racks would be appreciated.	5/26/2016 11:03 AM
68	stop over development	5/26/2016 10:56 AM
69	Increase frequency of MARTA trains. Increase bike lanes and bike parking.	5/26/2016 10:42 AM
70	On street metering during evening peak hours!!! It is very difficult to find any short term (15 min) parking but metering would encourage longer term parking in paid lots.	5/26/2016 10:40 AM

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71	To assist retail, lower the cost of parking meters. Also, make the courthouse parking lot FREE for anyone who wants to park there after 4pm and FREE all day on weekends.	5/26/2016 10:31 AM
72	Parking in Decatur is as it should be. There are plenty of places to park for a reasonable fee. This creates the perfect balance between pedestrians, cyclists, and the drivers.	5/26/2016 10:17 AM
73	Raise parking fees. Encourage walk/bike/MARTA	5/26/2016 10:11 AM
74	You have a MARTA stop in the center of downtown. It is clean and beautiful. There is ample bicycle parking. Decatur is wonderful, and better when people get out of their cars, bike, walk, and use public transportation.	5/26/2016 10:06 AM
75	Encourage more cycling and walking	5/26/2016 9:59 AM
76	decreased or free parking when making purchases at retail establishments	5/26/2016 9:58 AM
77	More bicycle lanes and paths that are protected. It is amazing how many people drive short routes that clog up traffic and would take less or equal time on foot or by bicycle.	5/26/2016 9:15 AM
78	Parking app. Working with some retailers to allow parking in their lots when closed.	5/26/2016 8:09 AM
79	More secure parking decks	5/26/2016 8:04 AM
80	Stop putting up so many multi-unit complexes!!!!!!!!!! Declare a moratorium on construction!!!Almost too late!	5/25/2016 10:44 PM
81	Ponce could be pedestrian only between clairmont and church. Make it a nice bricked road like over by Devry/Souper Jenny!	5/25/2016 10:04 PM
82	City owned lots - let people park for free i.e. Courthouse deck after hours	5/25/2016 8:24 PM
83	The predatory booting has got to stop!	5/25/2016 7:22 PM
84	Roundabouts, free parking for limited time periods (e.g. Emory Point), prohibit predatory booting (e.g. CVS, Chipotle)	5/25/2016 6:55 PM
85	Please allow free parking in the county parking deck at night and on weekends again.	5/25/2016 4:54 PM
86	Continue to place easily identifiable markers on public parking. Make it idiot proof. There is plenty of parking people just don't know where it is.	5/25/2016 4:21 PM
87	1. I would like to see more specifically short term parking (max 20, 30 minutes) for quick errand access. 2. The city should examine all curb areas designated as loading zone 24 hours a day. I never see any of those areas as loading 24 hours a day, and it seems reasonable to have certain hours/weekends where those spots are open to the public (specifically the Sharian frontage, but there are other areas as well). 3. I very much support the idea of the city shuttle loop. I think it would be reasonable for a \$1/ride.	5/25/2016 1:52 PM
88	More bike lanes. Fewer car lanes. Circulator bus.	5/25/2016 1:40 PM
89	Could the city take responsibility for county parking lots to be used on nights/weekends and charge same as rates for street parking?	5/25/2016 12:52 PM
90	Open up state and city lots at night. Open up lots at businesses that are closed in the evening. Open up the cemetery to parking.	5/25/2016 12:49 PM
91	Have Decatur shuttles, this would encourage ppl to leave cars behind	5/25/2016 11:02 AM
92	Use of the park mobile app for the meters like they have at ponce city market. It's much more user friendly. Also, work with businesses that shut down in the evening and partner with them for after hours parking.	5/25/2016 8:55 AM
93	Surge parking pricing based on space availability. When parking is less than 60% full, parking is free. 60-85% low price, 85-100% high price. Turn portions of government services lots into public parking after hours, evenings and weekends. I avoid Downtown Decatur due to parking issues.	5/25/2016 7:52 AM
94	Quit letting developers build 100s of apartments	5/25/2016 2:41 AM
95	Complimentary valet, free parking	5/24/2016 11:21 PM
96	Decatur Library parking should be open and free or cheap after library and community center hours. Shuttle bus for events. Roundabout at W. Ponce/Nelson Ferry/Northern. Replace stop sign at E. Lake and Parkwood with signal coordinated with signal at Paden Circle. Extend northbound left turn bay from East Lake Drive to Paden Circle. Consider pedestrian over/underpass on Scott Blvd. to serve Westchester Elementary. Extend Path Trail along Green St to SE to approx. Midway Rd.	5/24/2016 11:00 PM
97	It would be nice if resident's could get free parking on the street. Some type of voucher.	5/24/2016 9:57 PM

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98	retail will suffer without low-cost parking; I would shop routinely on the Square, but am tired of paying exorbitant parking fees, esp. as a Decatur resident. Consider giving local residents (Decatur, unincorporated DeKalb/Emory/CDC) free 2-hour parking passes--even if we have to pay a modest yearly fee (e.g., \$20). You might consider a limited shuttle service that runs down N. Decatur, Church St, downtown Decatur, Emory/CDC--but make stops convenient down these roads.	5/24/2016 9:03 PM
99	Giving Decatur residents a "pass" to park for free. Get rid of bike lanes that simply increase traffic, increase pollution as a result of increased idling times.	5/24/2016 8:37 PM
100	We usually walk or bike (with stroller or kids in bike trailer) when going to the square because of parking. We would like better crosswalks to the south of the square over College and the railroad tracks.	5/24/2016 8:02 PM
101	Bike lanes and crossings for rail intersections	5/24/2016 7:35 PM
102	When building a large apt/condo building take into consideration the traffic issues it will bring. Ie the new development at the railroad tracks at candler and college. Nightmare.	5/24/2016 7:08 PM
103	Allow parking for shopping /services at a reduced rate, validated at businesses. Create a pedestrian area only on Ponce near Court House, route traffic around and provide more parking decks with shuttle service.	5/24/2016 6:48 PM
104	I think Decatur does a pretty good job of being walkable - we should continue that. Especially train crossings. (I know those are in the works.) We also need to figure out a way to get all the middle and high schoolers on the bus or walking/rolling to/from school.	5/24/2016 6:11 PM
105	Note: I like the new parking meters, now that I have figured them out.	5/24/2016 4:53 PM
106	It seems that current city thinking is to create barriers to traffic flow by removing traffic lanes (church st), having poorly timed signals (commerce st), and allowing more, denser, housing condos and associated garages along major thoroughfare routes (commerce st and Trinity st).	5/24/2016 4:44 PM
107	Decatur City taxpayers should receive an allotment of free parking. At least Decaturites could shop and visit downtown.	5/24/2016 4:35 PM
108	Make it easier to park somewhere and walk throughout the City. This may require creativity (incentives) for private parking lot owners.	5/24/2016 4:33 PM
109	Parking can be an issue near the square. Either create a shuttle that runs on a loop around the city or create more parking.	5/24/2016 3:45 PM
110	shuttles	5/24/2016 3:29 PM
111	Businesses should be given parking vouchers for customers.	5/24/2016 3:19 PM
112	two hours free parking before meters start	5/24/2016 2:28 PM
113	Better signage letting drivers know where garages are (and the pricing of those options). Much of the congestion downtown appears to be related to people looking for parking.	5/24/2016 2:27 PM
114	The parking app is awful and absurdly expensive. A minimum charge of \$2.35 to park is ridiculous. In Vienna Austria, they offer paper parking tickets that you can buy in various time increments and simply place on your dash with the date marked (https://www.wien.gv.at/english/transportation/parking/images/falsch.jpg). Reasonable, simple, and they encourage users to shop at local retailers. Plus they work in concert with an app.	5/24/2016 2:07 PM
115	Better (safer) bike lanes and bike parking	5/24/2016 1:43 PM
116	2 hour free parking in parking lots/decks. Better marked areas for parking lots/decks.	5/24/2016 12:57 PM
117	Decatur MUST realize that cars have every right to come into and through the city. Traffic planning has been piecemeal at best, which leaves chokepoints at major intersections (Candler and McDonough at College St. come to mind) that force cut-through traffic onto residential streets (like Avery, where I live). Commerce at Church Street is terrible. City must take a longer view of traffic, while recognizing that cars are part of the traffic mix, too. Timing of lights and delayed turn signals (College at Commerce, under the RR tracks, please!) would help.	5/24/2016 12:39 PM
118	There's just not enough parking that doesn't charge an arm and a leg to park. I would have to pay \$5 to park just to run into Butter and Cream for a \$3 ice cream?? It definitely dissuades us from making casual evenings out in town.	5/24/2016 10:41 AM
119	Parking issues have mostly stopped me from visiting downtown Decatur, I have heard this from neighbors and friends, as well. The city of Decatur has alienated customers of local businesses by overcharging for parking and allowing overly-aggressive enforcement practices. Seriously, are these people working on commission?	5/24/2016 10:32 AM
120	Valet parking. Friendly people to point people to available parking.	5/24/2016 10:24 AM
121	The construction on Commerce (near CVS) has got to end soon. I can't believe how long that right lane was closed.	5/24/2016 10:18 AM

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122	A parking pass frequent customers can purchase to still give income to businesses and the city of Decatur, but to avoid hassling payment every trip.	5/24/2016 10:14 AM
123	stop booting vehicles	5/24/2016 10:13 AM
124	A lot of people think parking should be free all the time everywhere. But Decatur isn't the suburbs. Private lots in the area should be able to regulate parking or even charge reasonable fees for extended parking. Public parking is usually available and easy to find, and the electronic payment system is very convenient. The Courthouse deck should remain open to the public as free parking after hours to access downtown businesses.	5/24/2016 9:49 AM
125	Find a way to continue offering, and promoting, evening and weekend use of free parking in government lots/decks.	5/24/2016 9:46 AM
126	Turning Ponce and Trinity into a one way loop.	5/24/2016 9:26 AM
127	Ensure there is better walkability from outlying areas (ie clairmont rd sidewalks out to lavista)	5/24/2016 9:14 AM
128	We need a garage that is free or inexpensive (<\$5) on evenings and weekends. If that already exists, we need better signage to that location. Metered parking could be extended to later in the evening to ensure turnover of those coveted spots. Maybe up to 10pm Friday and Saturday? More bike parking in the square too pls.	5/24/2016 8:39 AM
129	Make the lot on the corner of church and commerce a parking structure. It's ugly now anyway	5/24/2016 8:26 AM
130	You seriously need some traffic lights or stop signs on West Howard, between Atlanta Ave and East Lake. It's a major problem for us residents trying to leave the neighborhood and access West Howard. Extreme let dangerous.	5/24/2016 8:15 AM
131	Traffic lights should be set up with staggered left turn signals, especially in spots where adding a dedicated left turn lane is not possible, or even where there is one. When light turns green initially traffic on one side goes green with dedicated left, then the other side ends with a dedicated left.	5/24/2016 8:05 AM
132	I have never had to wait finding a parking spot in 11 years. I personally think the court square area should be walkable, no cars.	5/24/2016 7:38 AM
133	Free short term parking with stamp from local business purchase	5/24/2016 7:25 AM
134	Stop permitting the building of high density housing.	5/24/2016 4:54 AM
135	What about a shuttle that goes to high activity areas.	5/23/2016 11:14 PM
136	Stop predatory booting and towing. Extend meter parking to 3 hours from 2, which is too short to dine and stroll.	5/23/2016 10:35 PM
137	Buses or trams from neighborhoods to downtown. More parking structures. Open the courthouse parking after hours for free	5/23/2016 10:25 PM
138	I wish I could think of some. This is a tough issue.	5/23/2016 10:17 PM
139	I think all city of Decatur residents should have an option to buy an annual parking pass so that we don't have to constantly feed meters.	5/23/2016 8:51 PM
140	I have the parking app, which is handy, but now it makes me pay for an entire hour of parking even if I'm only running into a store. Make it easier to park short-term in Decatur.	5/23/2016 8:35 PM
141	I miss the free parking deck at the court house	5/23/2016 8:32 PM
142	Maybe another municipal parking deck near the square.	5/23/2016 8:19 PM
143	The length of time I have to wait to cross major streets (e.g. College & W.Howard Aves; Clairmont) deters me from walking into and around Decatur - suggest making these lights more favorable to pedestrians.	5/23/2016 8:19 PM
144	More bicycle parking around the square. Easier to read signs showing public parking and pricing so people feel more comfortable using it.	5/23/2016 7:51 PM
145	People shouldn't expect free parking!	5/23/2016 6:20 PM
146	A city issued pass that can be paid for annually by residents allowing them to park without dealing with machines or some iPhone/Android type application	5/23/2016 5:35 PM
147	Not everyone can walk or bike to every destination. Subsidized local transit would be helpful.	5/23/2016 4:57 PM
148	Trolley around town.	5/23/2016 4:57 PM
149	Provide City of Decatur Residents Parking Decals that offer Free or Discount Parking. Residents should be allowed to park on residential streets surrounding the city.	5/23/2016 4:50 PM
150	More frequent bus service from Emory, North DeKalb Mall, Ponce corridor, etc	5/23/2016 4:40 PM
151	Keep the DeKalb Co. garage free on weekends	5/23/2016 4:30 PM

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152	I wish I knew!	5/23/2016 4:18 PM
153	lowering the cost of parking garage parking or increasing the amount of time for free parking.	5/23/2016 4:09 PM
154	Stop allowing permits for residential and commercial building. Consider green spaces	5/23/2016 4:04 PM
155	Stop building apartments. Stop demolishing convenient open lots. Make sure parking fees are reasonable, even in private lots. Add another level to the library deck. Use parts of Bank of America lot for public parking. Allow night/weekend public parking in business garages and make them safe. Come up with space for golf carts.	5/23/2016 3:58 PM
156	More lots. Better signs to direct people to lots. 1st hour or 1st two hours free parking	5/23/2016 3:57 PM
157	Free parking. It's such a pain to go to dinner or run an errand when you have to pay for parking. I refuse to do so.	5/23/2016 3:49 PM
158	Keep the municipal parking decks free on nights and weekends.	5/23/2016 3:48 PM
159	More parking spaces, and free ones.	5/23/2016 3:41 PM
160	All parking be metered. Employees off site parking. More security in parking decks.	5/23/2016 3:32 PM
161	Free Local Circulator... Minibus/Trolley	5/23/2016 3:14 PM
162	warnings for first parking offense (each year maybe); escalating scale for fines (i.e., fines increase for each subsequent offense).	5/23/2016 3:05 PM
163	parking is expensive and there is not enough parking	5/23/2016 1:53 PM
164	Safety on Scott Blvd needs to be a priority, as does adding/widening/improving sidewalks throughout the city.	5/23/2016 12:24 PM
165	Better signage for available deck parking in conjunction with clear pricing on signs	5/23/2016 12:18 PM
166	Offer paid city parking stickers (maybe \$100/year). I often skip downtown due to insane meters (nearly 3\$ for 1 hour!)	5/23/2016 11:36 AM
167	allow less than 1 hour for parking. I hate paying several dollars for 15 minutes on the square!	5/23/2016 11:30 AM
168	Incentives for walking. Better pedestrian and cycling options.	5/23/2016 11:27 AM
169	Shuttle/circulator to Downtown on major roads (like S Candler)	5/23/2016 11:07 AM
170	If the county plans to eventually charge for parking in their deck after 5 and on weekends, consider the idea of exploring a fee paid monthly by the city to keep the gates open. Could possibly be funded or partially funded by on-street parking fees. Once a monthly cost is determined, the city could ask the community whether or not it's worth it.	5/23/2016 10:29 AM
171	predatory booting	5/23/2016 10:15 AM
172	free trolley, trolley bus down ponce.	5/23/2016 9:45 AM
173	trolley shuttle bus	5/23/2016 9:04 AM
174	No idea why Decatur charges for street parking, simply dissuading people from coming. I have gone towards the square, and left for other locations, simply because of this one issue.	5/23/2016 9:00 AM
175	If you plan on increasing the number of retailers, there should be comparable parking for patrons. Many of the lots are full when you're trying to park, or it is difficult to find street parking in the evening. For quick errands, people are getting towed or booted at times even if they are in the right. Many blogs/groups have been complaining about this. I feel the parking/traffic situation needs to be fixed before adding more retail. Let us enjoy what is there without the headache. I've been here for ten years and have watched this city change a lot in terms of parking and traffic. More restrictions and headache. There are many days my family opts to go to a different neighborhood because we can find parking and not deal with traffic. We used to make downtown Decatur our go to spot for shopping and now I'd rather go somewhere else, especially for something quick.	5/23/2016 8:55 AM
176	First hour free - and enforced at meters	5/23/2016 8:50 AM
177	The parking garages are not clearly labeled, and it's not clear enough as to which are public, etc. While I know that most of the garages are privately owned, the city should get them all to adopt standardized street signage to indicate public, 100% private, retail, and/or discounted parking, with a standardized sign indicating which businesses offer discounted parking.	5/23/2016 8:45 AM
178	Resident parking, reduced parking payment fee on phone app, improved walking options to encourage local residents (who can) to walk	5/23/2016 8:41 AM
179	Shuttle service?	5/23/2016 8:20 AM
180	Stop booting. Create - or use what is there - free or low cost general public parking. Work with retailers who have their own parking lots to make them public	5/23/2016 8:08 AM

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181	I've seen young and old folks struggle with the parking meters in dt decatur. I'd like to see a "up to 30 mins free". I don't want to pay to run into Squash Blossom for a few mins.	5/23/2016 8:07 AM
182	Need to have an engineer reevaluate traffic patterns and lights - many lights don't have turn lanes/signals and in the morning this is critical (especially on College at intersection of S McDonough). Possibly have a traffic cop places at that intersection during the school year to more efficiently direct traffic in that area.	5/23/2016 7:56 AM
183	Special free parking days.	5/23/2016 7:42 AM
184	Making more street parking and make it free	5/23/2016 7:18 AM
185	More free lots	5/22/2016 11:54 PM
186	Allowing the minimum credit card payment on the parking meter to be less than \$2. I don't often go to Starbucks if I have to pay \$2 to park for 10 minutes. Other ideas are 30 mins free parking, enforced. Or something like peach pass or a prepaid swipe card.	5/22/2016 11:18 PM
187	control population growth. all the development is out of control.	5/22/2016 11:14 PM
188	do something to control population growth. traffic is getting ridiculous and the 2 big apt projects arent even done or fully rented.	5/22/2016 10:53 PM
189	Stop narrowing Commerce. It's intended purpose was to bring traffic around town. Add left turn arrows at Commerce and College and another at Candler and College.	5/22/2016 10:15 PM
190	I have a second home in Asheville NC. They have implemented first hour free parking decks and each addl hour \$1. These lots are spread around downtown. Need more scooter and handicapped parking also.	5/22/2016 10:15 PM
191	Have parking spots that are free for residents, more short term parking that is free or a shuttle for residents	5/22/2016 10:15 PM
192	Allow golf carts	5/22/2016 10:05 PM
193	Free parking deck	5/22/2016 9:17 PM
194	Take down the resident only signs on streets close to the city center where the majority of residents of that street have off-street parking available in their own private driveways. Crack down on residents parking junker cars and chaining bicycles up in parallel public parking spaces to prevent outsiders from parking on "their" street (despite, again, those residents' access to off-street parking on their own properties). Decatur has plenty of parking, if residents would only share the spaces.	5/22/2016 9:05 PM
195	Make empty lots available...such as Bank of America lot	5/22/2016 8:36 PM
196	More parking garages	5/22/2016 8:36 PM
197	Bike lane on church!!!!!!	5/22/2016 8:25 PM
198	Have 30 minute parking be free. More than 30 minutes, fine, I will pay, but having to pay to pick up a sandwich, grab a coffee, or try On a dress? It's just a hassle, and I doubt much money is made off of such short term parking, compared to the pain and waste of time factor for people and businesses. I just skip downtown for those things, even though it is by far the closest, unless I am on foot.	5/22/2016 8:05 PM
199	Lower cost for parking in lots	5/22/2016 8:01 PM
200	Free parking lot near Bank of America	5/22/2016 7:52 PM
201	Stop building mixed use apartments and add an additional parking deck at the corner of Church and Commerce	5/22/2016 5:59 PM
202	Bike stations. More signage to decks.	5/22/2016 5:57 PM
203	More crosswalks	5/22/2016 5:39 PM
204	cost of parking is high - perhaps free parking for 2 hours or so could be provided in the garages	5/22/2016 4:41 PM
205	allow less than \$2.50 minimum in parkmobile parking areas. Get a few gas-powered small mini-buses and use them to bring residents to a few high-traffic areas at \$1.50 per ride or less	5/22/2016 2:32 PM
206	More signage to decks	5/22/2016 2:31 PM
207	some kind of shared parking lot options. I know some parking lots are owned by private companies and are for use for certain shops. If you can park in those lots and go to other locations on foot that would be helpful. The fear of getting booted stops me from going to certain locations.	5/22/2016 1:59 PM
208	Make city center pedestrian only	5/22/2016 1:55 PM
209	Smarter and better timed traffic lights.	5/22/2016 11:02 AM

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210	Restore Commerce to four lanes throughout. The intent of having Commerce so wide was to give drivers a way around downtown and keep more cars off of Ponce de Leon between Commerce and Commerce. Restricting Commerce is forcing more cars onto that section of Ponce.	5/22/2016 10:58 AM
211	Repair city sidewalks in neighborhoods to make them safer & discourage pedestrian traffic on those streets. Get more aggressive with street resurfacing. We aren't receiving the value in street surfacing for the high taxes we pay.	5/22/2016 10:57 AM
212	City of Decatur parking permits to allow reduced or free parking in the downtown area	5/22/2016 10:49 AM
213	more handicap spaces, parking garage slightly outside of downtown with shuttle service.	5/22/2016 10:37 AM
214	more bike racks, bike lanes, bike share near MARTA	5/22/2016 9:06 AM
215	Do more for walkability and biking in the central core of the city (inside commerce drive) For example Block off the core of downtown ie ponce de leon from traffic - as Boulder CO did many years ago. Close parking in front of Brick Store, Sweet Melissa's and turn those areas into outdoor cafe seating.	5/22/2016 1:24 AM
216	Promote safe cycling with dedicated bike paths	5/21/2016 11:45 PM
217	good luck. with all the construction that has been approved I really hope someone thought about the nightmare of traffic that already exists! I don't know what to do..except move.	5/21/2016 8:54 PM
218	high density housing naturally leads to increased traffic. Leaving Decatur at rush hour in the morning is torture. Driving through downtown at noon on weekdays is tedious. So improve Commerce and Howard as by-pass options. Improve traffic light timing at Clairmont & Scott. Reinstitute free evening parking in the county parking decks. Eliminate development plans for Callenwold building and make it green space. Develop low cost. Create trolley-like option so folks can park at Avondale Station or East Lake station and take free trolley through downtown. Would need to be frequent enough that people would not feel it a time waster. Would also need to work with MARTA to publicize parking in those lots.	5/21/2016 8:13 PM
219	short route busses that are free or low cost that circulate throughout the city.	5/21/2016 7:56 PM
220	Bike parking and bike lanes	5/21/2016 4:52 PM
221	Free parking	5/21/2016 4:34 PM
222	Better public transportation between north and south Decatur, more pedestrian friendly sidewalks, dedicated bike lanes	5/21/2016 4:30 PM
223	Locally run shuttles from parking lots	5/21/2016 3:32 PM
224	Make walking over the railroad tracks easier so that Oakhurst residents do not get stuck in the tracks' congestion	5/21/2016 3:18 PM
225	Free parking on weekends in the deck near the courthouse (the way it used to be!). I used this to go to the Sat AM Farmers Mkt. I stopped going when I had to pay. I believe the mkt now has moved to the church at Commerce and Clairemont, where I'm assuming the parking is free.	5/21/2016 3:11 PM
226	Free short term parking, free Saturday's, and more public parking.	5/21/2016 2:51 PM
227	One should be able to ride a bicycle in protected lanes to and from the square.	5/21/2016 2:40 PM
228	There should be free, short term parking available and more inexpensive parking. And make all day Saturday free. And meters should be programmed to not take money during free times. I see people feeding meters after six and on Sunday's and the meters take the money. Ripoff.	5/21/2016 2:39 PM
229	Figure out a way to get a city parking garage now that DeKalb is moving to charge for the courthouse garage.	5/21/2016 2:21 PM
230	Not sure why the parking in front of Chick Fil A and across McDonough became "permit only". Where are you supposed to park where you don't have to pay? Traffic signals at McDonough and College are TERRIBLE.	5/21/2016 1:41 PM
231	more bicycle parking options	5/21/2016 1:18 PM
232	Protected bike lanes, bike parking.	5/21/2016 12:57 PM
233	Priority for City residents in parking (cost, location). Incentives for non-resident guests to use alternate transport such as Uber, Marta, rather than being cars (discount from businesses, etc). "Resident happy hours" to encourage local patrons and enable them to visit the local businesses. Incentives that permit parking in one location when visiting several businesses on foot.	5/21/2016 12:07 PM
234	Parking will always be an issue. I'm sure there are some people who avoid Decatur because of parking challenges, but they'd probably rather visit the mall anyway. Perhaps come up with an incentive for people who take Marta? 5% off purchases if you used Marta that day? Or a shuttle on high-activity days to an existing parking lot outside of downtown. Maybe rented from a church? Just please please don't build any more surface or deck parking!	5/21/2016 11:46 AM
235	Bikes	5/21/2016 11:43 AM

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236	Work with Marta to introduce fares based on distance of journey, similar to what larger systems like DC Metro have done. If I want to hop on at East Lake and ride just to Downtown Decatur stop, it shouldn't cost full fare both ways.	5/21/2016 11:04 AM
237	Those meters are ridiculous. Bring back the coin ones; at least we get what we pay for with those. I'm tired of being nickle-and-dimed half to death	5/21/2016 10:50 AM
238	Bike lanes	5/21/2016 10:07 AM
239	Encourage bicycling and walking	5/21/2016 9:46 AM
240	I feel penalized as a resident that I pay high taxes to live in this community and during the weekend people come from outside the community (which is great for business) but there's no where for me to park to patronize businesses. Could we have a city parking sticker at a lot where residents can park for free during certain hours? We try to bike, but the crossings from the WP and Oakhurst areas are horrible. We need better crossings to be able to take our kids on their bikes.	5/21/2016 9:21 AM
241	Stop building huge condominium/apartment buildings in the heart of decatur. We have had enough development! Also, the quality of the building on Commerce is disappointing.	5/21/2016 9:18 AM
242	we can't make more space...keeping the parking affordable would really help.	5/21/2016 9:17 AM
243	Improve street lighting so people can park and walk to stores in a safer way. Reduce size of parking stalls. Current standards are way too big for the majority of the cars, therefore we should reduce the size of parking stalls or simply have more compact cars sizes stalls.	5/21/2016 9:05 AM
244	perhaps a trolley-style service that could easily bring people in from neighborhoods around downtown. you'really doing good on walkability/bikeability--keep it up!	5/21/2016 8:49 AM
245	Decatur residents should pay less for parking	5/21/2016 8:40 AM
246	Build a deck on the current surface lot at commerce and church. Provide more 15 minute free spots in the spaces on the square. This will allow someone to grab a to-go meal, a coffe, pick up a quick gift or gift card.	5/21/2016 7:59 AM
247	Parking Machines that are easier to use; more parking machines - a few 15m spots	5/21/2016 7:43 AM
248	For quick in and out stops they could offer spots with the first 15 minutes free.	5/21/2016 7:33 AM
249	more metered parking. one hour free deck (somewhere?)	5/21/2016 7:31 AM
250	free meters on the weekend	5/21/2016 6:57 AM
251	Clearer signage where booting is likely. There's lots of signage in the CVS lot but is too wordy and not explicit enough.	5/21/2016 5:42 AM
252	Limited parking to encourage public transit	5/21/2016 2:20 AM
253	Get rid of meters. Business will double.	5/21/2016 12:37 AM
254	1/2 hour free parking	5/21/2016 12:36 AM
255	allow residents to pay a yearly fee for a parking decal/card that allows parking in a designated lot/deck? lower the minimum charge at the new meters? \$2 is high if you're just running in to grab something. I know it seems like people whine about parking in decatur, but our family really is hesitant to do things downtown sometimes just because of the pain and/or cost of parking. We live north of scott blvd with small children, so the prospect of walking is not really appealing most times.	5/21/2016 12:08 AM
256	Have a refillable card that can be loaded up and used for parking	5/20/2016 11:19 PM
257	I have none.	5/20/2016 10:27 PM
258	Slow down traffic on South Candler	5/20/2016 10:26 PM
259	Bike lanes so people can more easily visit without cars.	5/20/2016 10:22 PM
260	city of Decatur residents should not be charged to park in dedicated lots of residents. We already pay premium taxes to live here and would support our local businesses more if we had a parking pass/ priviledge.	5/20/2016 9:48 PM
261	More options for free 1 hour parking on weekends	5/20/2016 9:47 PM
262	Free parking in closed businesses lots or after hour lots. Shuttle between oakhurst village and downtown Decatur.	5/20/2016 9:21 PM
263	I often walk..unless going to a store (CVS) that has free parking.	5/20/2016 8:52 PM
264	Free parking 24 / 7	5/20/2016 8:32 PM
265	bike lanes	5/20/2016 8:26 PM
266	City of Decatur bus service	5/20/2016 8:24 PM

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267	One - two hour free parking in downtown decks	5/20/2016 8:18 PM
268	Stop building mega apartment developments.	5/20/2016 8:15 PM
269	Parking is becoming troublesome for residents lately. More parking should be available free of charge for residents so they can enjoy the businesses in the city. Residents can be issued a tag or something similar for identification. Booting in the city should be further constrained. As traffic worsens, reparking becomes even more challenging. If people will be punished for shopping in several businesses within a block by predatory booting practices, we will choose not to shop or dine at the city.	5/20/2016 7:59 PM
270	Encourage use of bikes to reach Decatur square. Possibly have bike corrals with bikes to borrow at locations on the perimeter of city center.	5/20/2016 7:42 PM
271	Reopen roads, such as E Howard Ave., to give people alternative routes. CONTROL the development!!!! No more block sized, light blotting out, massive, but ugly, developments. Just stop.	5/20/2016 7:21 PM
272	Stop building condos, apartments and country club size houses!	5/20/2016 5:01 PM
273	I would like to bike more to downtown. Bike parking options are quite good but I don't feel safe on some of the streets (esp. Clairmont).	5/20/2016 4:58 PM
274	A resident parking pass (could also offer discounts at retailers and restaurants to stoke business)	5/20/2016 4:51 PM
275	Retail/restaurants could validate parking or some sort of discount with receipt. Make some of the parking in the square (on both sides) shorter long term, like 30 min or 45 minutes.	5/20/2016 4:46 PM
276	did the courthouse garage start charging after 5 & on weekends? if so, having that free again would be great.	5/20/2016 4:41 PM
277	better bus or trolley service (MARTA or other)	5/20/2016 4:34 PM
278	For me losing the courthouse deck as a free night and weekend location has made me reconsider going into downtown. Something like that (large, free, convenient) is needed. Are there other deck/lot locations that could replace it?	5/20/2016 4:20 PM
279	Can't think of any off the top of my head...	5/20/2016 4:17 PM
280	Take away parking meters, allow free parking in lots in the square during peak hours	5/20/2016 3:57 PM
281	Offer more free parking options	5/20/2016 3:49 PM
282	More free 30 min parking would be a great way to help mw support local vendors	5/20/2016 3:20 PM
283	Bike and pedestrian only walkways to main areas of Decatur from main parking lots on outskirts of downtown. Also biking paths with rentable bikes.	5/20/2016 3:07 PM
284	Promote bicycling	5/20/2016 3:01 PM
285	Timed traffic lights.	5/20/2016 2:56 PM
286	Underground parking structure with public space and/or development at street level; ideally tied into the MARTA station. Such parking should NOT be free...	5/20/2016 2:54 PM
287	Parking is easy. There is always parking in decks and park app is awesome. Making it easier to get around on foot and on bicycle (with dedicated safe bike lanes for everyone). Walk signals like there are on Georgia State Univ.'s campus and many other walkable areas of Atlanta where you don't have to push the button and the walk signals have a countdown. Safe distance and large enough sidewalks around walk signals. Signs for motorists that say "yield to pedestrians in crosswalk." More "no turn on red signs." 25 MPH speed limit in all of Decatur.	5/20/2016 2:54 PM
288	I would love to have biking be easier. So many of us can just bike into town but don't want to deal with the hassle of the busy streets, and dangerous railroad crossing points. I am happy to see that the Candler & McDonough crossings will get an update. But bikes don't take up much room, so any way to make that easier will benefit parking issues. Even if there were one or two ways that you are know are safe to come into the city (especially for those of us that live south of the tracks) would be welcomed and used!	5/20/2016 2:47 PM
289	Bicycle share and more bicycle paths and parking	5/20/2016 2:47 PM
290	Improving bike lanes and adding racks for bicycles near businesses could help reduce car traffic as well as encourage people to stay local when they're shopping and eating out.	5/20/2016 2:36 PM
291	Make Decatur more bike and pedestrian friendly. I have not trouble finding parking because I'm willing to pay for a parking garage or metered spot and then I can walk wherever I need to go in the area. Decatur is pretty pedestrian friendly, but it could go much farther and a ton of work needs to be done to be bike friendly. These initiatives would make the area even more unique in the region. You might also consider offering subsidized MARTA passes to residents of new big developments (by getting the developers to fund the subsidy).	5/20/2016 2:32 PM

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292	Residents should have a parking permit included as part of our taxes and not pay additional fees to park.	5/20/2016 2:25 PM
293	Parking is impossible. And trying to bike I to Decatur with young families is worse. Need bike lanes and a double crossing path going from candler over the tracks into Decatur. Almost impossible to walk or bike from WP into Decatur without using sidewalks or illegal moves due to traffic and bad/lack of safe crosswalks for people and bikes.	5/20/2016 2:16 PM
294	More parking options maybe lots behind business's when possible. More cameras near lights to catch people not paying attention turning right and almost hitting pedestrians crossing the street or bikers and running lights.	5/20/2016 2:15 PM
295	More bike racks and lanes.	5/20/2016 2:14 PM
296	Clear signs on where to park legally. Bike lanes through the main streets of town for friendly and safe cycling.	5/20/2016 2:14 PM
297	Not sure which businesses have any parking 'relationships' with parking decks. We have to drive into Decatur and I find I only go to places that have their own parking or to an attached to their business parking deck.	5/20/2016 2:13 PM
298	pedestrian zone on church at transit plaza	5/20/2016 2:13 PM
299	Not sure	5/20/2016 2:05 PM
300	Pedestrian Zone on Church at Transit	5/20/2016 2:05 PM
301	No new parking at all, and the city should tax all parking - Decatur has excellent connectivity using other modes and should discourage driving.	5/20/2016 2:03 PM
302	More parking near businesses down on Ponce. The CVS boots and there is a need for more parking so people can park and walk to businesses.	5/20/2016 2:03 PM
303	Limit/restrict auto parking to promote alternate travel modes.	5/20/2016 1:56 PM
304	Promote walk ride for visiting downtown decatur. More bike racks/valet bike parking from High School/Agnes Scott or other protected areas, not used at evenings/weekends	5/20/2016 1:52 PM
305	Downtown Decatur is on public transit and is one of the most walkable neighborhoods in Atlanta. Making it too easy/cheap to park will encourage more driving. It should be a goal to discourage driving by maintaining a degree of difficulty, and given that everyone collectively pays for the roads and parking infrastructure, drivers should offset this collective expense by paying for parking.	5/20/2016 1:52 PM
306	Encourage people to ride MARTA or their bikes.	5/20/2016 1:51 PM
307	More bike lanes, more public transit	5/20/2016 1:50 PM
308	More bicycle racks and lanes throughout the city.	5/20/2016 1:48 PM
309	Suggest MARTA as a better alternative.	5/20/2016 1:47 PM
310	More bike lanes, more (and better) sidewalks	5/20/2016 1:46 PM
311	The price of parking is too much. Better options for transit from south DeKalb would help. Also more bike infrastructure along candler road!!	5/20/2016 1:45 PM
312	please stop allowing building of condos etc that use much needed parking spaces	5/20/2016 1:37 PM
313	Lower traffic speeds. Increase protected bike lanes. Make pedestrian crossings safer.	5/20/2016 1:24 PM
314	free parking is a must	5/20/2016 1:11 PM
315	very small scale shuttle svc (golf cart, etc), bicycle rental kiosks	5/20/2016 1:06 PM
316	Perhaps another parking deck a bit further from downtown with a shuttle to the square.	5/20/2016 1:02 PM
317	Trolley	5/20/2016 12:37 PM
318	Take over the parking lot behind Parker's on Ponce and set up a system with a card issued to Decatur taxpayers that would allow access. I hate those meters where you use your phone to pay or credit card. Hate, Hate, Hate . I only shop downtown if my husband can circle and pick me up afterwards.	5/20/2016 12:27 PM
319	I visited Glen Ellyn Illinois recently and there were no street parking meters in their downtown. When parking, you had to agree to a 3 hour maximum stay and spaces were always available. The feel was friendly and welcoming and Decatur would do well to follow their example. Perhaps you could contact their city officials and talk about how they came to their decisions.	5/20/2016 11:37 AM
320	parking off site with bus to bring downtown	5/20/2016 11:29 AM
321	Lower cost parking	5/20/2016 11:16 AM
322	stop the booting in the cvs parking lot. it's not a good thing	5/20/2016 11:15 AM

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323	Easier to use meters	5/20/2016 11:10 AM
324	Is the Court Parking Deck free again after 6pm? I know there were moves to change this to be fees at night, but I'd prefer that deck to be free parking in the evenings.	5/20/2016 10:55 AM
325	improve rail road crossings. circulator trolley.	5/20/2016 10:44 AM
326	Continued monitoring and restrictions on booters, availability of free parking lots after regular business hours	5/20/2016 10:44 AM
327	Metered parking too expensive to go and pick something up quickly. Minimum is now an hour.	5/20/2016 10:20 AM
328	Meters are too expensive - can't just run in and pick something up really quickly. I never go to Souper Jenny anymore because of this. Or many places.	5/20/2016 10:19 AM
329	Encourage use of Marta, add more bike lanes, or walking / biking paths.	5/20/2016 10:14 AM
330	Eliminate parking on the square	5/20/2016 10:12 AM
331	Time the lights better and make it safer to ride a bike.	5/20/2016 10:05 AM
332	Stop the housing developments. With road diets planned in the future--plus more condos/apartments/tear houses that used to contribute one car being replaced with absurdly large homes with 2+ cars--Decatur will look more like 285, cars stopped, engines running, going nowhere. Bye-bye air quality. Work on our existing arteries. Implement traffic calming that will slow down commuters from neighboring municipalities but keep them moving. Parking: CoD decals for residents. I want to support by community. Sometimes walking is not feasible. This is not entitlement. It is reality. For long time residents, the cost of living increase is hitting hard. Paying for parking is an added expense. One that is easily avoided by taking my business to Avondale Est or Tucker.	5/20/2016 9:56 AM
333	The parking meter system currently being used is too much trouble. I would definitely prefer meters next to each space.	5/20/2016 9:45 AM
334	Return to free street parking on Saturday and Sunday.	5/20/2016 9:44 AM
335	Aggressively adopting measures to slow growth.	5/20/2016 9:37 AM
336	fewer parking garages and lots, city should encourage the use of the courthouse parking lot and have it manned and kept safe.	5/20/2016 9:34 AM
337	It's a real city. the world has too many parking lots already	5/20/2016 9:15 AM
338	The new parking meters are so easy to use, thanks to whoever chose that system. Dealing with parking does keep me from coming downtown if I just need to pick up something quickly. Creating as many spaces as possible along the streets is helpful. Free parking would also make me more willing to deal with the traffic.	5/20/2016 9:00 AM
339	Better/ more regulations on booting;	5/20/2016 8:57 AM
340	Increase the number of bike lines or add dedicated bike paths that are not adjacent to the road. It is still pretty scary to ride a bike down most Decatur roads.	5/20/2016 8:47 AM
341	Make it more bike friendly; purchase large lot behind Raging Burrito and make it free.	5/20/2016 8:40 AM
342	Parking Parking Parking Parking Parking! Particularly daytime parking on the square - seems like the news vans take it all. Lease them space somewhere less convenient, and don't allow them prime retail parking.	5/20/2016 8:24 AM
343	I believe a strong correlation between free parking and thriving commercial areas exists. Two hour free spaces and lots, strictly enforced to maintain the income stream.	5/20/2016 8:21 AM
344	Parking should be cheaper or free. I often do not go to downtown Decatur because I don't want to pay \$5-10 just to go to dinner or shop	5/20/2016 8:19 AM
345	More bike lanes and easier access across tracks. Require 15 min minimum grace period before booting and conspicuous signs clearly forbidding leaving the premises even if you patronize the on-site business before leaving the lot. At that point, boot away!	5/20/2016 8:18 AM
346	Prohibit cars in downtown Decatur with exception (e.g., Churches). Offer lots offsite with shuttle.	5/20/2016 8:17 AM
347	ensuring as new developments pop-up, credits are given for more than ample parking.	5/20/2016 8:06 AM
348	Eliminate parking meters and booting	5/20/2016 8:06 AM
349	Add more parking along roads, arrange paid for parking with privately owned lots (CVS, etc...)	5/20/2016 7:57 AM
350	Short-term free slots outside places for 15-30 minutes. Monitor who is using the library's lot (I know that is county property). Honestly we walk because it's \$\$ and annoying.	5/20/2016 7:57 AM

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351	Parking in the two loops on the square is almost always full. You should increase the cost of parking in these two areas to increase turnover. Additionally you should increase the maximum allowed parking time from 2 to 4 hours.	5/20/2016 7:56 AM
352	Free parking for residents!	5/20/2016 7:53 AM
353	Use of vacant lots for parking	5/20/2016 7:50 AM
354	More free parking areas for retail establishments to utilize.	5/20/2016 7:45 AM
355	Stop building apartments. Offer free parking near businesses.	5/20/2016 7:41 AM
356	Allow residents to park in the county parking deck after hours. Provide a sticker or some sort of pass for parking.	5/20/2016 7:34 AM
357	No charge for street parking after 6 pm was a huge plus to stay local but now it's not an incentive to eat or shop. I pay the same to go into Atlanta. Go back to no charge after 6pm.	5/20/2016 7:26 AM
358	Stop narrowing all roads to one lane	5/20/2016 7:22 AM
359	Publicize free courthouse parking & DHS parking after 6 & weekends. Encourage walking a little further.	5/20/2016 7:21 AM
360	Prevent further high density residential development.	5/20/2016 7:19 AM
361	I heard that the courthouse garage will no longer be free on evenings and weekends in the future. I'm opposed to this change, if it's true. The courthouse garage is the only reason I answered "no" on question 4 above.	5/20/2016 7:11 AM
362	I LOVED the free parking during Christmas shopping! It's SUPER helpful when I can park in a zone and leave and park in another spot with the same zone number and use the parking money already spent. I think ALL CoD parking should be zone 7801! That way we can pay for a couple of hours of parking and run several errands from one end of Decatur to the other (of course, I do walk around when places are close). I love using the app for parking. I don't love paying the convenience charge, I would have preferred to pay \$5 for the app rather than .35 for each park. Finally, if CoD could acquire some of the private parking and make it part of my fantasy city-wide zone, even better. Oh! And do we have bikes like zip cars yet? I think that would be AWESOME for me and my family. We could rent bikes in Oakhurst and bike around town and return them!	5/20/2016 7:01 AM
363	Parking is the issue, turning out of the Decatur square parking loop	5/20/2016 6:56 AM
364	Perhaps monthly prepaid parking passes good for a certain number of even marked levels (pay certain amounts for a certain number). The cost of parking can be high if you come into town frequently.	5/20/2016 6:47 AM
365	Free or discounted parking for city residents, especially seniors.	5/20/2016 6:35 AM
366	Monthly flat fee for COD residents - maybe a sticker you could purchase? College is really crazy traffic and I feel unsafe walking on it and crossing the rr tracks. More signs, maybe a guard rail and big bright crosswalks would encourage me to walk more.	5/20/2016 6:23 AM
367	Free parking	5/20/2016 6:02 AM
368	Free parking on weekends	5/20/2016 5:59 AM
369	City should consider purchasing the current private parking lots and put parking structures in their place to increase parking and control parking costs.	5/20/2016 5:36 AM
370	residents of the city of Decatur should park for free at the metered spaces.	5/20/2016 5:28 AM
371	Have residents purchase a city resident parking permit that allows more flexible parking; with large parking structures in place on Trinity and Commerce consider making a stretch of ponce car free (crazy I know)	5/20/2016 4:10 AM
372	Expanded pedestrian mall. We just returned for a European vacation and every city had a wonderful no car pedestrian mall that in some areas were at least a square mile. What if City of Decatur were to trial closing Ponce from Church to Trinity on Saturdays. The local Farmer's market could set up on the street and perhaps other vendors. These pedestrian malls were packed and I think it would set Decatur aside as a outing destination.	5/20/2016 4:07 AM
373	Too many apartments increase car traffic. Add free parking locations.	5/20/2016 4:07 AM
374	Some availability of free parking.	5/20/2016 3:48 AM
375	Improved bicycle access, shuttle that loops around the city	5/20/2016 2:40 AM
376	Bike share, like in Boulder, CO	5/19/2016 11:50 PM
377	Please allow people to park in business lots in the evening when the business is closed. TONS of wasted space. Including the courthouse parking deck-but you better make me feel secure in there!	5/19/2016 11:33 PM

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378	I get that Decatur wants to be a walk only city, but the economy is supported a great deal by people who don't live in City of Decatur and do actually have to drive to get there and park somewhere BEFORE they walk everywhere. Stop making it so hard for those people to support our businesses. Stop reducing lanes and available parking, stop increasing one way streets, and stop charging a ridiculous amount to park	5/19/2016 11:21 PM
379	Reduce parking rates downtown, provide free garage parking.	5/19/2016 11:08 PM
380	Free parking on weekends- street and decks	5/19/2016 10:33 PM
381	free shuttle that drives a continuous route in downtown decatur	5/19/2016 10:15 PM
382	We used to have free parking and that made the evening out more affordable. I would like to see some of that made available again.	5/19/2016 10:12 PM
383	Purchase land outside city limits and have shuttle	5/19/2016 10:10 PM
384	The parking app is great, but it is ridiculous you have to pay for an hour as the starting minimum and that you pay like \$.35 every time you put on more time. That's a ridiculous Sur charge.	5/19/2016 10:09 PM
385	free bus in the city of Decatur.	5/19/2016 10:09 PM
386	reduced parking space is a concern--why is McDonough St parking blocked- who is blocking it? I've heard it's the County, not the City	5/19/2016 9:57 PM
387	We walk most of the time, so parking is not an issue for us. I am not sure what the issues are, so I hesitate to provide a solution.	5/19/2016 9:47 PM
388	Would rather see less cars.	5/19/2016 9:35 PM
389	There should be free parking for residents. We pay high taxes & should have some areas reserved for residents as almost all towns/neighborhoods have in other areas. Bike lanes & improved sidewalks will clear roadways for traffic to flow properly.	5/19/2016 9:30 PM
390	More parking spaces. Underground parking garage. Parking is expensive in downtown Decatur.	5/19/2016 9:27 PM
391	Booting is un-neighborly; it turns people away from shopping/dining in Decatur. Pedestrian walk signs: chirping count-down variety.	5/19/2016 9:01 PM
392	Enforce meters after 6, maybe until 10pm. Make parking in two lots on square more expensive. Allow parking up to four hours in locations further from square (consistent with Atlanta entertainment district parking zones).	5/19/2016 8:46 PM
393	Residents should have a sticker on their cars that allows them to park while shopping or eating out. All metered parking should be free for the first hour.	5/19/2016 8:37 PM
394	1. A shuttle bus that goes throughout the neighborhoods and takes people to/from the square would be great! 2. We need safer walking conditions for people living in Winona Park walking to the square (in addition to the crosswalk improvements at College and Candler/McDonough). Walking along College between Avery and Candler does not seem safe. You can reach out and touch the cars as they zoom past at high speeds. Doesn't seem safe, especially for kids. The sidewalk needs to be pushed farther from the street and a buffer of trees, plants, and/or shoulder needs to be created.	5/19/2016 8:32 PM
395	City did a good job reeling in predatory booters. More on street parking without meters.	5/19/2016 8:17 PM
396	Businesses validate parking	5/19/2016 8:05 PM
397	Just foot traffic in downtown area. No right turns on red. Longer and better walk signs with countdown.	5/19/2016 7:47 PM
398	Stop building so many condos and apartments on every square inch of the city.	5/19/2016 5:51 PM
399	Quit building apartments and condos.	5/19/2016 5:50 PM
400	Stop in influx of people living downtown who drive to work. It's a dream world to think they don't.	5/19/2016 5:26 PM
401	More easily identifiable visitor parking (attractive parking decks??) on the south and east side of the square.	5/19/2016 5:22 PM
402	more public parking not in the heart of downtown. 2 or 3 blocks shouldn't be too much to walk (?)	5/19/2016 5:21 PM
403	More lighting & signage on existing parking. Looks too scary for lone female, especially at night. Pedestrian entrance to parking should look more inviting. Spaces should be better lighted.	5/19/2016 5:13 PM
404	free parking in lots at the edge of town, shuttles or tram that transport people throughout the city	5/19/2016 5:06 PM
405	For one stop the influx of apartments downtown. It is one thing to dream about people changing their transportation habits, but it is another thing to live with the fact that those apartment dwellers are driving to work, not living and working in walking distance of work. Traffic is already heinous. What will it be when those apts. fill up?	5/19/2016 5:04 PM

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406	Publicize when street parking and public parking garages are free	5/19/2016 4:59 PM
407	Shuttle buses running around downtown . City owned and managed parking area with shuttle buses taking people to shops and restaurants	5/19/2016 4:52 PM
408	Safe satellite lots with free, frequent shuttles to several drop-off stops in downtown. Also shuttle would drop person at car. Lower prices at meters.	5/19/2016 4:49 PM
409	More parking and should be free!	5/19/2016 4:39 PM
410	The traffic is getting worse and worse. The downtown development needs to slow so that we are not just a 4 square mile gridlock	5/19/2016 4:34 PM
411	They are plenty of parking spaces, just need to inform shoppers. They may have to walk a block or 2 but that is good	5/19/2016 4:31 PM
412	Add vehicle sensors to the parking spaces in the two Decatur Square parking loops (off Ponce and off Trinity), and tie these in to a "full"/"X spaces available" indicator sign at the entrance. These lots are so convenient that it's hard not to at least take a quick trip through to see if any spots are available, but this only increases congestion and increases the perception that there's no parking available. Provide a way for mobile users to see which parking spaces are currently available around the city by interfacing with the parking meter infrastructure.	5/19/2016 4:23 PM
413	The pay for parking is crazy...especially if you are just going in for a cup of coffee.	5/19/2016 4:20 PM
414	Free parking for local residents (perhaps for 2 hours increments?)	5/19/2016 4:20 PM
415	Better signage for public parking. More free, short term (15 minutes or less) located near businesses.	5/19/2016 4:07 PM
416	Visibility of where to park. Take away resident only restrictions - or at least make it clear that resident only means ALL residents of the City of Decatur. Assign premium rates to premium parking to encourage residents to use the cheaper parking that requires more walking.	5/19/2016 4:02 PM
417	Acquire & Use a portion of Bank of America lots for low rise parking lot	5/19/2016 3:54 PM
418	Free parking "coupon" given by merchant to customer accepted by parking kiosks	5/19/2016 3:47 PM
419	How about parking meters in the shopping centers?	5/19/2016 3:38 PM
420	Encourage bikes!	5/19/2016 3:38 PM
421	Need something done about the many people that walk along trinity/east college railroad track area...the stoplight needs an arrow added to it going both ways. That intersection is DANGEROUS! Decatur is getting very crowded; which means more peds on the street. It's great, but cars as well as pedestrians need to be careful of each other. solutions? make sure the lights/pedestrian lights are working properly; cops should be out giving tickets to speeders; unsure as to any add'l solutions, but probably can try to come up w/ a few	5/19/2016 3:12 PM
422	Free on street parking, monitored/limited only by time in same space.	5/19/2016 3:08 PM
423	Lower street parking fees would help. Sometimes I am just not willing to pay so much just to go somewhere to eat or to shop.	5/19/2016 2:54 PM
424	Local bus system	5/19/2016 2:39 PM
425	Left turn signals at every intersection.	5/19/2016 2:20 PM
426	Free natural gas powered shuttle buses from city neighborhoods.	5/19/2016 2:08 PM
427	Consider a "parking pass" available for annual purchase by Decatur city residents. This would be especially welcome for seniors who are not comfortable using smartphones at the meters.	5/19/2016 2:05 PM
428	Bicycle taxis. Local shuttle buses	5/19/2016 1:57 PM
429	less development, but that ship as sailed.	5/19/2016 1:42 PM
430	please fine jaywalkers. Decatur Police hanging around Decatur Marta station have way too much time on their hands.	5/19/2016 1:25 PM
431	Give a minimum amount of time for free. I have stopped going to downtown on my lunch hour b/c I don't want to pay the \$1~\$5 premium on my <30 minute lunch.	5/19/2016 1:24 PM
432	Build a public parking deck	5/19/2016 1:24 PM
433	Free parking	5/19/2016 1:16 PM
434	Do not charge on evenings and weekends for the parking garage at the courthouse. That option is a huge point in favor of me and others going "downtown" to shop, dine, or otherwise play in the evenings and weekends. I am sure to make other choices frequently if that parking option incurs a cost anything over \$4 for the whole day/evening.	5/19/2016 1:13 PM

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435	Increased bike lanes. Free parking in decks.	5/19/2016 1:05 PM
436	Close church between Ponce and Trinity to vehicular traffic. Convert to a pedestrian oriented green street	5/19/2016 1:05 PM
437	The city should consider free parking weekends vs just Sunday.	5/19/2016 1:03 PM
438	Leasing private lots on weekends and evenings	5/19/2016 1:01 PM
439	Reopen parking on Maple and on S. McDonough near the high school.	5/19/2016 12:59 PM
440	need circulator bus for evening restaurant venues. This will reduce parking and driving (and reduce circling looking for a spot). encourage property owners of under-utilized parking lots to offer paid parking. I.e. the extended part of the BoA parking lot. Surge pricing for city parking meters (like Uber). See what other cities are doing to maintain minimum # spaces available throughout the day.	5/19/2016 12:58 PM
441	Improved signage to parking garages; parking map on line. Engage businesses to let people know parking options.	5/19/2016 12:55 PM
442	I like all the options undertaken so far. Parking just remains a consideration because I need to pay to park in addition to patronizing businesses.	5/19/2016 12:32 PM
443	Bike share with baskets for bags	5/19/2016 10:48 AM
444	Continue to make Decatur bike-friendly, with lanes and bike racks serving retail areas.	5/19/2016 10:41 AM
445	Upgrade the courthouse parking lot so that it feels safer at night. Reduce parking rates--it's now \$10 to park behind Raging Burrito!	5/19/2016 10:40 AM
446	more signs for free parking.	5/19/2016 10:30 AM
447	Open up existing parking decks to the public	5/19/2016 10:17 AM
448	Consider a downtown bike sharing or renting program. Work on making the city more bike and pedestrian friendly by enforcing speed limits on neighboring streets and better maintaining sidewalks leading to downtown.	5/19/2016 9:50 AM
449	Well designed decks.	5/19/2016 9:24 AM
450	Free parking locations or make it an easy flat fee of \$2-\$3	5/19/2016 9:15 AM
451	Paid street parking was an awful idea.	5/19/2016 9:06 AM
452	Trolley, better bike paths into the town center, parking deck	5/19/2016 8:07 AM
453	Street trolley or city circuit bus	5/19/2016 5:41 AM
454	STOP BUILDING ALL THE HIGHRISE CONDO'S AND APARTMENTS!!!	5/19/2016 5:33 AM
455	More free public parking lots	5/18/2016 11:37 PM
456	Parking passes for City of Decatur residents who pay City of Decatur taxes.	5/18/2016 11:29 PM
457	No booting. Everyone trying to make a buck. It's not really protecting parking spaces.	5/18/2016 11:04 PM
458	Decatur is a boutique destination city with many restaurants and shops. This is where parking revenue should be gained. Residents should have stickers and park for free.	5/18/2016 10:47 PM
459	Free parking for pop-up at eateries	5/18/2016 9:51 PM
460	Bike lanes, traffic calming, syncing lights to ease traffic back ups	5/18/2016 3:05 PM
461	Safer bike paths and more lights and wider sidewalks on Scott Blvd.	5/15/2016 8:46 AM
462	Speed bumps on high congestion streets. Tighter traffic enforcement of speeds as they do in Avondale Estates.	5/14/2016 4:38 PM
463	Keep up the good work and spend more on separated bike lanes; advocate with Atlanta's Bike Director and DeKalb to expand real option to bike commuting. ESPECIALLY on DeKalb Avenue and Scott. Expand your role as regional leader on bike alternatives with more PR showing examples world wide.	5/14/2016 10:25 AM
464	Better signage and promotion of use of parking decks. The one behind Parker's and the bank is never at capacity, consider advertising available parking in the info about events.	5/13/2016 10:56 AM
465	Decatur residents should have parking permits to avoid meters, instead of "traffic calming and more bike lanes, streets should allowed w more traffic flow....it seems ironic that more and more residents are trying to squeeze in the downtown area and more and more streets are being narrowed to auto traffic....it would make sense if Atlanta had a decent rail system!	5/12/2016 9:00 PM
466	Less expensive on street parking	5/12/2016 3:36 PM

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467	Off-the-cuff wild ideas. Offer some tax incentive to corporations for smart park smart, telecommuting opportunities. Create a free transportation system to allow people to park outside the city.	5/11/2016 11:12 AM
468	Pedestrian only streets similar to europe. Close streets to traffic and have ample parking around the perimeter.	5/11/2016 8:09 AM
469	Aggressive signs marking public parking which is very underutilized; spruce up public parking venues (even if city pays to upgrade private/county owned facility)	5/10/2016 11:59 AM
470	Public transportation from Oakhurst to downtown Decatur. When we first moved here 7 years ago there was a Marta bus line that took us from our street into downtown and it was very convenient. That line does not exist anymore, but maybe a shuttle of some sort? The traffic to leave Oakhurst and get across the railroad tracks to downtown Decatur can be so heavy that it deters us from making the trip. More traffic also creates less parking spaces, so the traffic makes the experience of getting to downtown Decatur more stressful.	5/10/2016 10:29 AM
471	Better signage to direct people to available parking. Parking deck with free parking	5/10/2016 7:09 AM
472	coordinate traffic lights better to ease congestion and decrease travel times; revoke the ban on skateboards in downtown (allowing them to ride safely in either the bike lane or on sidewalks -- whichever the rider's speed more closely matches).	5/8/2016 10:56 AM
473	afraid that ship has sailed, not sure how it can be fixed now. I dont got to downtown Decatur because of parking.	5/7/2016 5:58 PM
474	Restaurants, markets and shops in each neighborhood	5/6/2016 8:51 PM
475	Adjust all speed limits in Decatur to be no greater than 25 mph. Residential street (defined as residential housing on both sides of the street) should be set at 15 mph. Decatur streets should not be seen as a "cut-through".	5/6/2016 6:20 PM
476	Parking has gotten too expensive. \$10 at the deck on weekends is too high. More on-street parking would be helpful as would weekend parking at municipal buildings.	5/6/2016 5:50 PM
477	Close off Ponce down town for all vehicles except for bikes, service/delivery vehicles and those with handicap tags. This seems to work well for the Book Festival, the Arts Festival and other events, why not all the time?	5/6/2016 3:50 PM
478	How can the city possibly partner or contribute to dekalb co to get back some access to the large parking deck and making it a free or very low cost parking option at night and on the weekends?	5/6/2016 3:47 PM
479	No Parking Fee Tuesdays	5/6/2016 3:16 PM
480	I'm not sure how to solve it but I like to shop where I can pull in front of the store and park, not park in a parking lot half a block away.	5/6/2016 3:09 PM
481	A parking deck or surface parking outside of the downtown core that is still walkable to downtown would be great.	5/6/2016 3:01 PM
482	Hire some city creative city planning experts.	5/5/2016 1:17 PM
483	PLEASE stop building so many condos/apartments back to back to back.	5/4/2016 7:03 PM
484	I don't have ideas, but I have lived here for over 30 years...and I think the parking situation is horrible now. It is very unfriendly to Decatur citizens and the businesses we try to support.	5/3/2016 4:18 PM
485	Taxpaying residents should have option to buy yearly parking pass decal or have reduced rate parking. There have been several occasions when I would have liked to taken my family out to dinner or to get yogurt...but didn't want to have to pay to park on top of paying for food	5/3/2016 2:24 PM
486	Lower cost parking, more cooperation with those patronizing more than one store. (I should not face booting because I patronize a business on one side of the street, then walk to another business across the street.)	5/3/2016 9:58 AM
487	I shop at CVS and other stores there but they now boot even if you want to then go to cooks warehouse. that just isn't a good thing for business. I try to walk to avoid that problem. I have informed cvs management that if i ever get booted at their lot I will no longer do business with them and go to the cvs on n decatur rd. It is a real problem. i understand they want to control the parking but their vigilance is chasing off valid customers. Also for such a small town our parking fees are way too high. I have spoken to friends who said they quit coming due to the parking problems. I can walk but when it rains it then prevents me from going downtown. we need a better and cheaper solution if you want people to shop there.	5/2/2016 11:40 AM
488	Underground parking for shops that aren't close to current lots.	5/2/2016 2:24 AM
489	Have a city shuttle that circles Decatur and stops at a free convenient parking lot.	4/29/2016 12:12 PM
490	consider the parking before allowing more high density residences, have developer build parking capacity into their plans. I have lived in Decatur for over 30 years and currently avoid downtown businesses b/c frequently there isn't a place to park.	4/29/2016 10:17 AM

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491	Wide publication of availability of Courthouse parking deck on weekend for public free parking. Consideration of building a "for pay" parking facility north of tracks in downtown business district.	4/29/2016 10:12 AM
492	Let the High School have part of the Calloway site for expansion, and then put a parking deck on the rest	4/29/2016 8:39 AM
493	Better signage, development of parking app	4/28/2016 11:17 PM
494	It may be too late but please do not approve any more apartment complexes and townhomes as they bring in too much traffic.	4/28/2016 6:57 PM
495	Street parking everywhere possible, especially on S. McDonough near the High school	4/28/2016 5:41 PM
496	Having to pay \$2 for on the st. parking to dissuade Marta users from parking seems like a wrong way of thinking. Provide some useful Marta parking, and minimize parking meters. The meters dissuade me from using downtown businesses. Traffic has gotten much worse since building the "traffic calming" bulb-outs and similar features. The bulb-outs and narrowing of lanes make it very dangerous for bikes.	4/26/2016 4:35 PM
497	Easier bike access over/under the railroad tracks between winnona park/oakhurst and downtown. The tunnel under the tracks is nice, but it's hard to get a bike down the stairs.	4/26/2016 8:51 AM
498	Errect a large free parking deck in close proximity to the square.	4/25/2016 11:49 PM
499	Resident parking would be nice.	4/25/2016 9:37 PM
500	Traffic and parking problems will never go away no matter how many lanes we have and how many parking spaces we offer. More parking is not a solution to business patronage. Add safe bike lanes throughout the city, widen sidewalks, increase density throughout the city, and make it easier for residents to move around the city via walking and biking. The city and its residents will be much healthier.	4/25/2016 4:17 PM
501	Lower the citywide speed limit to 25 MPH so that people are not afraid to walk on/near major roads.	4/25/2016 2:24 PM
502	Comprehensive parking plan for residents who need short or long term parking to drop of kids, pick up things or attend an event downtown.	4/25/2016 2:16 PM
503	Metered parking is expensive as is garage. There's just not enough, easy accessible spots especially if you just need to pop in somewhere quick and grab something.	4/25/2016 1:36 PM
504	CoD resident parking pass. \$100/year to park anywhere for as long as you like	4/25/2016 1:04 PM
505	not making it so expensive...or first hour free, etc.	4/25/2016 12:47 PM
506	Remove the two wasteful parking U's on Decatur Square, the one at Ponce (in front of Brick Store), and the one at the end of N. McDonough. These create long lines of frustrated drivers, increase CO pollution, and are a terrible waste of space. Imagine what could be done with that space instead! There's plenty of parking in downtown Decatur. What's really horrible is all the empty spaces one sees -- so much wasted space.	4/25/2016 12:14 PM
507	Parking decks ~ free on week-ends ~ like in Greenville, SC Shuttles to free parking	4/24/2016 9:17 PM
508	A free parking deck, make Ponce Clairemont to Church St a pedestrian only zone	4/24/2016 8:29 PM
509	There is a lack of bike parking on Ponce around Dancing Goats, FarmBurger, Chai Pani, etc. On numerous occasions, we have bypassed eating at Chai Pani and FarmBurger since there was no available bike parking and instead went to the square to eat. Please install a bike parking area in front of Chai Pani, FarmBurger, and the dry cleaners. Please consider improving the response time for the pedestrian signals throughout Decatur. Pedestrians shouldn't have to wait several minutes to cross the street. Decatur should consider instituting neighborhood greenways on streets like Coventry and Sycamore that encourage walking and biking.	4/23/2016 5:08 PM
510	for evening dining, a bus route circulating from neighborhoods to downtown would remove barriers around parking access.	4/22/2016 9:58 PM
511	discount parking for residents	4/22/2016 6:03 PM
512	Better signage to paid parking decks & lots. Additional tenant/guest parking spaces required for all apartments/condos.	4/22/2016 3:13 PM
513	better mid Street Crossing Solutions to increase foot traffic and cycling, consider creating one way traffic loops	4/22/2016 9:48 AM
514	Need a large lot for parking. Machines for street parking are awful	4/21/2016 10:16 PM
515	Free shuttle from larger parking lots in the area, e.g. High school	4/21/2016 9:02 PM
516	Remove the little parking lots that jut into the square. The limited number of spaces inspire way too much hope and mismanage expectations.	4/21/2016 8:01 PM
517	traffic lights are not timed well at this time, esp on Ponce, and Commerce...	4/21/2016 5:10 PM

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518	I generally bike when I need to go downtown so I don't need to worry about parking.	4/21/2016 11:55 AM
519	The traffic near Agnes Scott needs to be addressed. Perhaps expanding College Ave. in that area would be helpful.	4/21/2016 11:25 AM
520	more signage to parking garages. better lighting/cleaning of public parking garages	4/21/2016 10:32 AM
521	Pay lots are not very Decatur - those need to go.	4/21/2016 9:38 AM
522	I think atlanta's mentality need change - and is changing with this over time. If businesses and restaurants are good, people will come and pay for parking or use Marta.	4/21/2016 5:21 AM
523	new or enlarged parking deck in central city	4/21/2016 12:06 AM
524	Have experts in traffic flow study the bottlenecks and make recommendations.	4/20/2016 9:03 PM
525	Roundabouts such at at Emory University	4/20/2016 7:09 PM
526	Build parking lots that include FREE parking, and if built , build near the square not far from the square. No one likes to pay for parking.	4/20/2016 6:40 PM
527	Allow parking on McDonough Street by Chic fila. Work with Bank of America to allow parking after business hours. Place signs showing where public can park - we've lived here since 1998 and don't know where we are allowed to park. Why did you stop letting public park on McDonough Street by Chic fila? Annoying when going to Edie's Attic on Thursday night when street spots were empty but no parking was allowed. Bank of America is now booting when you walk off-site. Work with BOA to allow free parking after business hours. We think the meter costs are high, and there are not enough obvious signs explaining where public can park. We've been here for decades and aren't sure where the free parking lots are located. If I need to pick up a book for my child, I'm not willing to go through the hassle and expense of parking in downtown Decatur. Would love to go to Decatur waffle house but don't know where to park and don't want to hike the cost of my meal because parking was so darn expensive. Parking is a huge issue, you just want to walk every where every time and as much as Decatur seems to hate cars, they are a necessity. Who wants to arrive for a nice meal sweaty in sneakers? Or carry their meat from farmers market home in 90 degree heat during the summer? What if you don't have time to walk because life is busy and you just need to get in and get out? I can't even use the Starbucks in Decatur because of parking issues.	4/20/2016 6:18 PM
528	I have been in several European cities where large parking decks are underground UNDER parks and squares.	4/20/2016 5:51 PM
529	continue a policy of no parking fees after 5pm weekdays, and no fees on weekends.	4/20/2016 4:54 PM
530	free or reduced parking for Decatur residents perhaps at certain hours.	4/20/2016 3:57 PM
531	I don't know what the solutions are but when I got here 14 years ago the lot on Church St. across the street from the Church at Sycamore was free. Then it was \$3, then \$5, and recently charged an outrageous \$10 during a weekday. Give me a break.	4/20/2016 2:30 PM
532	Stop booting!!	4/20/2016 2:25 PM
533	With the new electronic parking, it should be relatively easy to give free or at least reduced rate parking to those who live and pay taxes in the city of Decatur. Make people reapply annually for the right to park free at metered stations.	4/20/2016 2:10 PM
534	Perhaps a small grace period for people trying to park along the street to run into a shop and then leave shortly thereafter.	4/20/2016 2:01 PM
535	Make Ponce de Leon pedestrian only between Commerce on west and Church on east. Better directional signage to public parking decks. Make government parking areas free in evenings and weekends, and if they already are...make that more obvious to visitors.	4/20/2016 1:47 PM
536	Free parking OR shuttle bus	4/20/2016 1:11 PM
537	To go to dinner or out for ice cream in the square, parking is a big barrier. I don't want to have to pay \$5-10 just to grab something to eat.	4/20/2016 12:24 PM
538	Add an arrow to the left turn from college to commerce. Refuse to allow construction to close off entire roads and lanes of other roads for twenty four hours.	4/20/2016 12:17 PM
539	For me, parking is mostly a problem when I would like to quickly run in somewhere to pick up take out food, a coffee or something similar. The cost of parking is a barrier for these quick trips. For example, I would not pay a dollar or more to pick up a \$5 sandwich. I would simply go elsewhere. In the old parking meters, a coin or two would get you enough time to dash in somewhere. Now, you have to pay a minimum fee that is beyond what I am willing to pay unless I am doing more significant shopping or dining. I suggest that the City find a way to facilitate these simple, quick trips without the current expense.	4/20/2016 11:06 AM
540	"Two Wheels Only" parking on the square. Currently it is "Scooter Only" and is rarely full. It would be great if I could park my motorcycle instead of searching for a spot for my car.	4/20/2016 10:52 AM

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541	Better advertisement of decks/lots that provide public parking.	4/20/2016 10:30 AM
542	The new parking meters are a deterrent for some patrons	4/20/2016 10:28 AM
543	Stop charging to park on the public streets	4/20/2016 10:27 AM
544	more free or at least, more cheaper, parking	4/20/2016 10:19 AM
545	Close Ponce from Church to Commerce except for handicap access. This seems to work for special events. Deliveries should be on off hours.	4/20/2016 10:15 AM
546	Utilizing empty bank lots during hours that are not open and on Sundays and holidays.	4/20/2016 10:09 AM
547	Add more metered spots for street parking.	4/20/2016 10:01 AM
548	Parking garages on the perimeter of downtown and making the square and surrounding few streets pedestrian only	4/20/2016 9:24 AM
549	Stop charging for parking downtown or at least go back to making the parking deck free after 5pm. I can't tell you how many times we decided not to go grab dinner or get ice cream downtown because we didn't want to pay for parking.	4/20/2016 8:47 AM
550	increase walkability by decreasing speed limit and widening sidewalks, installing bike lanes.	4/20/2016 8:44 AM
551	Make Parking a stand-alone header under Visitors on city website. Clearly state that private lots are rigidly enforced as legally allowed so that visitors are fairly warned. To better accommodate ADA visitors, designate a number of metered spaces as Handicapped parking. After 6pm and on weekends, bag additional conveniently located metered spots as Handicapped parking-- a zone by the Square would be ideal and could be accompanied by a map sign showing nearby parking lots.	4/20/2016 7:54 AM
552	Better signage	4/20/2016 7:52 AM
553	More short term parking for stores	4/19/2016 9:55 PM
554	Bike rentals, no charge for weekend parking	4/19/2016 9:51 PM
555	We would like to bring people in the city to patronize our businesses. We need free parking weekends. we will get more people to come in the city to purchase. We are loosing patrons to the city market and other places where we can have free weekend parking to give them more of a reason to frequent our businesses. Also if you are a resident you should not have to pay to park in the city. Each household should have this car decal or should be have a sticker that I the car for parking.	4/19/2016 9:41 PM
556	free parking on Sunday? Dedicated spots for picking up food?	4/19/2016 9:30 PM
557	1. I believe that the city should give seniors (free over 65/70) and residents (paid, maybe \$100/yr) parking stickers.	4/19/2016 7:47 PM
558	free parking for city residents	4/19/2016 7:44 PM
559	Some free parking. And not allowing companies who boot cars to charge high fees.	4/19/2016 6:00 PM
560	Allow partial hour payment on meters when using the Parkmobile app. If I need to run into a coffee shop or other store for only a few minutes, I'm not going to pay for one hour. I will go elsewhere with easier access.	4/19/2016 4:06 PM
561	Maybe 5pm cut off for parking meters. Better signage for when cut off time is for getting a parking ticket.	4/19/2016 3:51 PM
562	Allow local businesses to validate parking without cost to them.	4/19/2016 3:16 PM
563	The lights need to be in sync.	4/19/2016 2:48 PM
564	more info on parking decks, better utility	4/19/2016 2:30 PM
565	Charging for parking is hurting the Decatur business district. Even I don't like to go down there.	4/19/2016 2:17 PM
566	Have people provide the service outside of the buildings like on the sidewalk and use a stamp card or something so it's a quick in and out, may not even have to get out of car..., place info on how many miles people have walked from Java Monkey to Harmony park or "you've burned 190 calories or" your pedometer will count 249 steps from City Hall to Brick Store..., VIP parking for the week for residents who do good	4/19/2016 2:09 PM
567	Make downtown more bike friendly with protected cycling lanes so that people who already like close by can bike safely to and from the city center. Fix the crosswalk signals, especially near the PATH trail and encourage MARTA use.	4/19/2016 2:04 PM
568	more free parking	4/19/2016 1:18 PM
569	Free city owned parking deck.	4/19/2016 1:03 PM
570	Discounted parking for Decatur residents	4/19/2016 12:52 PM

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571	FIX THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS. They are not timed, and cars spend hours idling at stop lights. After 11pm and before 7am change most lights to 4 way stops (flashing red all directions). Remove the timers and add sensors - smart lights. better for traffic and environment. Work with office buildings to encourage free parking after hours and on weekends.	4/19/2016 12:51 PM
572	shorter term parking, more handicap spots	4/19/2016 11:57 AM
573	Make the central downtown corridor on Ponce a pedestrian mall -- from the CVS to the Fresh to Order. Improve the traffic light timing and left turn signal timing on Ponce and Commerce (CVS corner); College and Candler; College and McDonough on both sides of the tracks. If possible, prohibit left turns onto Trinity out of the Chik-fil-a lot from 4 to 7 pm.	4/19/2016 11:42 AM
574	I wish there was more free parking. If I have to pay to park or it's inconvenient I won't just "shop". I would only do that if I had to go to the establishment.	4/19/2016 11:38 AM
575	Close Ponce de Leon in the city.	4/19/2016 11:22 AM
576	Better signage	4/19/2016 10:54 AM
577	Timing of the lights, the need of left turning arrows on the signals or longer time for cars to turn left with the arrow. Turn lanes needed.	4/19/2016 10:46 AM
578	stop letting all these HUGE apartments get built all within 2 miles of each other. Has anyone done a traffic study on how this is going to affect traffic - and I mean taking into account ALL the development at one time.	4/19/2016 8:32 AM
579	This isn't something that the CoD can solve, but I wish there was a Marta bus route on Scott after Ponce - that perhaps continued up to Clairemont and then to the Decatur station.	4/19/2016 7:41 AM
580	Reduce traffic lanes, more bike lanes, more safe sidewalks	4/19/2016 7:32 AM
581	Residents need to walk into town when possible.	4/19/2016 7:24 AM
582	Create more walkable paths or maps that show how people can easily walk or bike around Decatur.	4/19/2016 7:07 AM
583	I think the traffic lights on Ponce through downtown Decatur need to be upgraded. There should be no "walk" button... they should automatically display a walk when it's safe. At least one street has no "walk/don't walk" signals at all. Also the signals that hang from cords are ugly and outdated. New rigid signal poles would be a huge improvement.	4/19/2016 4:55 AM
584	Opening parking decks for free parking at local retailers and doing away with this dreadful parking meters that are either out of order or too difficult to use for many	4/18/2016 10:03 PM
585	If you have to pay for parking, it is a good sign that you should probably walk, bike, or take a shuttle	4/18/2016 10:00 PM
586	Free parking decks. Local trolleys around the business district from free parking areas.	4/18/2016 9:57 PM
587	More handicapped parking near the square. I don't park in decks at night, they don't feel safe.	4/18/2016 9:52 PM
588	Take away the meters! This is killing the retail shopping.	4/18/2016 9:48 PM
589	free or greatly reduced parking for residents	4/18/2016 9:39 PM
590	Traffic circle on crossing of forkner and church street. People run the red light on church and it's an accident waiting to happen. They need to slow down and a traffic circle would do that.	4/18/2016 9:37 PM
591	Stop rampant developments without first considering and assessing the impact on schools services and infrastructure	4/18/2016 9:26 PM
592	Close Ponce de Leon Ave. from Clairemont Ave to Church St. and have a pedestrian promenade.	4/18/2016 6:52 PM
593	Consider free parking in decks. People always complain about having to park in Decatur. Consider that parking is free at Emory Point and other places with which Decatur competes for business.	4/18/2016 4:15 PM
594	Satellite lots with free shuttle buses to downtown consider the Washington D.C. approach some main thorough fares 1 way during morning rush hour & reverse 1 way afternoon rush hour	4/18/2016 3:25 PM
595	The cost of parking in the parking decks/lots is too high and there is not enough "on street" parking.	4/18/2016 3:08 PM
596	Establish Ponce de Leon between Commerce Drive and Church St as a walking mall.	4/18/2016 3:02 PM
597	Free parking in outlying areas with frequent shuttles (off and on) service in the downtown area.	4/18/2016 3:00 PM
598	make Ponce a pedestrian street between Commerce and Commerce	4/18/2016 2:29 PM

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599	I live downtown. I know many retailers. The lack of free short-term parking hurts the business of many retailers unless they sell high dollar items. In my particular building (Artisan), the deck owner has little incentive to work with the businesses since they obtain a bulk of their revenue from monthly parking (all the daytime spots in the Artisan are filled by the Emory Clinic next door). Why not use the power of taxation to mandate 1 hour of free parking -- and if a deck chooses not to, they are subject to an annual tax? I don't know if our parking deck usage at the Artisan is typical, but if the deck makes most of their revenue from monthly parkers who fill the deck, they have little incentive to work or collaborate with local businesses.	4/18/2016 2:19 PM
600	Provide more parking options in various places. Also remove the paid parking for street parking. Lawrenceville has numerous street parking and it is all free.	4/18/2016 1:13 PM
601	? Sure would like some help slowing traffic on Superioe between Scott and Huron.	4/18/2016 12:15 PM
602	Make parking decks more affordable on weekend nights. To pay \$10 to park on a Saturday night so you can have dinner downtown is insane!	4/18/2016 12:09 PM
603	Traffic signalization with lack of coordinating lights needs improvement. Work with the County on this. Parking meters are a pain and I tend to patronize restaurants that have their own free parking lots. Our parking works better than Atlanta, but it is a disincentive to patronize businesses during the day.	4/18/2016 11:39 AM
604	Free parking	4/18/2016 11:10 AM
605	SLOWING traffic on main streets in downtown. It's dangerous at intersections like West Ponce De Leon Ave and Commerce because of speeding. Crosswalks on W. Ponce De Leon are all dangerous because of speeders.	4/18/2016 10:39 AM
606	How about free parking in all government facilities on weekends, holidays and nights..	4/18/2016 9:08 AM
607	get rid of the meters!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!and shoppers will come!!!!	4/17/2016 2:21 PM
608	Encourage Bank of America and any other businesses to not boot or charge for parking when they are closed.	4/16/2016 4:53 PM
609	more emphasis on walkable spaces, some form of public transportation (trolley, shuttles) with access to remote parking.	4/16/2016 1:59 PM
610	improved walkability	4/16/2016 8:58 AM
611	Create more, free, easily accessible, safe parking downtown. Also shield it or make it attractive. Perhaps a convenient, free shuttle service from parking more distant from the main part of downtown. More closely monitor and regulate the aggressive booting on private parking lots, including a number people can call for assistance when dealing with a wrongly booted car.	4/15/2016 11:01 AM
612	Free shuttle service especially on weekends and special retail events like Terrific Thursday. I know so many seniors who cannot walk to downtown shops and restaurants.	4/15/2016 9:59 AM
613	Free parking for city residents downtown.	4/15/2016 8:39 AM
614	Traffic/speeding on Scott is always an issue with access to downtown.	4/15/2016 7:37 AM
615	Limited free time in existing public parking -- say 2 or 3 hours. Require all new businesses to provide or otherwise account for the additional parking they would cause demand for.	4/14/2016 8:59 PM
616	circulator trolley/golf cart	4/14/2016 4:50 PM
617	I rarely shop in downtown Decatur due to the cost of parking. Why not have some "free parking" days -- giving patrons two hours free? Or lower the hourly rates, which are way too high. As for traffic, the problem is the unrestricted increase in condos and apartments. Decatur is quickly losing its charm due to its constant growth.	4/14/2016 1:24 PM
618	Check timing on traffic lights. More (affordable) parking options.	4/14/2016 12:35 PM
619	free safe parking.	4/14/2016 11:20 AM
620	Free parking	4/14/2016 9:17 AM
621	Left turn arrows for traffic lights on college Ave	4/14/2016 8:28 AM
622	Tax payers should receive some break. Perhaps not free parking all the time but an allotment per month. I live in Chelsea Heights and I frequent OTHER shops OUTSIDE Decatur because I am offended by having to pay parking when I pay taxes. Yes I know Decatur is a walkable community but for me to walk to the square takes at least 20 minutes. It is impractical. I simply go elsewhere.	4/14/2016 8:06 AM
623	Stop closing streets, stop putting in traffic "calming islands", stop giving away portions of streets to private property, stop narrowing down two lane roads to single lane roads. Bring back the original concept of Commerce as a perimeter around the city. Your poor traffic engineering decisions are choking the city. The city needs to hire a consultant to help plan for intelligent growth, because you guys are doing a bad job.	4/13/2016 10:32 PM

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624	Use uber.	4/13/2016 9:27 PM
625	some traffic lights seem to need retiming(Coventry and Scott and Coventry and Ponce) make parking meters less cumbersome,use tokens for senior citizens,take out the horrid meters!	4/13/2016 9:25 PM
626	pedestrian zones	4/13/2016 9:02 PM
627	the city should not charge to park on the street. We should limit parking time and aggressively give out tickets to violators. We should also have a decatur city shopping shuttle (electric?) that services the residential neighborhoods with shuttle service to the central business district.	4/13/2016 8:12 PM
628	Making more public parking scattered around downtown, making metered parking cheaper	4/12/2016 11:59 PM
629	more places reserved for 15 minute errands	4/12/2016 7:52 PM
630	close main downtown street off to car traffic and only allow walking or biking.	4/12/2016 2:21 PM
631	One way traffic that would include bicycles	4/12/2016 10:16 AM
632	This parking issue is one of perception more so than reality. Signage and way finding to large parking lots should be improved. Work with parking lot property owners to loosen requirements for not leaving the business on their property or being booted (CVS lot).	4/11/2016 12:54 PM
633	Hold on downtown housing development. Hire a traffic planning expert to solve he huge problems that have been created by over building. Time to take a step back before Decatur is completely destroyed.	4/9/2016 10:13 AM
634	Start by restricting downtown housing development and hire a traffic planning expert to correct the existing problems. It's time to take a step back and assess the cities issues.	4/9/2016 10:05 AM
635	Improved bike routes	4/5/2016 10:05 PM
636	Not sure of any solutions. Decatur's traffic has been increasing exponentially with all of the new housing going in. The housing and cars are already there so not much to do about that. Except maybe curtail more high density housing projects that may be considered.	4/4/2016 10:56 PM
637	Walk!	4/4/2016 11:55 AM
638	The free parking garage by the court house is an amazing parking resource for Decatur. Keep it free during non business hours	4/3/2016 9:30 AM
639	Provide more free parking options that are convenient to downtown businesses. Limit development that is without a traffic and access plan.	4/1/2016 9:40 PM
640	Expand meters to 3-HR max. Allowing people to leave parking lots without being booted. We shop at stores in the parking lot areas but don't want to have to move the car to go to a neighboring shop.	3/29/2016 2:34 PM
641	better sidewalks so people can walk to/from parking spots and stores	3/29/2016 11:57 AM
642	These are two separate issues. Traffic- Contract with a company to facilitate more efficient vehicular movement. Instead of relying on traffic lights, assign traffic flow officers to highly congested areas. Encourage shuttle service for employees of the DeKalb County courthouse. Parking- Allow additional valet parking services throughout the city.	3/27/2016 12:20 PM
643	Close downtown streets to all motor vehicles -- except trolley or battery powered minibuses. Put parking garages at periphery of downtown.	3/24/2016 11:29 AM
644	close off Ponce de Leon between the east and west sides of Commerce Drive	3/24/2016 11:01 AM
645	Open parking in High rises to public, can be paid parking. Marking available lots better, signage to lots. Bike lanes, but no more tire busting "islands" on residential streets.	3/23/2016 10:29 AM
646	There are actually lots of cheap (\$3-7) parking options but the onstreet parking makes people think that all the spaces are taken. Need to get rid of the onstreet parking and increase signage to the parking garages. More collaboration with existing garages and build a couple more in strategic locations. GO UP!	3/22/2016 8:31 PM
647	Free parking in decks.	3/22/2016 9:58 AM
648	Perhaps a few blocks of Ponce could be closed to traffic (walking only) with a shuttle service from parking lots to walking area.	3/21/2016 3:05 PM
649	Keep the courthouse parking free, and advertise this fact	3/21/2016 12:40 PM
650	continue to support and promote alternate transportation (biking, public transit, Marta)	3/21/2016 9:02 AM
651	If you make a purchase at a store/restaurant, your parking fee is waived.	3/20/2016 10:13 PM

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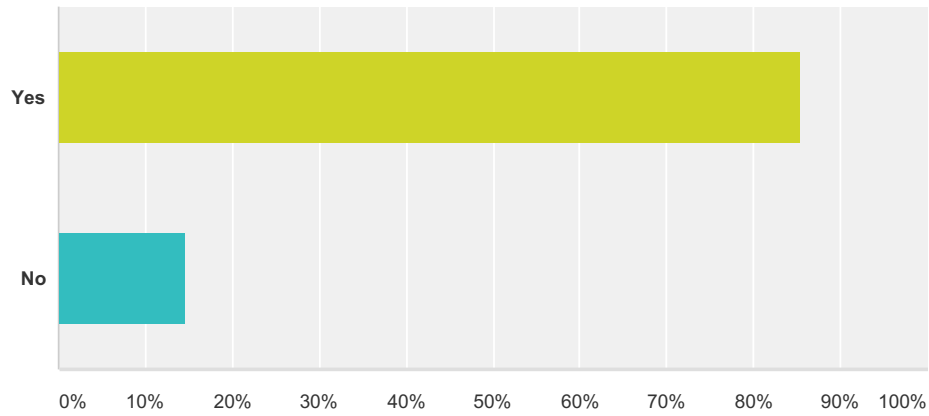
652	Limits on development . More parking enforcement. Working with parking lot/garage owners for reasonable rates and offer shuttle service along the downtown corridor from parking areas.	3/20/2016 9:47 PM
653	Adjust traffic lights to give walkers priority and increase the enforcement of crosswalk rules on drivers.	3/20/2016 1:09 PM
654	Adjust the traffic lights to be more walker friendly and step up enforcement of crosswalk laws.	3/20/2016 12:24 PM
655	another paid lot. Parking deck?	3/20/2016 11:58 AM
656	advertise people take MARTA, bike or walk if possible	3/20/2016 10:30 AM
657	The massive amount of housing growth in the city center is making navigation of the city a nightmare. Stop putting in high density housing.	3/20/2016 10:24 AM
658	Lower the fees at City parking lot	3/20/2016 10:17 AM
659	shorter hours for parking meters - free parking on weekends	3/20/2016 6:59 AM
660	Free parking in downtown	3/20/2016 6:54 AM
661	Free parking on certain dats as well as around holidays like Christmas	3/20/2016 6:45 AM
662	Well lighted, accessible, well designated, free parking. Many small businesses are challenged by the increasingly difficult parking. situation.	3/20/2016 6:09 AM
663	Stop narrowing the streets!!! Widen the streets the way they use to be!! Provide additional parking lots and more free parking. Provide more handicapped accessible parking especially in parking decks.	3/19/2016 11:41 PM
664	Stop narrowing the streets!!!! Widen the streets back to the way they were!!! Provide additional parking. Provide free parking somewhere.	3/19/2016 11:37 PM
665	Encourage visitors to park on the outer limits of the city and walk	3/19/2016 9:47 PM
666	Shuttle Bus or MARTA Bus in front of Oliver House 1450 Commerce Drive Decatur Georgia	3/19/2016 9:07 PM
667	Increase safe pedestrian crosswalks!!!!	3/19/2016 8:17 PM
668	Off-street parking garage(s) to serve CBD. A garage in place of the underutilized surface parking near Bank of America or by the PD's offices would serve the entire Court Square area. Both are connected to Court Square by pedestrian corridors. Also, get DeKalb to reinstate free off-hour parking in the courthouse garage.	3/19/2016 7:11 PM
669	Post signs clearly indicating which lots accept public parking.	3/19/2016 5:01 PM
670	We walk everywhere but friends who live outside decatur do complain about lack of parking. Maybe publicize the free parking after 6pm, and in courthouse deck.	3/19/2016 4:37 PM
671	Larger biking and pedestrian lanes. Pedi cabs and lanes	3/19/2016 4:05 PM
672	Require new construction to provide some bottom floor or underground parking. Improve walkability by making green lights automatically light a "walk" sign. I find it sad to see visitors patiently waiting for a walk sign when the traffic light is green. Good example: Church and Ponce. I know enough to walk when the light turns green (after the left lane is clear) but our visitors do not know that. All US cities I have been in have automatic walk lights with green lights.	3/19/2016 3:53 PM
673	City owned parking deck with free parking.	3/19/2016 11:41 AM
674	Free parking with shuttles	3/18/2016 11:38 PM
675	Better signage for public decks (people who don't live in Decatur say they don't see them / are not aware of them). Consider X- crossings / "pedestrian scramble" at very busy pedestrian intersections (like Commerce and W Ponce). It's amazing how much people crossing the street, especially between CVS / Artisan corner backs traffic up along W. Ponce toward Claremont. Better bike lanes so "average" people feel safe to ride rather than drive.	3/18/2016 4:24 PM
676	Fix the traffic lights. Create better signage for parking. Reconnect or simply connect all the dead-end streets downtown. Reconnect Williams Street then make Clairmont, Commerce, Church and Williams all three lane, one-way streets moving counter-clockwise. At least study this idea, as it should better accommodate the changing demand in traffic flows than does the current layout.	3/18/2016 4:11 PM
677	Start requiring - underground parking structures for new downtown buildings - condo etc	3/18/2016 3:22 PM
678	Work with Dekalb to keep parking deck free. Increase parking spaces instead of decreasing them. Time lights better, particularly across the railroad tracks. Fix the intersection of McDonough and College so pedestrians and cars can safely cross in a timely manner - that particular intersection is shameful.	3/18/2016 9:24 AM
679	Free	3/17/2016 6:30 PM
680	Find a way to share space with courthouse deck.	3/17/2016 11:50 AM

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681	Face it: you're going to need more parking. Decatur in 20 years is becoming more and more like a city, if you're going to have retail here, you need parking to go with it. public transportation options aren't something Decatur can do on its own and MARTA just isn't going to provide more solutions any time soon.	3/17/2016 10:46 AM
682	shortening the pay window from 9-4 vs. 8-6.	3/17/2016 10:30 AM
683	Parking should cost somebody. Easily accessible parking and a trolley/shuttle around town?	3/16/2016 5:40 PM
684	We don't have a parking problem. We have a parking perception problem. Direct people to the spaces. Please please please don't build more parking.	3/16/2016 4:25 PM
685	I've stopped daytime shopping due to metered parking.	3/16/2016 4:24 PM
686	The whole appeal of Decatur is because it is not car centric/focused. There are plenty of parking options with on-street, surface lots, and 3 parking garages.	3/16/2016 4:03 PM
687	Stop the growth of rental/condo construction Offer free bus from nearby parking areas. Half hour service from 9-9	3/16/2016 3:43 PM

Q6 Do you routinely walk as a form of transportation within the City?

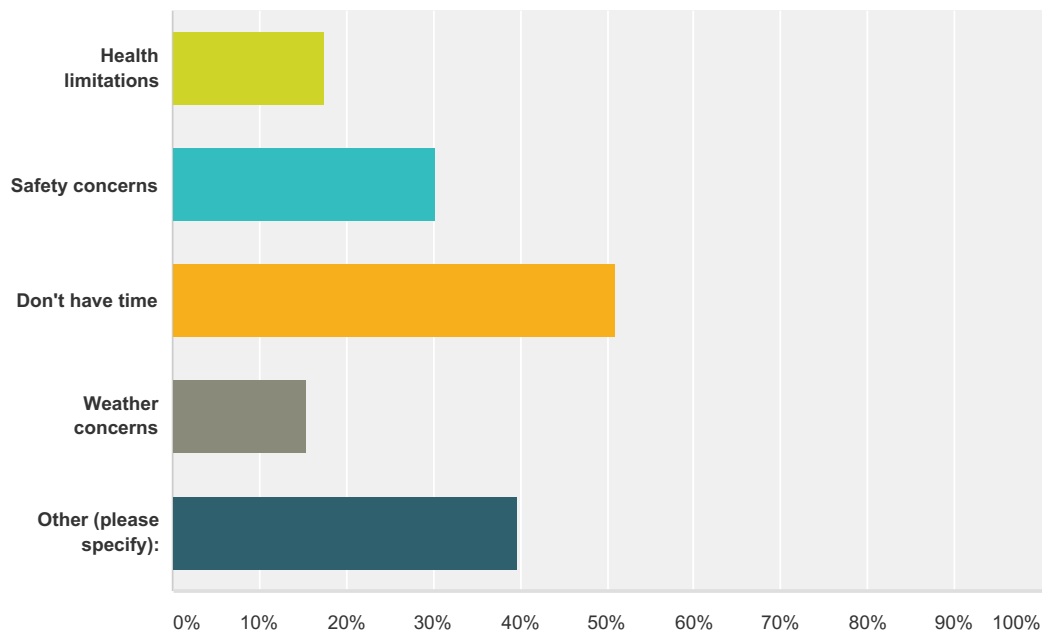
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	85.48%	895
No	14.52%	152
Total		1,047

Q7 If you do not routinely walk, what are the barriers to doing so? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 149 Skipped: 903



Answer Choices	Responses
Health limitations	17.45% 26
Safety concerns	30.20% 45
Don't have time	51.01% 76
Weather concerns	15.44% 23
Other (please specify):	39.60% 59
Total Respondents: 149	

#	Other (please specify):	Date
1	Sidewalks, lack of safe sidewalks, crosswalks	5/30/2016 12:45 PM
2	Lazy	5/27/2016 11:30 AM
3	Walk to see what? Stores, stores, stores and more stores. Not interested in shopping. Get creative folks and bring in new kinds of shopping experiences	5/27/2016 9:23 AM
4	I walk for exercise but not to run errands because of time constraints or weight of packages	5/26/2016 9:05 PM
5	Going to work in dress clothing	5/26/2016 5:24 PM
6	too far from my house to downtown	5/26/2016 10:57 AM
7	Live too far from downtown	5/25/2016 2:41 AM
8	poor cross walks at rail intersections. Concerns on poor lighting and safety at night	5/24/2016 7:37 PM
9	I have small children	5/24/2016 7:08 PM

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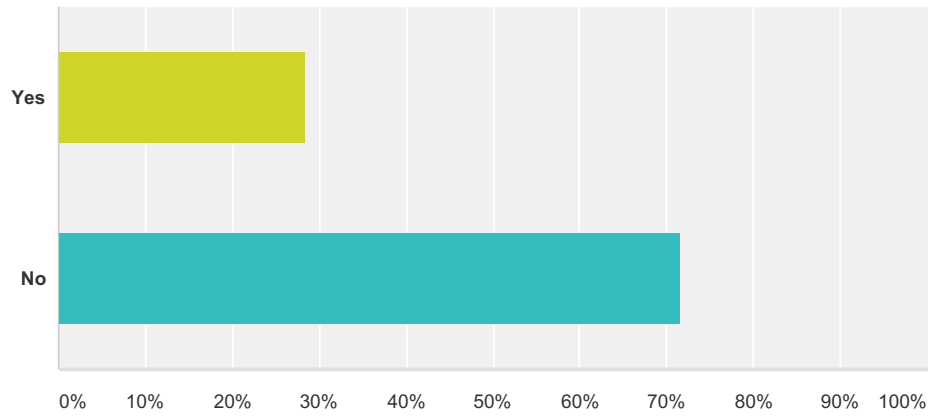
10	Part of the reason I don't have time to walk is that I spend 8 hours per week commuting (less than 5 miles) to work through Decatur every weekday. On Marta, this trip is even longer...I think Atlanta is too big, too hilly and too hot to realistically expect people to really do much more than recreational walking...	5/24/2016 10:41 AM
11	lack of sidewalks in many places	5/24/2016 10:40 AM
12	no sidewalks on my street	5/24/2016 9:47 AM
13	Can't get my wife to walk the 3/4 mile.	5/24/2016 7:39 AM
14	Often on the way to another destination. Would patronize locally if parking was available.	5/23/2016 4:59 PM
15	I live on S. McDonough street and to get to downtown, I need to cross the railroad. The junction and the traffic lights there are not pedestrian-friendly.	5/23/2016 12:03 PM
16	Busy road (S Candler) - narrow sidewalks	5/23/2016 11:08 AM
17	we walk to oakhurst. decatur is too far with our young son	5/23/2016 9:27 AM
18	Carrying packages home	5/23/2016 8:22 AM
19	A little too far with small children.	5/22/2016 8:02 PM
20	Tracks	5/21/2016 3:19 PM
21	I live in Oakhurst and will walk to the Village during daylight hours. Too much crime to chance walking at night!! Downtown Decatur seems too far to walk on a routine basis. I hate that I pay so much in property taxes, yet I do not feel safe to walk 4 blocks at night in Oakhurst without being robbed at gunpoint for my wallet and 4 year old cell iPhone. Disgracefull.	5/21/2016 3:17 PM
22	I don't live in Decatur but frequent it often.	5/21/2016 12:54 PM
23	Too far to downtown	5/21/2016 10:11 AM
24	Timing	5/21/2016 2:21 AM
25	I walk on my neighborhood, but downtown is not as close for regular walking. I have to drive to go to downtown decatur, even though I might walk once I'm there	5/20/2016 8:01 PM
26	I walk when I can, but I wouldn't call it "routinely." And my biggest barrier is time.	5/20/2016 4:17 PM
27	No need	5/20/2016 2:06 PM
28	live on Midway which is too far from downtown with sm. children	5/20/2016 1:37 PM
29	traffic speeds are much too high	5/20/2016 1:24 PM
30	no free parking in rea I want to go to	5/20/2016 1:11 PM
31	I walk for exercise, but don't want to tote groceries or books.	5/20/2016 8:25 AM
32	Distance	5/20/2016 7:59 AM
33	children	5/20/2016 7:56 AM
34	High speed traffic on Clairemont with narrow sidewalk	5/20/2016 6:57 AM
35	Well I don't routinely walk because I live a mile from downtown and over a mile from Oakhurst district. i occasionally walk, but not "routinely". I tend to walk to festivals but drive for shopping/library/framing trips because of the need to carry things, so most of the time I clump my errands into one trip.	5/20/2016 6:04 AM
36	distance	5/19/2016 8:18 PM
37	Narrow sidewalks and no traffic calming on Candler	5/19/2016 6:09 PM
38	Narrow sidewalks and no traffic calming on candler rd	5/19/2016 6:06 PM
39	I work full time and have 3 kids at 3 different schools. It is impossible to walk and be at the number of places that I need to be at. As the school populations grow, this will become an issue for many people. It is unrealistic to think that the population and be forced into biking or walking all over.	5/19/2016 4:35 PM
40	No public transportation aside from MARTA buses, which are routinely late and slow. Would walk more if I could get to places by train.	5/19/2016 3:36 PM
41	safety	5/7/2016 5:59 PM
42	I walk alot, but I also drive because I am in a hurry	5/3/2016 4:19 PM

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43	live to far away from downtown and I do not like crossing college with small children	5/3/2016 2:25 PM
44	Although I live in the city limits, I live far enough away from downtown that it is fesible to walk but once downtown and can park will will walk	4/29/2016 10:19 AM
45	There are other places I can go for retail and food with easier parking. I don't frequent Decatur (town center) stores bc of lack of parking.	4/29/2016 8:43 AM
46	too far	4/28/2016 6:58 PM
47	Cars are travelling way too fast in the city	4/25/2016 2:24 PM
48	The infrastructure still complete favors drivers. We need better crosswalks and lower speed limits.	4/25/2016 12:15 PM
49	Too far from city center to my house	4/22/2016 6:04 PM
50	lazy, but don't actually shop in town much. Spend most of my money at the Emory Publix.	4/20/2016 2:11 PM
51	Some of the neighborhood sidewalks are in deplorable shape with tree roots pushing up sections, causing trip hazards. I have taken falls and incurred injuries, and I have seen many others do the same.	4/20/2016 11:08 AM
52	Need to park in the general area and walk from there	4/20/2016 10:28 AM
53	Live too far from areas where walking makes sense	4/20/2016 7:52 AM
54	Lazy	4/18/2016 12:15 PM
55	I live in Chelsea Heights. Walking is not always practical	4/14/2016 8:07 AM
56	In order to afford to live in the city and pay the high taxes, we need to have a two income family. Both of us are too busy going to work and taking our two children to multiple activities from one side of this town to the other side	4/13/2016 10:34 PM
57	I am the last house in the city limits and it would take a lot of time to walk every time I go into Decatur.	4/13/2016 9:27 PM
58	we live a mile away from the square so we rarely walk up due to the time it takes. If we lived closer i'm sure we would walk frequently. If we could hop on a shuttle that ran every half hour that would be fabulous.	4/13/2016 8:14 PM
59	Finding a place to park so I can walk to shops, etc.	3/19/2016 11:41 AM

Q8 Do you routinely bike as a form of transportation within the City?

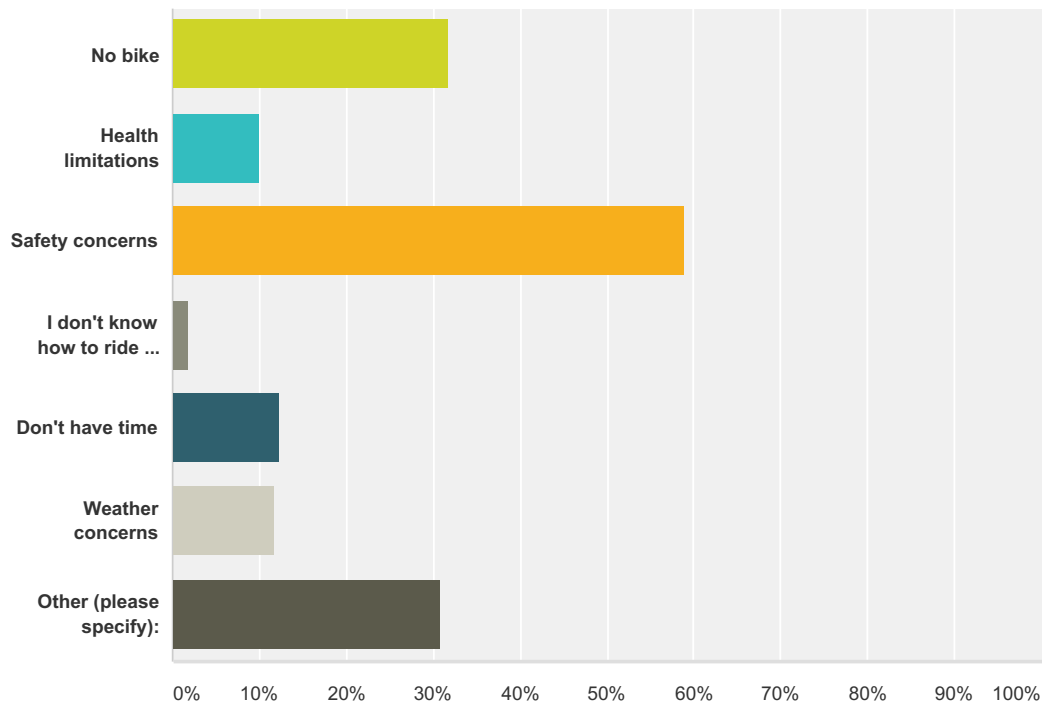
Answered: 1,025 Skipped: 27



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	28.39%	291
No	71.61%	734
Total		1,025

Q9 If you do not routinely bike, what are the barriers to doing so? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 733 Skipped: 319



Answer Choices	Responses
No bike	31.79% 233
Health limitations	10.10% 74
Safety concerns	58.80% 431
I don't know how to ride a bike	1.91% 14
Don't have time	12.41% 91
Weather concerns	11.60% 85
Other (please specify):	30.83% 226
Total Respondents: 733	

#	Other (please specify):	Date
1	Drivers speed on the roads I would take, seems too dangerous.	5/31/2016 9:40 PM
2	Atlanta is not a bikeable metro area, even if Decatur is.	5/31/2016 5:29 PM
3	Would probably ride were there bike lanes.	5/31/2016 2:18 PM
4	Traffic is way too dangerous in city limits.	5/31/2016 11:26 AM
5	No existing bike lanes!	5/30/2016 10:46 PM
6	Young kids can't bike, can't bike and dress nice for a meal, or go try on clothes all sweaty or carry a picture home on a bike	5/30/2016 6:05 PM
7	age	5/30/2016 3:53 PM

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8	Age	5/30/2016 3:48 PM
9	Not sure where to lock bike around town	5/30/2016 1:35 PM
10	Safety concerns	5/30/2016 1:26 PM
11	No safe bike paths - narrowing a street like Sycamore from downtown through to city limits at north end; providing some narrowing of some streets to allow for serious bike paths	5/30/2016 11:09 AM
12	No stand alone tpublic toilet.	5/30/2016 10:02 AM
13	Can't ride when dressed nice or with young kids	5/30/2016 6:59 AM
14	Age	5/29/2016 10:40 PM
15	Decatur is too hilly to bike	5/28/2016 2:24 PM
16	Prefer to walk	5/27/2016 9:22 PM
17	I like walking better than riding a bike, generally speaking.	5/27/2016 12:51 PM
18	I have noticed most bikers do not comply with traffic regulations, making it dangerous for drivers even if we are careful.	5/27/2016 11:31 AM
19	Most of my leisurely pursuits are practiced outside of Decatur. I live in Decatur for convenience, period.	5/27/2016 9:25 AM
20	See previous note about google bikes	5/27/2016 8:59 AM
21	Few dedicated bike paths	5/26/2016 9:22 PM
22	Bikers can back up drivers in cars. I consider the bikers an inconvenience especially when they are riding in the middle of the road instead of the biking lanes.	5/26/2016 9:07 PM
23	I do not like my current bike and I need to invest in another.	5/26/2016 8:11 PM
24	Biking is miserable. It's worse than that when it's over 80 degrees.	5/26/2016 6:47 PM
25	lazy	5/26/2016 4:56 PM
26	walking is easier- no need to lock up a bike, wear a helmet, etc	5/26/2016 4:22 PM
27	I have young kids and need to get them around too.	5/26/2016 3:33 PM
28	I'm not sure why. I should do it.	5/26/2016 11:45 AM
29	My bike does not have gears and Decatur is hilly	5/26/2016 10:48 AM
30	I don't trust drivers to share the road with a bike. I would only bike on separated trails.	5/26/2016 8:10 AM
31	Seriously crazy to promote bikes so dangerous. Realistically no one lives in Decatur and rides a bike to work in Decatur. Bikes are only for pleasure riding rare for transportation. Making things worse by removing car lanes. Get realistic. Bikers are pleasure riders this is not for transportation	5/25/2016 8:29 PM
32	I love to bike but don't always want to get all sweaty and helmet heady. Also my kids aren't good on their bikes yet so it's hard to get around as a family that way right now.	5/25/2016 8:51 AM
33	Parking?	5/25/2016 12:23 AM
34	not sure I can transport what I need to buy on my bike	5/24/2016 9:04 PM
35	Too much traffic to safely ride, bike lanes don't help. Many bikers do not obey traffic laws, which adds to the danger.	5/24/2016 8:40 PM
36	No bike lanes avail	5/24/2016 7:37 PM
37	Heat and hills	5/24/2016 4:45 PM
38	traffic concerns	5/24/2016 3:29 PM
39	too many hills	5/24/2016 2:29 PM
40	Pain getting the bike out...	5/24/2016 2:08 PM
41	I bike for exercise but walk (or drive) for transportation.	5/24/2016 1:26 PM
42	I don't enjoy biking in my regular clothes. Coming home with bags, etc from shopping doesn't work well on a bike. I like to drive, park, walk around to the different shops, then drive home. Most people will want to do this.	5/24/2016 12:58 PM
43	I'm usually traveling with small children.	5/24/2016 9:48 AM

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44	Work with the county to get a greenway/beltline like path out several miles from the city. like connect to the south peachtree creek path	5/24/2016 9:15 AM
45	bike parking too spread out	5/24/2016 8:39 AM
46	I would rather walk	5/24/2016 8:15 AM
47	Age	5/24/2016 7:40 AM
48	Traffic safety riding downtown	5/24/2016 5:39 AM
49	I'm 65. I'm concerned with traffic and possible falls	5/23/2016 10:26 PM
50	Children are too young.	5/23/2016 8:52 PM
51	Prefer walking	5/23/2016 7:04 PM
52	My spouse bikes, but I need a new bike	5/23/2016 5:48 PM
53	Often on the way to a destination where riding a bike would not be efficient	5/23/2016 5:00 PM
54	i expect to bike soon. we have a newborn that we aren't comfortable biking with or have the appropriate carriers for yet.	5/23/2016 4:10 PM
55	small non-cycling children	5/23/2016 3:52 PM
56	I don't notice clear bike parking?	5/23/2016 3:15 PM
57	family travel	5/23/2016 3:06 PM
58	Due to building restrictions, we cannot store our bikes in a garage as we were only allowed a carport. The family's bikes are stored in a closet under the stairs and it's a big deal to get them out :(5/23/2016 11:31 AM
59	No good excuse!	5/23/2016 10:29 AM
60	I should more	5/23/2016 9:01 AM
61	Lack of bike lanes throughout the city (not just downtown) - specifically down Candler and Columbia.	5/23/2016 8:33 AM
62	it's not a matter of if you get hit by a car, it's when	5/23/2016 8:08 AM
63	Too hilly	5/22/2016 10:16 PM
64	Have to pick up child from school/camp	5/22/2016 9:28 PM
65	Texting and driving.	5/22/2016 8:06 PM
66	lack of bike lanes in downtown	5/22/2016 5:58 PM
67	I don't like riding bikes	5/22/2016 2:00 PM
68	I would rather walk.	5/22/2016 10:59 AM
69	Atlanta drivers are antagonistic toward bikers. Need to change the culture of drivers, and of course bikers must be part of that culture change by themselves being less aggressive and transgressive	5/21/2016 8:15 PM
70	I usually just walk. But I have biked...but not routinely	5/21/2016 5:25 PM
71	Too much competition with cars with distracted, impatient drivers	5/21/2016 4:32 PM
72	Tracks	5/21/2016 3:19 PM
73	Bikes need protected lanes or the right to ride in sidewalks! Sharros are dangerous. And riders on clairmont endanger themselves and drivers during busy times!!	5/21/2016 2:42 PM
74	I only have a road bike, which I am reluctant to lock somewhere.	5/21/2016 2:22 PM
75	hills	5/21/2016 1:42 PM
76	I don't live in the city.	5/21/2016 12:54 PM
77	My small children can't keep up, aren't good in the street yet, etc.	5/21/2016 11:47 AM
78	small children	5/21/2016 11:35 AM
79	Within Oakhurst but not downtown	5/21/2016 10:12 AM
80	crossings from WP and Oakhurst to downtown are horrible. (Same for walking... I walk within my neighborhood but avoid it to downtown. It's very dangerous with children)	5/21/2016 9:22 AM

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81	traffic	5/21/2016 9:19 AM
82	Not enough bike stalls, not very safe to bike	5/21/2016 9:07 AM
83	Don't own a bike.	5/21/2016 8:00 AM
84	Not enough bike racks	5/21/2016 7:44 AM
85	Usually walk, or add a stop to a regular drive. Wife does not bike.	5/21/2016 7:32 AM
86	Age, desire	5/21/2016 5:43 AM
87	My home is at the bottom of all the hills and traffic is brutal on Scott blvd.	5/21/2016 12:38 AM
88	I would rather walk...hills would be too much for me.	5/20/2016 8:53 PM
89	Lack of bike paths and connection to belt line	5/20/2016 8:19 PM
90	I bike recreationally but not as a form of transportation.	5/20/2016 8:01 PM
91	No interest	5/20/2016 4:52 PM
92	I'm a bike scaredy and bikes and cars being together without a dedicated lane scares me. In a crash, the car will always win.	5/20/2016 4:21 PM
93	I'm usually transporting children, and while we all know how to ride bikes, I don't feel safe letting them ride on main roads.	5/20/2016 4:18 PM
94	General comfort level on a bike.	5/20/2016 4:04 PM
95	I walk my dog	5/20/2016 3:57 PM
96	Seeing cars speed and not stop properly scare me and my kids	5/20/2016 3:21 PM
97	No place to safely leave my bike while there (or it is in the way)	5/20/2016 2:48 PM
98	No need	5/20/2016 2:06 PM
99	Because of traffic speeds and unsafe roadways, cycling is too dangerous. I would bike much more if there were good bike lanes.	5/20/2016 1:25 PM
100	gets me dirty	5/20/2016 1:07 PM
101	Insufficient Bike Racks	5/20/2016 1:06 PM
102	Young child would want to ride her own bike as well but isn't good enough/old enough to do so.	5/20/2016 1:03 PM
103	don't want to	5/20/2016 11:16 AM
104	I love biking but am terrified of riding on Clairmont - and if I want to leave my driveway, I have to ride on Clairmont.	5/20/2016 10:06 AM
105	Have 2 babies	5/20/2016 9:36 AM
106	Not comfortable riding so close to cars. (Also, becoming a sweaty mess while I get from A to B.)	5/20/2016 9:01 AM
107	My daughter refuses to learn to ride a bike.	5/20/2016 8:26 AM
108	My bike is in the garage and would need cleaning, tires filled. I haven't biked much recently. I would have to wear a helmet which messes my hair. I would need to get you mylock. I would need to carry my helmet with me when shopping/eating.	5/20/2016 8:12 AM
109	Don't like to bike	5/20/2016 8:07 AM
110	Don't want to arrive sweaty, want to wear what I want.	5/20/2016 7:58 AM
111	children	5/20/2016 7:56 AM
112	I'm not a biker/don't enjoy it!	5/20/2016 7:51 AM
113	Don't like to bike	5/20/2016 7:30 AM
114	Traffic	5/20/2016 7:20 AM
115	I wouldn't bike even if I had a bike - don't really like to bike	5/20/2016 7:14 AM
116	Because it would have "cost" us a bedroom in our new house, we don't have a garage so our bikes are stored under the stairs in our home. It's a BIG hassle to get them out of the closet, out of the house, and then on the road. I know it seems like whining but it would be so much easier if we could enclose our carport to store our bikes (and lawn equipment).	5/20/2016 7:03 AM

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117	Would rather walk	5/20/2016 6:50 AM
118	Picking up children	5/20/2016 6:48 AM
119	Young children. Worried about them on busy roads on bike. Especially crossing College at McDonough	5/20/2016 6:46 AM
120	My bike needs repair	5/20/2016 6:04 AM
121	We have young children that also makes this difficult.	5/19/2016 11:53 PM
122	Traffic is ridiculous	5/19/2016 11:33 PM
123	children. and I have no desire to show up where I'm going all sweaty and gross.	5/19/2016 11:24 PM
124	The streets are not wide enough with all of the increased traffic	5/19/2016 10:14 PM
125	no bike lanes. streets are dangerous to ride.	5/19/2016 10:09 PM
126	I don't enjoy it	5/19/2016 9:57 PM
127	I prefer to walk...	5/19/2016 9:48 PM
128	Lack of bike paths. Bad road surface.	5/19/2016 9:28 PM
129	Kids	5/19/2016 8:47 PM
130	No safe child routes	5/19/2016 6:09 PM
131	Bike Lanes not wide enough for adults 3 wheels bikes	5/19/2016 5:51 PM
132	have to carry too much	5/19/2016 5:22 PM
133	Age	5/19/2016 4:50 PM
134	Don't own one	5/19/2016 4:40 PM
135	Similar issue as last question - i have to be in too many places picking up and dropping off kids and equipment and snacks and coolers of water.	5/19/2016 4:37 PM
136	I prefer walking	5/19/2016 4:32 PM
137	Riding my bike would slow down the traffic behind me, which would be rude.	5/19/2016 4:20 PM
138	Very few bikes lanes.	5/19/2016 3:36 PM
139	Not Interested in Biking	5/19/2016 3:28 PM
140	The bump outs force a bike rider into traffic.	5/19/2016 3:10 PM
141	Fear of aggressive and distracted drivers. Poor conditions of some roads. Lack of dedicated bike lanes.	5/19/2016 2:07 PM
142	There's no way I am riding a bike in this traffic	5/19/2016 1:43 PM
143	Because I am limited by the Lot Area Coverage, I do not have convenient and safe storage for my bike. The garage is too full already b/c it's too small.	5/19/2016 1:25 PM
144	traffic in downtown Decatur	5/19/2016 1:13 PM
145	Live close enough to just walk.	5/19/2016 1:06 PM
146	I bike if it is a perfect day and I don't need to carry much (like groceries).	5/19/2016 12:59 PM
147	Sometimes I consider what I would be carrying and opt for a car.	5/19/2016 12:33 PM
148	Traffic in Decatur has increased at such a rate that biking does not feel safe	5/19/2016 10:41 AM
149	Don't have a seat or trailer for my toddler	5/19/2016 8:08 AM
150	No bike lanes on busy Decatur streets	5/19/2016 5:41 AM
151	finding safe places to tether it	5/14/2016 4:39 PM
152	Unsafe to bike with children, specifically.	5/13/2016 4:35 PM
153	Not enough bike stations - areas to park my bike safely.	5/11/2016 11:13 AM
154	one of my children isn't old enough to be able to handle some of the big hills	5/10/2016 10:29 AM
155	Many Bikers are inconsiderate	5/7/2016 5:59 PM

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156	Safety concerns	5/6/2016 7:31 PM
157	I stopped riding a bike years ago for safety reasons. I'm now out of shape.	5/6/2016 3:51 PM
158	Too much traffic and i don't like to bike to do my errands or shopping. I would only bike for pleasure	5/3/2016 4:20 PM
159	currently have children too small. before kids we did bike	5/3/2016 2:26 PM
160	I love to bike and do so out to st mountain but prefer to walk on sidewalks going downtown. I also used to bike to work in downtown atlanta but after being hit by a car I quit doing so. not worth the health benefits. I had followed all the rules but that didn't prevent someone from hitting me. I love bike paths off the road or segregated.	5/2/2016 11:42 AM
161	My kids are too young to ride with me.	5/2/2016 2:25 AM
162	Sweat! It's uphill to the downtown area.	4/29/2016 12:13 PM
163	Age	4/28/2016 9:41 PM
164	too much traffic and not enough bike paths	4/28/2016 6:58 PM
165	If I am not driving I prefer to walk with other people.	4/28/2016 5:43 PM
166	I would love to bike more - As mentioned, narrowing sts., lack of bike paths, bulb-outs all prevent me from riding my bike. Also, it's too dangerous on sts. like Clairemont to get to downtown	4/26/2016 4:37 PM
167	The citywide speed limit needs to be lowered	4/25/2016 2:25 PM
168	I don't want to	4/25/2016 1:05 PM
169	Bicycle infrastructure is very poor. There are no protected bike lanes. There is almost no bike parking. Speed limits are much too high.	4/25/2016 12:16 PM
170	Don't own bikes	4/24/2016 9:18 PM
171	Hills. :)	4/22/2016 6:05 PM
172	Fear of riding	4/22/2016 10:12 AM
173	Haven't gotten around to prepping bike since moving to the area last year	4/21/2016 9:03 PM
174	Prefer to walk	4/21/2016 8:02 PM
175	Have kids and seems hard to take a huge wagon out for a short trip, but I should try it! And then I'm nervous E about traffic hitting my kids especially with all construction.	4/21/2016 5:22 AM
176	Well, you can only bike to places where you can be a little smelly and sweaty. We live in a hot humid climate. And its hard to bike with kids if your actually trying to get something done, they might not like riding very far, or they might not be very good riders, etc. Also, some people have health issues in my family (back injury) making walking or biking a less preferred option. Basically, biking is good for leisure activities when you have plenty of time and aren't doing anything where you have to look presentable. Time is in short supply when you have a family and when I go out, I don't want to be sweaty and have frizzy hair.	4/20/2016 6:24 PM
177	Anyone who rides a bike in these streets in crazy in my opinion. I rouotinely watch distracted drivers (cell phones, ipads etc)	4/20/2016 5:52 PM
178	can't carry much on a bike	4/20/2016 2:22 PM
179	lazy; hard to extricate bike from backyard shed.	4/20/2016 2:11 PM
180	There is no where to ride to. We do not have any scenic bike paths that I enjoy. The path out to Stone Mountain is paved and nice, but I don't enjoy riding though rundown warehouses and don't feel safe on that route. And there are no facilities/way stations along the way. I do not feel safe biking within Decatur due to the traffic.	4/20/2016 11:11 AM
181	Don't care to	4/20/2016 7:55 AM
182	usually have my dog with me	4/19/2016 7:44 PM
183	I carry too much to work.	4/19/2016 2:10 PM
184	Little kids not yet ready to bike on main roads	4/19/2016 1:31 PM
185	Often it's not faster because of traffic lights	4/19/2016 12:51 PM
186	Prefer walking	4/19/2016 11:51 AM
187	I do not have a bike and am too old to get one.	4/19/2016 11:43 AM

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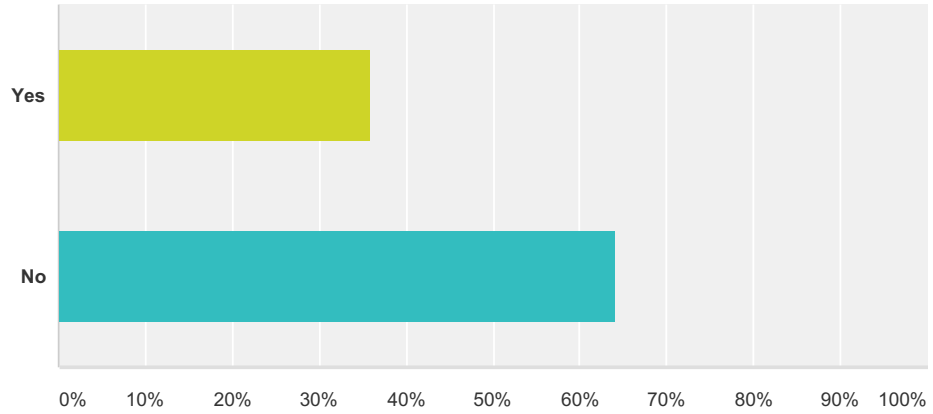
188	prefer to walk	4/19/2016 11:34 AM
189	I prefer to walk. It's safer.	4/19/2016 7:25 AM
190	parking a bike while shopping or dining	4/18/2016 9:58 PM
191	Age	4/18/2016 8:45 PM
192	Walking is easy and safer.	4/18/2016 4:16 PM
193	There isn't enough enforcement of cars ignoring pedestrian crossings as well as cars routinely speeding on many streets	4/18/2016 3:25 PM
194	Especially re taking my son on my bike with me, which is what I would want to do.	4/18/2016 3:00 PM
195	I would feel most safe biking on bike paths not share by cars, on streets (e.g. the one along Dekalb Ave). It would be nice to have more bike/walking paths that are not on streets, and connect neighborhoods, such as those in Berkeley, CA. It would also feel more safe to have more protected bike lanes (e.g. those with permanent barriers, or parking strips) in between bike lanes and car leans in a street.	4/18/2016 2:43 PM
196	Theft of bicycle	4/18/2016 11:11 AM
197	Age.	4/15/2016 11:02 AM
198	Too dangerous; as a 60 year old, I don't want to ride on streets, but can't ride on sidewalks	4/14/2016 8:24 PM
199	Prefer to walk	4/14/2016 3:32 PM
200	I don't like a bicycle as a reliable form of transportation.	4/14/2016 1:26 PM
201	If I go to town in the evenings, I feel it is less safe to bike home at night	4/14/2016 8:08 AM
202	Turtles, traffic calming islands, and speed humps are very bad for bikers	4/13/2016 10:35 PM
203	Easier to use uber.	4/13/2016 9:28 PM
204	Few safe streets w bike lanes	4/13/2016 9:10 PM
205	My kids and I bike occasionally and my kids also bike to school, but i'm very concerend about traffic safety along Clairemont, Commerce and particularly Scott Blvd. We need to lower the speed limit.	4/13/2016 8:15 PM
206	There isn't a great place to ride - I usually have kids attached to my bike. The only good place to ride I've spotted is the Stone Mountain Trail - need some dedicated bike paths, especially from residential into commercial areas	4/5/2016 10:07 PM
207	It's a hassle!	4/4/2016 10:57 PM
208	younger kids that don't know how to ride yet	4/4/2016 11:55 AM
209	The community biking program.. if it still exists, I do not know of any access to it.	4/1/2016 9:40 PM
210	Not enough safe Nike lanes and bike safely signs	3/29/2016 2:35 PM
211	I don't want to bike. It's either walking or driving.	3/27/2016 12:21 PM
212	prefer to walk	3/24/2016 11:30 AM
213	I am not good at riding a bike.	3/21/2016 3:06 PM
214	faster to walk or drive	3/20/2016 9:29 PM
215	not very interested in riding at my stage of retirement.	3/20/2016 5:58 PM
216	I don't like to bike	3/20/2016 10:25 AM
217	All forms of transportation are challenging. As a driver, parking is difficult. Many pedestrians go not use designated crosswalks or respect traffic signals leaking whenever or wherever they choose. Many cyclists ride without following the rules regarding stop signs and without lighs and bright clothing that make them more visible. Pedestrian and cycling education and enforcement may be helpful, but it is hard to teach s community courtesy and respect for others.	3/20/2016 6:17 AM
218	Where to park bike if you do ride.	3/19/2016 11:43 PM
219	Lazy	3/19/2016 9:48 PM
220	Bike Lanes too narrow for adult 3 wheels bike	3/19/2016 9:11 PM
221	Few dedicated bike paths. Bike lanes are inadequately separated from traffic.	3/19/2016 7:13 PM
222	I prefer walking to biking.	3/19/2016 2:23 PM

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223	No interest in biking	3/18/2016 11:39 PM
224	Hilly terrain does not make it easy to get to downtown, travelling along Church Street.	3/18/2016 5:20 PM
225	I walk since we live < 1 mile from downtown.	3/17/2016 5:26 PM
226	I ride often but there is no concern here.	3/17/2016 10:31 AM

Q10 Do you routinely use bus or rail transit options within the City or to destinations outside the City?

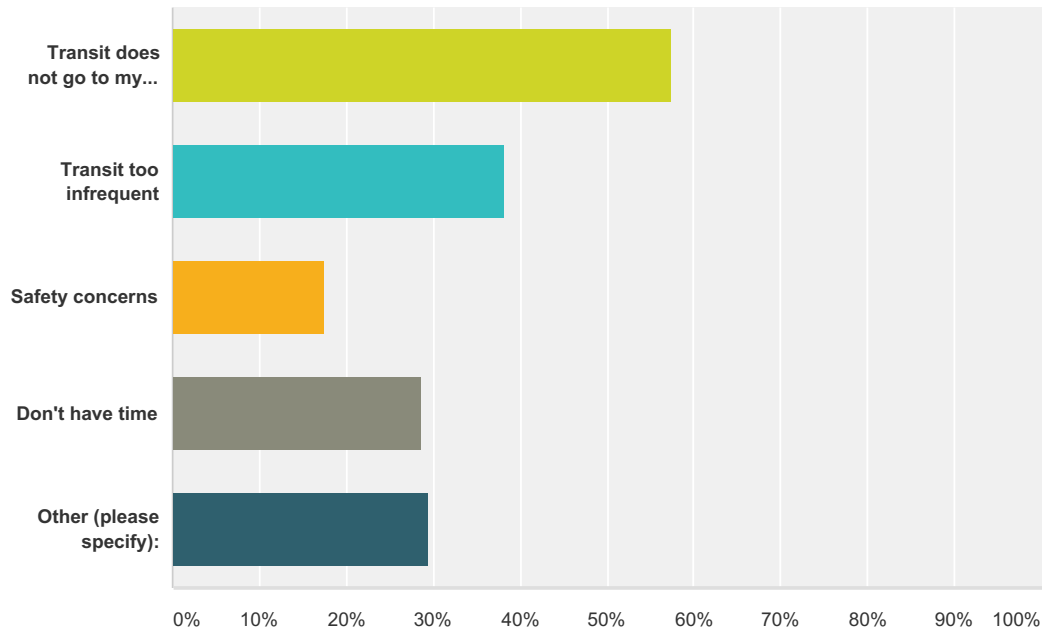
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	35.90%	373
No	64.10%	666
Total		1,039

Q11 If you do not routinely use bus or rail transit options, what are the barriers to doing so? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 653 Skipped: 399



Answer Choices	Responses
Transit does not go to my destination	57.43% 375
Transit too infrequent	38.28% 250
Safety concerns	17.46% 114
Don't have time	28.64% 187
Other (please specify):	29.40% 192
Total Respondents: 653	

#	Other (please specify):	Date
1	expensive for limited access	5/31/2016 7:45 PM
2	We use it to go to downtown Atlanta for sports/ cultural events.and to airport.	5/31/2016 11:27 AM
3	accessibility	5/31/2016 8:57 AM
4	Inconvenient to destinations	5/30/2016 11:19 PM
5	There needs to be a Marta rail line to the Clifton corridor	5/30/2016 10:47 PM
6	Marts is extremely poorly governed and unreliable -look at the report from GA DOT about the new streetcar that cost \$98 million, goes 2 miles, gets stuck in traffic and gobbled up a car lane so caused more congestion; it would cost my family \$20 to take Marta into Decatur and triple the time, and we'd still have to drive to a train station! How does that make any sense?	5/30/2016 6:09 PM
7	Not stroller friendly	5/30/2016 1:36 PM
8	Cheaper for me to park than to ride tran daily to work.	5/30/2016 1:27 PM

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9	Walk inside city do use Marta sometimes to Atlanta or airport	5/29/2016 6:54 PM
10	Transit options are often not logical. Why do I have to take a train all the way to Five Points to get a bus that goes back out to the Carter Center when the closest Marta Station to Carter Center is Inman Park? Why doesn't a bus make a diversion off Ponce de Leon to actually take passengers up to the door of the Fernbank Museum rather than expecting passengers to walk the 1/4 mile to the museum. Not practical for older riders. Why doesn't a bus go all the way down Clairmont from Decatur Station to Peachtree Industrial? Instead the routes make diversions off Clairmont making multiple bus changes necessary.	5/29/2016 11:28 AM
11	I have a car	5/27/2016 5:32 PM
12	Buses take too much time to destination...more buses, better planning of routes and traffic.	5/27/2016 11:12 AM
13	One of my fondest wishes is that MARTA would shut down and remove all of the three rail stations in Decatur. They have ruined the character of my city.	5/27/2016 9:28 AM
14	I only use it occasionally for entertainment downtown	5/26/2016 9:07 PM
15	Buses are awful. All the problems of driving, none of the freedom and they take a long time. Subways fail without proper express trains to cover long distances. Bottom line, even with traffic, Marta doubles my travel time anywhere.	5/26/2016 6:48 PM
16	Live and work within a couple miles	5/26/2016 5:24 PM
17	Refuse to walk in underground station. Safety concerns.	5/26/2016 3:59 PM
18	I wish there was a North/South rail line. Better service to Emory. Better/more frequent service within the city of Decatur would be great! Some of the issues are with MARTA itself, which is grossly underfunded and obstructed by the state and outer Metro counties.	5/26/2016 11:47 AM
19	Often have multiple destinations	5/26/2016 10:48 AM
20	It's ineffecient	5/26/2016 10:32 AM
21	Too pricey vs my car .	5/25/2016 8:33 PM
22	I support Clifton Corridor efforts and the idea of the City shuttle loop.	5/25/2016 1:53 PM
23	No means to get to stations etc.	5/25/2016 11:02 AM
24	This is not NYC, where you can use the train and get it within a block of your destination. Marta usually entails train/bus connections that are not compatible with a busy work schedule	5/24/2016 11:23 PM
25	work north of perimeter transit time = 90 minutes at best with transfers, do use rail when I can	5/24/2016 11:02 PM
26	Drop off/pick up young kids from childcare	5/24/2016 8:03 PM
27	Prefer to use uber. Faster	5/24/2016 7:41 PM
28	It doesn't appeal to me	5/24/2016 7:09 PM
29	convenience of driving	5/24/2016 4:37 PM
30	Uber is more convenient for the limited needs I have.	5/24/2016 2:09 PM
31	It is not convenient enough in Atlanta. Not enough stops to the necessary places.	5/24/2016 12:59 PM
32	Every time I get on a Marta train, some sketchy dudes try to grub money. There is NO security on trains. I don't even TRY the buses. Forget it.	5/24/2016 10:43 AM
33	See earlier comment	5/24/2016 10:42 AM
34	I need transportation to Clifton Corridor that is easier to take than existing routes. Suggest developing city sponsored van pools.	5/24/2016 10:41 AM
35	Route to my CDC campus is too indirect and therefore lengthy.	5/24/2016 9:49 AM
36	Too slow - No speed advantage over car to get to Sandy Springs	5/24/2016 9:27 AM
37	Have to change trains	5/24/2016 8:27 AM
38	I would rather drive	5/24/2016 8:16 AM
39	More convenient/efficient to drive	5/24/2016 8:13 AM
40	Use car	5/24/2016 7:58 AM
41	Don't like it	5/24/2016 7:40 AM

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42	Not convenient or cost effective with family of 5	5/24/2016 5:40 AM
43	MARTA station should not dominate the square. I have never understood that.	5/23/2016 10:37 PM
44	I take Marta occasionally downtown Atlanta but It doesn't go many places.	5/23/2016 10:28 PM
45	Safety concerns after dark. Takes too long and driving/parking is generally easy.	5/23/2016 8:20 PM
46	Often transit is inconvenient. I often lhead for my destination during daylight hours and return after dark.	5/23/2016 5:03 PM
47	Use MARTA (train) when convenient.	5/23/2016 4:20 PM
48	Safety concerns at night. Hard to take MARTA if going several places.	5/23/2016 4:00 PM
49	Need car for work.	5/23/2016 3:01 PM
50	We would like to rely more on MARTA when we go to destinations on the rail	5/23/2016 11:29 AM
51	Stations smell like urinals.	5/23/2016 9:30 AM
52	Buses use the same roads/lanes as cars therefore just as slow or slower as driving	5/23/2016 8:23 AM
53	have to drive to rail transit, no local bus	5/23/2016 8:10 AM
54	Dangerous	5/23/2016 8:04 AM
55	Faster to just drive.	5/23/2016 7:42 AM
56	Mostly stay in Decatur	5/22/2016 11:19 PM
57	i live and work in decatur. marta isnt set up for that. too time consuming.	5/22/2016 11:15 PM
58	i work and live in 30030 but the marta bus system is too slow and not designed for moving folks within this small area.	5/22/2016 10:55 PM
59	not always dependable	5/22/2016 10:18 PM
60	Don't need to	5/22/2016 10:06 PM
61	I rarely need to go where transit goes	5/22/2016 9:28 PM
62	Please put Marta going to Emory	5/22/2016 7:53 PM
63	I can walk most anywhere I want to go within Decatur. I drive to work near N. DeKalb Mall.	5/22/2016 11:01 AM
64	Work from home; don't have to commute	5/21/2016 8:46 PM
65	not a need for me	5/21/2016 5:37 PM
66	Biking is cheaper and faster.	5/21/2016 11:43 AM
67	Not enough routes to get you where you want to go in a reasonable time	5/21/2016 9:08 AM
68	it's easier to drive in Atlanta/Decatur	5/21/2016 7:48 AM
69	Work from home.	5/21/2016 7:33 AM
70	Walking is easier. Weather	5/21/2016 7:01 AM
71	lazy!	5/21/2016 6:58 AM
72	decatur station has no parking and it's a long (time wise) walk from our house	5/21/2016 12:09 AM
73	Biking is more enjoyable.	5/20/2016 10:23 PM
74	It's cheaper to drive (I own a hybrid). I commite and I need access to a car for work	5/20/2016 8:03 PM
75	Retired and do not travel in metro area frequently	5/20/2016 7:43 PM
76	Have a car for travel to further distances. Sometimes use transit to go downtown Atlanta.	5/20/2016 6:18 PM
77	I work in the city and can walk	5/20/2016 5:02 PM
78	trying to figure out how to get somewhere would take too much time	5/20/2016 4:41 PM
79	I work close to home and don't have to take public transportation. If I'm going outside Decatur, yes, I take MARTA.	5/20/2016 4:26 PM
80	Marta isn't convenient for a lot of destinations and frequently there is parking available where I'm going for less than the cost of a family trip.	5/20/2016 4:23 PM
81	My husband uses it daily for work	5/20/2016 3:58 PM

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82	MARTA is a hot mess.	5/20/2016 3:47 PM
83	takes too long to get to places I would go to that way (airport, into Atlanta for fun)	5/20/2016 2:49 PM
84	No need	5/20/2016 2:06 PM
85	I own a car	5/20/2016 1:12 PM
86	takes too long to get to airport on Marta	5/20/2016 1:08 PM
87	Too much trouble.	5/20/2016 12:28 PM
88	I do take it to downtown ATL and the airport	5/20/2016 11:25 AM
89	I use it to go places, but infrequently	5/20/2016 11:16 AM
90	Unpleasant!!!	5/20/2016 11:11 AM
91	Rarely need to use it	5/20/2016 10:29 AM
92	I could take MARTA to work, but by the time I get to the East Lake station, I am halfway there and already through the worst traffic. Plus my parking is cheaper than a MARTA pass. Other than that, I try not to leave Decatur!	5/20/2016 10:08 AM
93	Occasionally will take MARTA train to Atlanta.	5/20/2016 9:46 AM
94	costs too much for someone travelling 2 stops	5/20/2016 9:34 AM
95	costs too much for people living only 2 stops from their destination. the farther you go, the more you should pay	5/20/2016 9:16 AM
96	I live in downtown so walk	5/20/2016 9:00 AM
97	It is nasty. Use to the airport, knowing to allow time.	5/20/2016 8:25 AM
98	I don't know the route or schedule. I expect that it is faster to walk.	5/20/2016 8:13 AM
99	children	5/20/2016 7:56 AM
100	Don't like buses	5/20/2016 7:27 AM
101	I walk or drive	5/20/2016 7:23 AM
102	As I age, public transit becomes more appealing	5/20/2016 7:22 AM
103	I work in Decatur so it doesn't make sense to use MARTA. Also, when I go OTP, it's not convenient. Finally, when I go to Midtown, it takes too long to wait for a train both ways. Driving is just easier and faster.	5/20/2016 7:04 AM
104	I use uber	5/20/2016 6:50 AM
105	No need	5/20/2016 6:26 AM
106	I am not on a bus line and by the time I got to a bus stop I would nearly be downtown.	5/20/2016 6:06 AM
107	Going places that transit doesn't go.	5/20/2016 5:39 AM
108	Too costly.	5/20/2016 3:49 AM
109	I have tried Marta to work and it's double or sometimes triple the time of driving.	5/19/2016 11:54 PM
110	Would take longer for me to use transit to work then to drive	5/19/2016 11:34 PM
111	It costs more money to take MARTA than to pay for parking.	5/19/2016 11:08 PM
112	Not practical for me.	5/19/2016 10:34 PM
113	Convenience of car/walking	5/19/2016 10:15 PM
114	Not being knowledgable of Local bus and shuttle route information/schedules. Would be nice to have a website or pamphlet at the visitor center that makes local schedules easy to find.	5/19/2016 10:04 PM
115	inconvenient	5/19/2016 9:57 PM
116	cheaper to drive and park with a big group	5/19/2016 9:56 PM
117	Marta to the airport takes too long. No express service anywhere. I can drive to airport in 20 minutes. Taking the train can be at least 1 hour	5/19/2016 9:36 PM
118	Transit doesn't go directly to midtown & takes double the time vs just driving.	5/19/2016 9:31 PM
119	Bus stops not sheltered. Buses often late.	5/19/2016 9:29 PM

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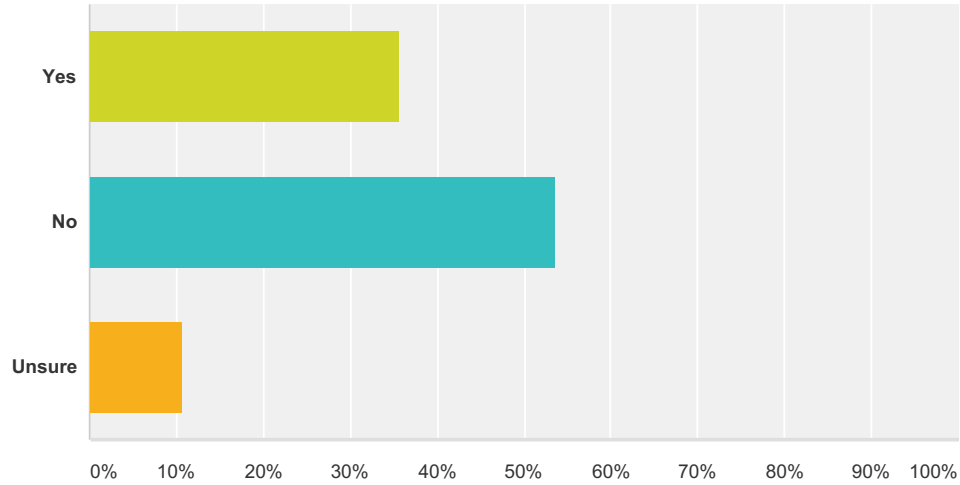
120	marta is unreliable on time.....people on marta have been rude embarking disembarking	5/19/2016 8:20 PM
121	it's less expensive to drive to my workplace than to take public transportation	5/19/2016 5:52 PM
122	need to be flexible at last minute/ drive myself	5/19/2016 5:23 PM
123	I like Uber	5/19/2016 5:15 PM
124	time constraints	5/19/2016 5:05 PM
125	No close place to access transit.	5/19/2016 4:51 PM
126	I stay within Decatur primarily	5/19/2016 4:38 PM
127	Walk	5/19/2016 4:33 PM
128	I carpool with my family.	5/19/2016 4:23 PM
129	Because there are several people in my family, the expense sometimes outweighs the convenience.	5/19/2016 3:33 PM
130	Work at home	5/19/2016 1:02 PM
131	Convenience and ease of driving directly. Added cost of MARTA. Wish I allowed more time to allow MARTA sometimes.	5/19/2016 12:34 PM
132	No free parking	5/19/2016 5:34 AM
133	Child pickup from daycare	5/18/2016 11:38 PM
134	I have had bad experiences with my children on MARTA, unsafe. I keep trying to ride it, but there aren't enough people around to feel safe. I'm used to Boston/NY where it is packed with people and very safe!	5/15/2016 8:49 AM
135	transit doesn't get me close enough to end destination (lack of last-mile connectivity at my destinations)	5/14/2016 10:26 AM
136	Sometimes my job takes me to multiple places in one day.	5/11/2016 11:13 AM
137	the bus stops to pick up the bus are more spread apart now than they were previously	5/10/2016 10:31 AM
138	I'm not familiar enough with bus routes to know if that's a good option	5/6/2016 8:51 PM
139	I do not believe public transit has a future in this area in its current form. Autonomous vehicles will eliminate the need.	5/6/2016 3:53 PM
140	I am still able to drive	5/6/2016 3:17 PM
141	I think MARTA is wonderful. Wish it went more places.	5/4/2016 7:05 PM
142	We have taken the Marta to the airport however parking is now an issue	5/3/2016 2:27 PM
143	Not convenient at my age	5/3/2016 9:59 AM
144	I drive or walk	5/2/2016 2:25 AM
145	I have a car	4/29/2016 8:44 AM
146	Ride MARTA when I can.	4/28/2016 9:41 PM
147	Not sure of route/times. Not easy enough.	4/26/2016 8:52 AM
148	Drive ourselves ~ convenience	4/24/2016 9:19 PM
149	I'm retired, and grocery stores are close by for driving.	4/22/2016 6:06 PM
150	Parking	4/22/2016 9:49 AM
151	Glad it's there - I just don't use it.	4/21/2016 9:39 AM
152	I tried to take Marta for several years but it is utterly unreliable - I heard a lady on the train say "Marta'll make you late to your own funeral." The incompetency and poor management is mind boggling. Marta pretends like they'll get 28,000 riders per day on the Clifton Corridor light rail they keep pushing but they have no support for this and GADOT traffic counts aren't even this high and there are no parking lots planned nor any stops planned in our areas. How does Marta expect to relieve traffic congestion by deleting road lanes for cars and placing a light rail on it instead? Like I said, Marta's mis-management is mind boggling. You cannot rely on Marta if you have a schedule to meet.	4/20/2016 6:29 PM
153	live close enough to city to walk or ride, if free trolley system specifically for Decatur I would use that	4/20/2016 4:57 PM
154	Happy to patronize local stores and events	4/20/2016 2:23 PM
155	my car is more convenient and saves me considerable time	4/20/2016 2:12 PM

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156	Where I need to go is on the North/South line, and MARTA simply takes a lot longer than driving to the same destination.	4/20/2016 11:12 AM
157	Do use it on rare trips to airport or to Atlanta events	4/20/2016 7:58 AM
158	It is quicker to drive/bike/walk than take Marta	4/19/2016 9:31 PM
159	No easy within the city routes w frequency	4/19/2016 7:48 PM
160	I usually walk to downtown Decatur.	4/19/2016 6:01 PM
161	unpredictable schedule	4/19/2016 4:19 PM
162	Bus route out of way and rail completely unsafe.	4/19/2016 3:18 PM
163	i could use to commute to work, but not efficient, especially with having to drive kids to afterschool activities	4/19/2016 2:31 PM
164	not really handicap friendly	4/19/2016 11:59 AM
165	I simply prefer to drive now that I am retired.	4/19/2016 11:44 AM
166	marta is way to slow. Uber is faster	4/19/2016 8:33 AM
167	It is inconvenient. I do not know the routes.	4/18/2016 9:59 PM
168	train stations are not patrolled by police and dirty and rats everywhere	4/18/2016 9:40 PM
169	I prefer driving	4/18/2016 9:05 PM
170	Easier and quicker to drove	4/18/2016 8:46 PM
171	Takes longer than driving and I need to pick up my son from school.	4/18/2016 3:00 PM
172	?	4/18/2016 12:16 PM
173	quality of system is poor	4/18/2016 11:11 AM
174	They are dirty	4/18/2016 10:56 AM
175	No parking when using Decatur marta!!	4/15/2016 10:00 AM
176	I would have difficulty walking to and from transit stops.	4/14/2016 9:00 PM
177	Cost	4/13/2016 9:49 PM
178	Easier to use uber.	4/13/2016 9:28 PM
179	I do ride train to airport.	4/13/2016 9:28 PM
180	The rider fee for Marta for a family of four to go to midtown is just as expensive as driving and parking	4/13/2016 8:16 PM
181	transit does not come down my street at all	4/12/2016 2:23 PM
182	Not adventurous enough	4/12/2016 10:18 AM
183	Retired	4/9/2016 10:14 AM
184	Not interested	4/4/2016 10:59 PM
185	I live within walking distance of the square and often drive to Oakhurst	4/4/2016 11:56 AM
186	Do nto have information to ise it	4/1/2016 9:41 PM
187	MARTA is more expensive to take downtown than for me to park downtown.	3/29/2016 2:36 PM
188	I use the train in other metros (San Francisco, Boston) but Marta just doesn't seem safe between the panhandlers on the train and the violence at Five Points Station	3/21/2016 9:04 AM
189	Physical limitations	3/20/2016 10:18 AM
190	I use MARTA to get to the airport and have witnessed aggressive panhandlers, rude passengers and drunkards.	3/20/2016 6:58 AM
191	Don't use transit.	3/19/2016 11:44 PM
192	I will never ride a bus or rail to get around the city. Please do not waste any of our resources on something like this. Have a look at Atlanta's \$100 million streetcar disaster before going down this road.	3/18/2016 9:25 AM

Q12 Do you think there are adequate on-street bicycle lanes and off-street pedestrian and bike paths to help make outdoor exercise part of your weekly routine?

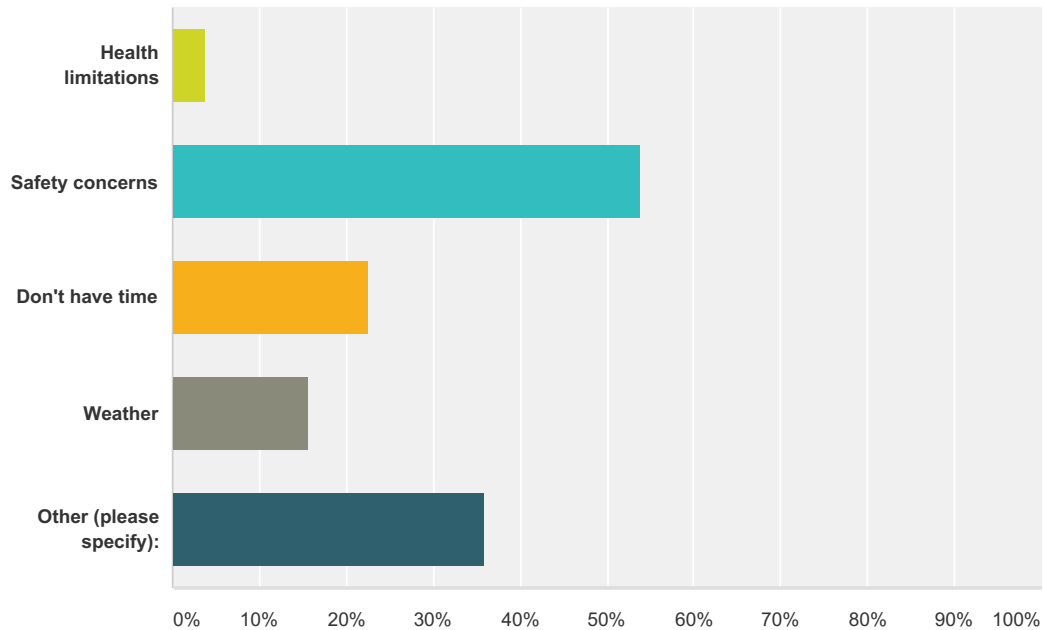
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	35.60%	367
No	53.73%	554
Unsure	10.67%	110
Total		1,031

Q13 What other barriers are there to making outdoor exercise a part of your weekly routine? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 530 Skipped: 522



Answer Choices	Responses
Health limitations	3.77% 20
Safety concerns	53.96% 286
Don't have time	22.64% 120
Weather	15.66% 83
Other (please specify):	35.85% 190
Total Respondents: 530	

#	Other (please specify):	Date
1	traffic. speed limits are not enforced. crosswalks are ignored by speeding cars. no police presence anywhere. torn up sidewalks and crosswalks.	5/31/2016 8:59 AM
2	Cars are polluting and dangerous.	5/31/2016 6:17 AM
3	Make Decatur more pedestrian friendly. Minimize dominance of vehicles	5/30/2016 8:11 PM
4	Lack of sidewalks and safe bike lanes. There are some, but don't connect or get you downtown	5/30/2016 11:48 AM
5	Code orange alerts; too hot in July/August	5/30/2016 11:10 AM
6	Public toilets and awareness of where they are.	5/30/2016 10:03 AM
7	Biking safety	5/29/2016 6:56 PM
8	Need belt line type linear park	5/28/2016 4:15 PM
9	Clairemont Ave. is Not safe	5/27/2016 5:33 PM
10	There are many unsafe/dirty areas due to dogs "business"	5/27/2016 12:44 PM

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11	More bike racks and lanes would help, as noted previously	5/27/2016 12:27 PM
12	time and laziness	5/26/2016 5:00 PM
13	very long wait times to cross streets - eliminate beg buttons	5/26/2016 4:23 PM
14	we need more bike racks	5/26/2016 2:25 PM
15	Hills, but not much we can do about that!	5/26/2016 12:35 PM
16	no barriers	5/26/2016 11:04 AM
17	Infrastructure. There should be more protected bike lanes and bike/ped paths	5/26/2016 10:32 AM
18	Lack of infrastructure for cycling and walking.	5/26/2016 10:19 AM
19	The city makes it too convenient to drive and park close.	5/26/2016 10:08 AM
20	lack of infrastructure and police enforcement of traffic violations related to car drivers per pedestrians and cyclists.	5/26/2016 9:18 AM
21	Need bike lanes	5/25/2016 4:54 PM
22	Road traffic is the number one issue impeding bike and pedestrian traffic	5/25/2016 4:22 PM
23	Consistent sidewalk access and crosswalks throughout the city. In some places we only have sidewalks on a single side of the street. Crossing Howard at Adair is like playing Frogger.	5/25/2016 12:54 PM
24	Except for the beltline, silver comet, and parts of the stone mountain trail, I can't think of a metro area that is more of nemesis to safe cycling and walking.	5/25/2016 12:52 PM
25	Concerned about drivers	5/25/2016 12:24 AM
26	Crosswalks	5/24/2016 8:04 PM
27	navigating the unsafe intersections in the city	5/24/2016 6:50 PM
28	I walk for health and Decatur is great about encouraging that	5/24/2016 4:55 PM
29	Crossing the railroad track on bike	5/24/2016 3:56 PM
30	Outdoor paths separate from roadways would be nice. Cars whizzing along beside a path are a deterrent.	5/24/2016 3:11 PM
31	The speed cars and sidewalks	5/24/2016 2:50 PM
32	There is no park in East Decatur Station area. We have to DRIVE to get to any woodsy trail.	5/24/2016 10:44 AM
33	See earlier comment	5/24/2016 10:42 AM
34	outdoor exercise equipment is only at Glenlake, not the parks near me.	5/24/2016 9:51 AM
35	sidewalks are terrible or non-existent in much of decatur and dekalb	5/24/2016 9:16 AM
36	Don't need a bike to exercise, not a fair question. I work out and walk daily	5/24/2016 7:42 AM
37	None	5/24/2016 5:41 AM
38	Step up traffic enforcement to give Decatur a reputation that calms traffic and makes drivers aware.	5/23/2016 10:39 PM
39	Lack of sidewalks and safe crossings of busy streets and train tracks.	5/23/2016 8:36 PM
40	My daily commute is too far to bike	5/23/2016 7:52 PM
41	motivation	5/23/2016 5:50 PM
42	West Howard needs to be put on speed diet and made two lanes with a median and more cross walks. Atlanta street at Adair crossing needs to be completely reconfigured.	5/23/2016 5:37 PM
43	No other barriers.	5/23/2016 4:21 PM
44	Crosswalks over Howard Avenue near Lenox place not safe. The rate of sped is too great and crosswalk is not well marked or safe. Sidewalks on Howard are too close to the road and too narrow to be safe	5/23/2016 4:07 PM
45	I do exercise	5/23/2016 3:51 PM
46	schedule conflicts	5/23/2016 1:54 PM
47	N/A - I do run outside	5/23/2016 11:08 AM

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48	I want to ride my bicycle on Commerce, but it's not safe. A bike lane or separated bike lane is needed.	5/23/2016 10:22 AM
49	none	5/23/2016 8:43 AM
50	Lack of quality classes in close proximity	5/23/2016 8:42 AM
51	Riding a bike in Decatur is scary at best. Too many cars going too fast.	5/23/2016 8:11 AM
52	it is part of my weekly routine, but at least in Oakhurst, I often have to run on the street because sidewalks are in suck bad disrepair	5/23/2016 8:09 AM
53	None apply to me. I walk, run and bike in our city on a regular basis. However, biking can be a bit unsafe during rush hour since we don't have dedicated bike lanes everywhere.	5/23/2016 7:58 AM
54	None	5/23/2016 7:43 AM
55	No close by park to walk in	5/22/2016 5:59 PM
56	Need more safe bike paths	5/21/2016 11:46 PM
57	some major intersections are intimidating. Clairmont & Commerce. McDonough at the railroad tracks. Commerce and Candler. Commerce and Church. They are ugly, dangerous, and generally unpleasant intersections that stand in the way of long-walking within the city.	5/21/2016 8:17 PM
58	Traffic, traffic, traffic	5/21/2016 4:33 PM
59	Lack of green space!!!!	5/21/2016 2:53 PM
60	While Decatur is better than Atlanta, uneven sidewalks are a hazard to runners	5/21/2016 2:23 PM
61	Lack of planning and infrastructure to mskd biking safe for families.	5/21/2016 12:59 PM
62	CRIME; we can't walk around at dark here, for fear of our iPhone getting jacked by some teenager; I resent that I moved here for walkability, and the city cannot keep these kids from pulling guns, stealing purses, stealing phones and picking on people in the parks	5/21/2016 10:52 AM
63	There are several locations in WP that do not have sidewalks. My street - Oldfield - is a cutthrough and cars FLY down our street despite speedbumps.	5/21/2016 9:23 AM
64	I walk in Decatur all the time and it's great for that. The lack of bike lanes is my only concern.	5/21/2016 9:21 AM
65	crossing College Ave, esp with children, is ridiculous. When we are on bikes it's even worse.	5/21/2016 9:19 AM
66	Sidewalks are too narrow and broken	5/21/2016 9:10 AM
67	Traffic	5/21/2016 12:38 AM
68	None	5/20/2016 10:25 PM
69	We live off S. Candler ST and it's very dangerous to walk and bike on this street. We need more speed limit sensors/ crossing to slow cars down.	5/20/2016 9:50 PM
70	need sidewalks	5/20/2016 8:54 PM
71	the current infrastructure is geared towards cars. They are inherently fast and dangerous and so the infrastructure has to deal with their impact, and so pedestrians and bikes suffer (with lack of combustion engine.)	5/20/2016 8:29 PM
72	Traffic. Difficult major street crossings. le college, candler, Scott	5/20/2016 8:17 PM
73	Many sidewalks are in poor condition and tree limbs are too low, making running on sidewalks a safety concern. It would be great if speed limits were also reduced (30 mph on residential streets is not smart).	5/20/2016 8:02 PM
74	SAFE Bike lanes should be a priority. Would be easier to bike with younger bikers.	5/20/2016 6:20 PM
75	Would be great if there were sidewalks on all Decatur streets and they were all in good repair	5/20/2016 3:23 PM
76	Topography hills	5/20/2016 2:56 PM
77	We need more Protected bike lanes	5/20/2016 2:49 PM
78	Do not live in Decatur; just own property there.	5/20/2016 2:07 PM
79	Desire off street, separated paths, trails, cycle track	5/20/2016 2:07 PM
80	No real commitment to alternate travel modes. Read: not one street, beyond a rare block or two, conforms to "complete streets" protocols. *Every" new pavement and road rebuild should include these standards . . . every one. Unless, of course, all this talk of "walkability" is so much b.s.	5/20/2016 2:00 PM

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81	limited crosswalks over S Candler/S Columbia Dr. Lack of sidewalks on busy secondary streets. Shadowmoor, Hilldale, Derrydown, etc. Consider converting sidewalks on primary streets, Clairmont, to full width multiUse path for cycling/jogging/strollers/peds.	5/20/2016 1:59 PM
82	infrastructure (bike lanes, sidewalks)	5/20/2016 1:47 PM
83	cars drive too fast	5/20/2016 1:26 PM
84	I just have not taken the initiative. I have taken the bike safety training to be able to participate in The Silver Spokes program through the Decatur Rec. If we had wide paths throughout the city to accomodate bikes and trikes, I would totally use a trike for transportation. I feel riding a two wheeler the way the streets are is very unsafe.	5/20/2016 12:31 PM
85	cost of equipment (biking)	5/20/2016 11:20 AM
86	Increased traffic on Scott Blvd, cars flying down residential streets as cut through option	5/20/2016 11:01 AM
87	Playgrounds are helpful- more park and playground maintenance would be goid	5/20/2016 10:24 AM
88	A SENIOR OUTDOOR playground needed. Lack self discipline!	5/20/2016 8:27 AM
89	Traffic	5/20/2016 8:19 AM
90	Lack of "belt line" style bike/walking paths to convenient locations (E.g. between downtown Decatur and Emory/CDC)	5/20/2016 7:55 AM
91	Bike lanes need to be kept clear of debris. Also, speed humps in glenlake pool parking lot force cyclists to use sidewalk crowded with pedestrians. We need cutouts in the speed humps so we can ride thru the parking lot	5/20/2016 7:24 AM
92	Sidewalks in Oakhurst need a lot of attention. Residents are not trimming their bushes/trees and the sidewalks are crumbling. I see WAY too much speeding. I'd support a city-wide 30MPH speed limit. I don't think anyone should go over 30 on Oakview or anywhere in the city! I'd even like to see CoD parts of Scott changed to 35 at the most but I'd support 30MPH. We have a LOT of teens who will be driving in the next few years. Let's slow everyone down!	5/20/2016 7:06 AM
93	Sidewalk conditions	5/20/2016 6:27 AM
94	none the city can help...poor attitude maybe?	5/20/2016 5:31 AM
95	Poorly designed or no crosswalks.	5/20/2016 4:09 AM
96	Traffic is too heavy in Decatur for safe biking and roads have been narrowed making it difficult for bikes to have a safe spot on the road.	5/20/2016 4:08 AM
97	Make the time so n/a	5/20/2016 2:16 AM
98	Have young children.	5/19/2016 11:54 PM
99	Childcare	5/19/2016 10:11 PM
100	I typicly exercise everyday, so I don't feel limited. Time would be my biggest deterrent, but I usually make it happen anyway.	5/19/2016 9:49 PM
101	Would love to see better bike lanes or paths. I realize this is not the Netherlands, but hundreds of kids ride bikes to school. I truly hope the improvements to Candler/College and McDonough/College are sensible. Perfect world would be pedestrian bridge over College and Railroad.	5/19/2016 9:41 PM
102	Childcare	5/19/2016 9:32 PM
103	Too much traffic	5/19/2016 7:48 PM
104	walkability of streets, traffic	5/19/2016 6:15 PM
105	none	5/19/2016 5:31 PM
106	insufficient open green spaces for recreation	5/19/2016 5:23 PM
107	Too many cars. We need more downtown green space.	5/19/2016 5:16 PM
108	I walk 4 miles a day	5/19/2016 4:33 PM
109	I'm happy with my indoor exercise routine.	5/19/2016 4:20 PM
110	But I do exercise in all of these barriers	5/19/2016 4:03 PM
111	Distracted drivers don't always watch out for pedestrians.	5/19/2016 2:08 PM
112	I exercise outside.	5/19/2016 2:07 PM
113	None. I routinely work out including running outdoors twice a week and frequently walking	5/19/2016 1:07 PM

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114	Low Social value of non-auto travel	5/19/2016 1:06 PM
115	Construction and contractor vehicles blocking sidewalks	5/19/2016 1:00 PM
116	More Bike paths needed	5/19/2016 10:50 AM
117	Sidewalks are broken and uneven all around Decatur	5/19/2016 5:42 AM
118	There is no free parking so I can't park my car at one end of Decatur and walk to do all my errands	5/19/2016 5:35 AM
119	Unsafe crosswalks - very pedestrian unfriendly in Oakhurst.	5/18/2016 11:30 PM
120	speeding traffic is a problem even in crossing the street safely at cross walks	5/14/2016 4:40 PM
121	It's all on me - Decatur makes it a REAL option. Thank you.	5/14/2016 10:27 AM
122	gym membership and workout room in building	5/13/2016 2:46 PM
123	Park spaces in downtown.	5/13/2016 10:57 AM
124	Not sure about safety of walking a mile home at night after an exercise class or dinner on the square.	5/6/2016 5:51 PM
125	Lack of tree cover in some places make walking unpleasant.	5/6/2016 3:55 PM
126	The adult exercise equipment at Glenlake Park is junk and it's broken.	5/5/2016 1:20 PM
127	sidewalk conditions	5/3/2016 10:01 AM
128	not sure of the question. I walk regularly. I like to bike but mostly on trails or out to St mtn. Maybe need more bike racks and trails protected from cars, but i can always walk.	5/2/2016 11:44 AM
129	none	4/28/2016 6:59 PM
130	Pollen	4/28/2016 5:44 PM
131	See bike-UN-friendly items mentioned earlier	4/26/2016 4:38 PM
132	Dangerous drivers!	4/25/2016 9:38 PM
133	Please slow down cars within the city limits	4/25/2016 2:25 PM
134	Traffic speeds are much too high. Speed limits should be lowered.	4/25/2016 12:16 PM
135	kids time not a habit yet	4/24/2016 8:30 PM
136	There are multiple barriers throughout Decatur, especially Scott Boulevard (crossing it is never fun, especially with kids), the McDonough/College/Howard intersection, which is unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists and frankly embarrassing for the City of Decatur, and the numerous cut through residential streets, such as Sycamore and Coventry, that carry a relatively high burden of traffic and do not encourage walking and biking..	4/23/2016 5:12 PM
137	I walk everywhere	4/21/2016 9:39 AM
138	Greenways through the cemetery; Park space; Connectivity with Olmstead Linear Park; Medlock Park and Tennis Center	4/20/2016 7:11 PM
139	Routinely watch drivers ignore Stop for Pedestrian signs on Ponce	4/20/2016 5:53 PM
140	try to make it a priority daily but some times there are time limits	4/20/2016 4:58 PM
141	The crossing at Candler and College is dangerous for pedestrians.	4/20/2016 2:24 PM
142	lazy	4/20/2016 2:13 PM
143	I exercise outdoors regularly	4/20/2016 12:45 PM
144	Lack of a downtown green space/park	4/19/2016 10:54 PM
145	None. I am an avid walker. I walk all over Decatur.	4/19/2016 6:03 PM
146	I walk on sidewalks.	4/19/2016 3:19 PM
147	walking is easier than biking in Decatur, south side is good, North side is hard, make more ADA compliant access to sidewalks	4/19/2016 2:11 PM
148	The PATH trail is a great asset but it is under-utilized and neglected. Many of the crossing signals (Commerce and W Howard et al) do not work or take 4-5 minutes to change - that is too long! We need protected bike lanes around the core of the city so that families can ride their bikes safely and more easily patronize downtown businesses.	4/19/2016 2:06 PM
149	My main concern is crossing railroad tracks. The crossings there are very unsafe.	4/19/2016 1:57 PM

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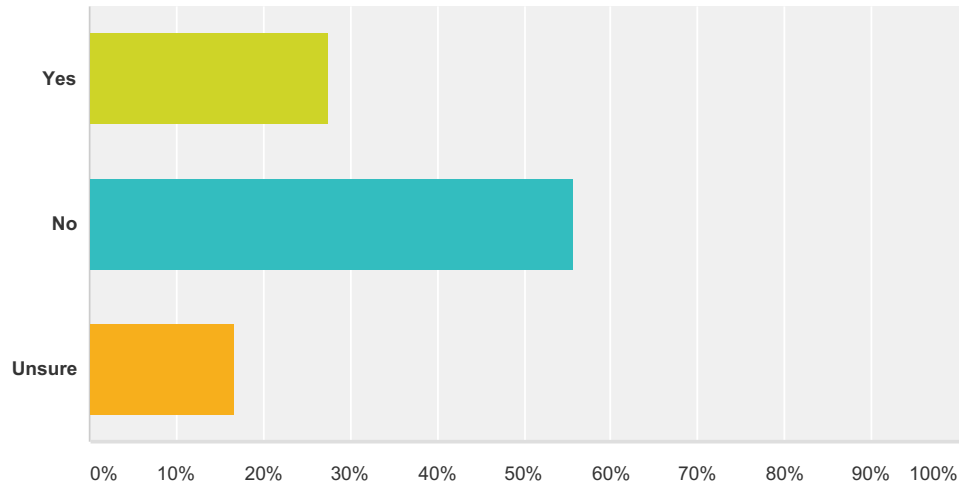
150	No good park space	4/19/2016 7:33 AM
151	In general I think the City is doing a fair job on this.	4/18/2016 10:01 PM
152	Mot enough pleasant walking spots.	4/18/2016 5:34 PM
153	Still go walk daily but air quality very very poor due to the city allowing developers to cut down mature trees a tree bank is really a not good as they'll replace in different areas much smaller trees or make a very small monetary contribution	4/18/2016 3:31 PM
154	Limited green space.	4/18/2016 3:04 PM
155	Walking to and from Winnona Park/Oakhurst and Downtown Decatur via the S. Candler/E College intersection feels very unsafe (especially with a stroller that cannot navigate the stairs after the crosswalk, on the north side of the train tracks). It would also increase overall walkability substantially to have more pedestrian points of traversing the train tracks from south to north side and vice versa. Are pedestrian bridges over the tracks an option?	4/18/2016 2:48 PM
156	Lazy	4/18/2016 12:16 PM
157	Traffic and speeding cars on main thoroughfares in downtown	4/18/2016 10:40 AM
158	Traffic is nuts in Decatur. I don't feel safe crossing streets	4/18/2016 10:34 AM
159	No public park nearby.	4/18/2016 9:10 AM
160	lack of walkable facilities - walking trails, pedestrian friendly spaces. Bike lanes often compete with pedestrians, for example, at street crossings.	4/16/2016 2:01 PM
161	would like to have more green space to walk in.	4/15/2016 11:04 AM
162	PLEASE MAKE CYCLING SAFER IN/AROUND DECATUR	4/15/2016 10:01 AM
163	Distance	4/14/2016 10:58 PM
164	Laziness, I'm afraid. I could walk more than I do.	4/14/2016 9:01 PM
165	dedicated bike paths would be great	4/14/2016 11:23 AM
166	I am prone to stick to the north side of Scott Blvd due to safety. I get out almost everyday but rarely into Decatur downtown	4/14/2016 8:09 AM
167	traffic on Scott Blvd	4/13/2016 9:02 PM
168	we live over a mile from the square, that adds 40 minutes to our excursion. If we could hop on a shuttle within a 5-10 minute walk we would drive a lot less. Bikes are ok but the traffic and safety of our few bike lanes makes it very dangerous, plus it's hilly all through the neighborhood so the kids don't love it. Another suggestion is making the streets safer for other transportation such as golf carts and scooters.	4/13/2016 8:19 PM
169	lack of nice green space/ parks in Decatur	4/13/2016 12:01 AM
170	Lumpy too narrow sidewalks	4/12/2016 10:19 AM
171	Lack of free organized exercise classes	4/4/2016 11:00 PM
172	I prefer to go to my gym. And I try to walk there because parking is an issue.	4/4/2016 10:59 PM
173	not sure what this has to do with bike lanes, there should be more bike lanes in Decatur	4/4/2016 11:57 AM
174	community programs	4/1/2016 9:42 PM
175	Inadequate sidewalks and Nike paths in some areas	3/29/2016 2:37 PM
176	lack of downtown park as a desirable destination	3/24/2016 11:33 AM
177	there are some very dangerous crosswalks (or lack thereof) - like trinity and college, mcDonough and college, and the state law signs have been taken down around some intersections with an island and right turn like at church and trinity	3/21/2016 3:16 PM
178	Laziness	3/21/2016 9:04 AM
179	I exercise regularly in our condo gym and am not inclined to do so outside primarily because of sun exposure.	3/20/2016 6:00 PM
180	Increased noise/emissions (it's no longer a pleasant experience.)	3/20/2016 10:27 AM
181	Pedestrian safety is not observed by drivers in Decatur	3/19/2016 8:19 PM
182	Decatur is very walkable	3/19/2016 7:15 PM
183	Traffic not observing pedestrian crossings & too few crossings,	3/19/2016 5:03 PM

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184	smog, pollution especially code orange days	3/19/2016 3:55 PM
185	Too many of downtown's sidewalks are in poor repair. Commerce Drive is a horrible place to walk.	3/18/2016 4:13 PM
186	No downtown Decatur park	3/18/2016 3:23 PM
187	Some crossings are very dangerous such as Sam's Crossing. Pedestrian crossing even in downtown are not observed... would like flashing lights like Agnes Scott tunnel crossing.	3/17/2016 5:28 PM
188	None	3/17/2016 11:51 AM
189	There are dark spots along some streets -need better lighting	3/16/2016 4:26 PM
190	Not enough parks	3/16/2016 3:44 PM

Q14 Do you think the City of Decatur is providing adequate bicycle and pedestrian connectivity between its residential neighborhoods and its commercial districts?

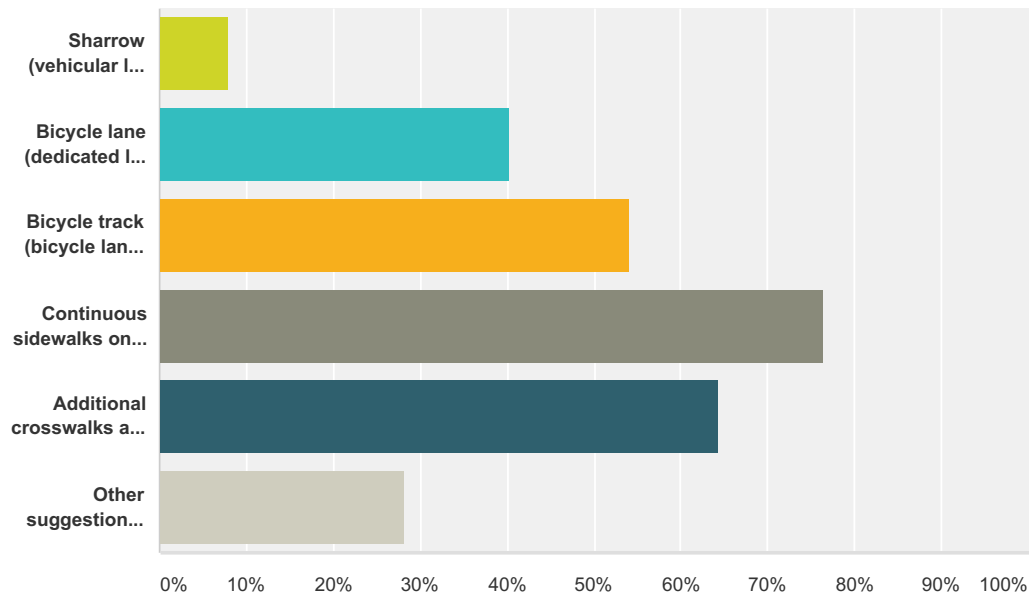
Answered: 998 Skipped: 54



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	27.45%	274
No	55.81%	557
Unsure	16.73%	167
Total		998

Q15 What types of connectivity would you like to see? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 981 Skipped: 71



Answer Choices	Responses
Sharrow (vehicular lane shared with bicycles)	7.95% 78
Bicycle lane (dedicated lane adjacent to vehicular lane)	40.27% 395
Bicycle track (bicycle lane separated with buffer)	54.13% 531
Continuous sidewalks on at least one side of the street	76.35% 749
Additional crosswalks at key intersections	64.32% 631
Other suggestion (please specify):	28.24% 277
Total Respondents: 981	

#	Other suggestion (please specify):	Date
1	Bicycles need to be able to keep moving in order to be safe on the road.	5/31/2016 4:10 PM
2	crosswalks are helpful but pedestrians need to realize they don't "have the right of way." You don't simply walk in front of cars because you are a pedestrian.	5/31/2016 1:16 PM
3	Crossing over tracks are totally unsafe.	5/31/2016 11:30 AM
4	enforcement of speed limits and pedestrian rights.	5/31/2016 9:00 AM
5	Connection of south Decatur to downtown	5/31/2016 7:06 AM
6	safe movement across/over/under College & Scott	5/31/2016 6:24 AM
7	Pedestrian walk buttons that work	5/30/2016 11:21 PM
8	Pedestrian bridges on Church by Gleblake park and orb on Clairemont by Smarties	5/30/2016 10:49 PM
9	Better pedestrian connection over the tracks and Howard and College St's and Better crossings on Scott as well!!!	5/30/2016 10:16 PM

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10	Plenty of bike lanes in Decatur, focus on moving traffic smoothly including right and left turn lanes, stop trying g to tie up traffic as if you think everyone in a car is just lazy and should be on foot or on bike, most people do not have the options so make traffic go smoothly and cars won't be so frustrated by bikes	5/30/2016 6:11 PM
11	A bus that goes down Ponce from the Avondale station to the Decatur Station	5/30/2016 4:56 PM
12	Lower speeds and more ticketing on main thoroughfares such as ponce, claremont, Scott. Even sidewalks seem unsafe due to proximity to the street and worries about cars jumping curbs	5/30/2016 1:38 PM
13	Stop creating traffic jams by replacing car lanes w bike lanes	5/30/2016 7:00 AM
14	barriers on busy streets like Church for those of us who like to walk downtown with kids. the traffic is too fast on that road	5/29/2016 9:26 PM
15	Traffic light timing that increases ease of vehicle turns as well as ped crossing.	5/29/2016 6:44 PM
16	Crosswalks at YMCA and Westchester, better ped crossing signal at Venetian Pool	5/29/2016 5:46 PM
17	bicycle lanes are currently taking up half of roads, causing huge traffic jams on Adair and Ponce every morning. The bicycle lane stops going into Decatur, making it useless. Make bicycle lanes accessible for cars as well as bicycles like they do at Clifton Road.	5/28/2016 2:27 PM
18	NONE, the current "types of connectivity" are too dangerous now and no more need to be added.	5/27/2016 9:37 PM
19	Bicycles are constantly using the sidewalk. Cars are driving well above the speed limit. It's dangerous for pedestrians!	5/27/2016 5:35 PM
20	A trolley or shuttle bus from the neighborhoods to downtown on weekend evenings	5/27/2016 12:28 PM
21	Make bikers follow the rules!	5/27/2016 11:32 AM
22	There are plenty. Please don't build anymore.	5/27/2016 9:29 AM
23	multi-use paths	5/27/2016 6:28 AM
24	No additional bike lanes.	5/26/2016 9:57 PM
25	Public restrooms for pedestrians--even portholes would do	5/26/2016 9:25 PM
26	Require bikers to obey traffic laws. They are a hazard on busy roads during rush hour as they run red lights and weave through traffic.	5/26/2016 7:22 PM
27	No more bike lanes. They are terrible, and honestly, totally underutilized for the impact on car traffic. I know the certificate was nice, but very few get any benefits from those things.	5/26/2016 6:49 PM
28	Hawker lights at more crosswalks	5/26/2016 3:35 PM
29	Automatic crossing lights at key intersections (no need to hit the button)	5/26/2016 10:43 AM
30	Sharrows are meaningless. Do more to encourage folks to ride their bikes. Offer safe paths and more people will ride.	5/26/2016 10:33 AM
31	Decatur needs protected by lanes and paths as sharrows and unprotected bicycle lanes do not protect and only modestly encourage bicycling	5/26/2016 9:21 AM
32	Boardwalk path on easement along creek from Glen Creek Nature Preserve to GlenLake Park. More connectivity of green spaces to try to create something like our own belt line. But it needs to start in Decatur Heights, which doesn't have a single park with a playground. Kids have to walk over a mile on busy roads to get to a park.	5/26/2016 8:14 AM
33	sidewalks for people, to walk. This bike thing is not wise . Do not give in . To these recreational riders. Let them ride around stone mountain .	5/25/2016 8:37 PM
34	Crosswalks with blinking lights OR narrow West Howard Ave. Reduced speeds on both West Howard and College.	5/25/2016 7:23 PM
35	More pedestrian crossings on Howard ave.	5/25/2016 4:23 PM
36	Sidewalks on both sides of street, with buffer if available.	5/25/2016 12:54 PM
37	Fix the intersections at College Ave and McDonough and College Ave and Atlanta. Those are very dangerous for pedestrians, especially the many children crossing them each day.	5/25/2016 8:57 AM
38	Left turn signals at intersections, because people must cut across oncoming traffic at a high speed and our children are not safe. Better lighting.	5/25/2016 2:45 AM
39	Not a fan of sharrows; don't think they do much. Better connection between E. Howard and SM Trail on Sycamore. Wider sidewalks to facilitate cyclists in key areas. Need better connection between Linear Parks on Ponce and W. Ponce/Trinity.	5/24/2016 11:13 PM
40	Given all the congestion, eliminating vehicle lanes seems like the last thing the city should be doing.	5/24/2016 8:44 PM

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41	Awareness programs for drivers - how to share the road	5/24/2016 8:05 PM
42	Better pedestrian and bike train track crossings.	5/24/2016 6:12 PM
43	Bicycle lanes on major roads are counter-productive and dangerous	5/24/2016 4:39 PM
44	Crossing signs at every crosswalk, even if they get hit sometimes	5/24/2016 4:32 PM
45	Better pedestrian access to the square for Winnona Park and Oakhurst residents. Maybe a pedestrian bridge over the train/College Ave?	5/24/2016 3:47 PM
46	Pedestrian bridges across major intersections and railroad tracks. The busy road and the railroad tracks make walking from Winnona Park to downtown much less appealing	5/24/2016 3:12 PM
47	Much improved pedestrian and bike crossing of College Ave from Oakhurst / Winnona Park into downtown. Crossing College Ave and the railroad tracks is particularly unpleasant, dangerous, and a deterrent to walking / biking.	5/24/2016 2:29 PM
48	We do not need to add any more things for bikes. The sidewalks are necessary for walkers, but we need to think more about cars. Cars are the biggest problem and the city needs to realize that people are NOT going to switch to bikes. It is too much of a lifestyle change and people are not going to switch. Traffic and parking need to be addressed - please focus on this and don't spend any more money are bike lanes, etc.	5/24/2016 1:01 PM
49	Please routinely clean bicycle lanes Decatur already has installed. A little sand/grit + 1.25 inch bike tire = accident or not using lane.	5/24/2016 12:43 PM
50	East Decatur station needs painted crosswalks and maintenance of sidewalks.	5/24/2016 10:45 AM
51	Clean streets. Fix pot holes.	5/24/2016 10:26 AM
52	Enforcement of stop lights/signs on cyclists and driver education on how to drive coexist with cyclists	5/24/2016 9:29 AM
53	Too many unused bike lanes currently	5/24/2016 7:27 AM
54	Add effective to crosswalks at key intersections	5/24/2016 12:28 AM
55	Dedicated bike lanes and better street markings warning drivers. The bike graphics in the streets are faded down to nothing.	5/23/2016 10:40 PM
56	It still remains so dangerous to cross from Winnona Park into downtown unless you use the tunnel which is difficult with small children in strollers.	5/23/2016 8:53 PM
57	safer crosses over railroad tracks	5/23/2016 8:42 PM
58	Safer crossing of college, train tracks, and DeKalb	5/23/2016 8:37 PM
59	Quicker crossings for pedestrians - less time waiting at lights	5/23/2016 8:21 PM
60	Get lights timed correctly and repair non-working crosswalk buttons.	5/23/2016 7:07 PM
61	slow down traffic especially on West Howard. It is only a matter of time before a fatality occurs.	5/23/2016 5:38 PM
62	additional tunnel or pedestrian bridge across RR tracks	5/23/2016 4:46 PM
63	Must improve bicycle and pedestrian environments on Scott and DeKalb/W. Howard	5/23/2016 4:31 PM
64	i'd like to see the stone mountain pathway be a better separated and maintained pathway for biking/running and connect through to the beltline.	5/23/2016 4:13 PM
65	Crosswalk at Adair street and Howard is not safe and prevents walking between Oakhurst and downtown Decatur	5/23/2016 4:08 PM
66	A lot of us are older and no longer interested in bike riding. How about golf cart lanes? More people walk or drive than bike yet most of the focus seems to be on biking. Public bathrooms would be nice. Don't allow right turn on red at all downtown lights. Hate sharrows.	5/23/2016 4:04 PM
67	Walk signs that allow more time if button not pushed. Left turn lights. Four way stop lights that would allow for diagonal pedestrian walking	5/23/2016 3:36 PM
68	The hedges along the sidewalks need to be cut back in spots... I routinely walk from Avendale Station to the square down Sycamore and there are many spots where people can't pass each other on the sidewalk due to overgrown vegetation.	5/23/2016 3:18 PM
69	Better railroad crossing for bikes	5/23/2016 3:11 PM
70	Safer, more frequent, better marked crosswalks	5/23/2016 12:20 PM
71	Rail crossing are so dangerous for pedestrians/bicycles	5/23/2016 11:38 AM

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72	I support any infrastructure that levels the public space playing field and allows greater access by all.	5/23/2016 10:31 AM
73	safer crosswalks along College Ave	5/23/2016 8:53 AM
74	greater enforcement of traffic laws for cars and bikes	5/23/2016 8:47 AM
75	Allow bicycles (legally) on sidewalks, with yield to pedestrians	5/23/2016 8:13 AM
76	Communication campaigns about respecting bikers and equal reminders to bikers about rules of being another vehicle on the road.	5/23/2016 8:00 AM
77	Please please please fix the trinity triangle area. This is SO dangerous	5/23/2016 6:31 AM
78	cost prohibitive i am sure but wouldn't a rail car or some small bus service for this immediate area be fantastic?	5/22/2016 10:57 PM
79	Crosswalk signals that change automatically	5/22/2016 9:29 PM
80	Wider sidewalks on major streets, such as Candler - a greater buffer from traffic and/or greatly reduced maximum speed limits on Candler.	5/22/2016 9:09 PM
81	reduce Clairemont Ave to 2 lanes with a turn lane in the center and bike lanes on each side	5/22/2016 6:00 PM
82	Crosswalks between intersections	5/22/2016 5:46 PM
83	I would like to see more cyclists using the designated bike path (especially on Howard) rather than using car lanes (on Howard and College).	5/22/2016 11:06 AM
84	Improve crosswalk buttons for pros. Most don't work well.	5/22/2016 11:04 AM
85	no right turn on red at major intersections involving Commerce.	5/21/2016 8:19 PM
86	enforcement of traffic laws with regard to pedestrians.	5/21/2016 7:58 PM
87	Driver education to share the road with bikes. Signs everywhere especially congested areas downtown. ALSO lower speeds on Scott Boulevard with speed enforcement cameras. Drivers treat Scott Blvd like a superhighway.	5/21/2016 4:59 PM
88	Slow traffic on E Lake Dr	5/21/2016 3:48 PM
89	Pedestrian bridges over busy roads; pedestrian triggered flashing lights at busy crosswalks	5/21/2016 2:56 PM
90	I ride all around intown Atlanta regularly. One of the busiest cycling and pedestrian commuter routes is the approach to Oakhurst Elementary, yet there is no protection or lane for children or adults.	5/21/2016 2:42 PM
91	What happened to the crosswalk at Winter St leading to the East Lake MARTA station?	5/21/2016 2:23 PM
92	On street parking as buffer to bike lanes and sidewalks	5/21/2016 1:00 PM
93	We should have continuous sidewalks on BOTH sides of the street. I don't think these bicycle lanes are necessary on most streets, but Howard, Ponce, East Lake, and similar streets, for sure!	5/21/2016 11:50 AM
94	Bury the rail line on howard/college and build a park on top of it. See also: southwest corridor in Boston/Jamaica plain	5/21/2016 11:37 AM
95	really, now--is there any room for a bike lane with buffer? that would be best; but you've been too busy spending \$ on stupid bumpouts in Oakhurst	5/21/2016 10:53 AM
96	Better coordination with State and Dekalb county (e.g., Ponce de Leon	5/21/2016 9:48 AM
97	the ability to cross street in a direct shot (meaning you can cross from all sides)	5/21/2016 9:21 AM
98	Fix and enlarge sidewalks	5/21/2016 9:11 AM
99	Pedestrian bridge across Scott boulevard somewhere between Coventry and Clairemont	5/21/2016 8:02 AM
100	lower speed limits	5/21/2016 7:51 AM
101	Better crossings across the railroad tracks.	5/21/2016 7:34 AM
102	Paths from Olympic Place to Oakhurst and Mead for walking our children to school safely	5/21/2016 7:26 AM
103	Get homeowners to trim their bushes back off the sidewalk and overhead.	5/21/2016 5:45 AM
104	Reduce speed limit on south candler	5/21/2016 12:39 AM
105	Better pedestrian crossing at Candler and College	5/20/2016 11:20 PM
106	Better traffic control on South Candler. People frequently run the light at the corner of S Candler and Kirk Rd	5/20/2016 10:28 PM
107	Maintain sidewalks, free of encroaching shrubs.	5/20/2016 10:27 PM

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108	Light up blinking crosswalks when they are in use	5/20/2016 9:23 PM
109	The intersection at Candler & College is treacherous for peds & bikes.	5/20/2016 8:48 PM
110	roundabouts.	5/20/2016 8:29 PM
111	Crossing the train tracks is dangerous at the intersections. Vehicles are trying to get through the lights and don't always see pedestrians and bicyclists.	5/20/2016 8:04 PM
112	Better railroad crossings. NO bike lanes on roads. NO. Roads already locked down	5/20/2016 7:23 PM
113	Some intersections need crosswalk lights alerting drivers to people crossing. The crosswalk on s. McDonough from the high school to Marco's is dangerous and so is the one on Oakview that goes across to the Saba/Matador complex.	5/20/2016 4:49 PM
114	My street has been asking for sidewalks on our end for 10 years....still hasn't happened for a variety of reasons. None of which outweigh the need to remove pedestrians and cars from each other's path.	5/20/2016 4:25 PM
115	Anything that can keep bikes separated from traffic but still give them full mobility on the road is optimal. The Atlanta Bicycle Coalition has excellent guidelines for a "complete street."	5/20/2016 4:23 PM
116	Bikers will continue to bike where they want to though. Heading to F.AVE on Oakview their needs to be a bike lane for the students. Very dangerous!!	5/20/2016 4:00 PM
117	sharrows are scary. bike lanes without some kind of barrier to motorists are scary too, but better than sharrows.	5/20/2016 2:57 PM
118	Parking or otherwise protected bike lanes	5/20/2016 2:50 PM
119	separated shared use paths	5/20/2016 2:42 PM
120	You misunderstand "bicycle track" for a true separated cycleway. I will include a link at the end. "Buffering" means to add paint. Road paint is not infrastructure. (See the new "bike lane" on southbound East Lake Rd. as it approaches Park for a fine non-example.) Separated cycleways use immobile physical separation. These are, usually, excellent. The following manual will help explain. https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/media/vanilla_content/files/SeparatedCyclewaysGuidelinesQLD.pdf	5/20/2016 2:09 PM
121	The city should prioritize bike and ped above all other modes besides transit. People within the city have no need to drive anywhere within the city.	5/20/2016 2:04 PM
122	Traffic calming measures to slow cars	5/20/2016 1:54 PM
123	Sharrows are more dangerous than they are helpful!! Please do your research before including Sharrows.	5/20/2016 1:48 PM
124	bike lanes where bickers do not ride in the middle of buy roads/car lanes and mess up traffic its ver nafe on East College now	5/20/2016 1:13 PM
125	Current bicycle lanes don't connect to anything and cars pull into bike lane to get around cars stopped to turn. Also, how does a bicyclist ever make a left turn from their bike lane without risk of getting hit by cars? Please improve pedestrian options along Scott Blvd- allow pedestrians to get walking signal if they push button after light turns green in the direction they are walking (currently pedestrian needs to wait several minutes through entire light cycle if the push for crosswalk even as light is just turning green. This lengthy delay encourages pedestrians to cross without walking signal)	5/20/2016 11:07 AM
126	KEY INTERSECTIONS ARE A DISASTER for Bikes and Pedestrains- COLLEGE HOWARD ADAIR...	5/20/2016 10:42 AM
127	Multiuse paths connecting neighborhoods	5/20/2016 9:50 AM
128	We need more crosswalks mid-block in certain areas.	5/20/2016 9:47 AM
129	pedestrian traffic lights, especially at adair and dekalb	5/20/2016 9:18 AM
130	College need improvement for bikes.	5/20/2016 9:04 AM
131	better cross walk light timing	5/20/2016 9:01 AM
132	Better traffic control	5/20/2016 8:59 AM
133	Bike track connecting downtown Oakhurst with downtown Decatur; bike track connecting schools.	5/20/2016 8:42 AM
134	Share the road is biker life threatening.	5/20/2016 8:29 AM
135	Forget about all this bike stuff - smoke and mirrors. We've gone too far. Get parking and driving working again.	5/20/2016 8:27 AM
136	Flashing light crosswalk button at Tally and Columbia.	5/20/2016 8:21 AM
137	greenbelts thru neighborhoods linking up to downtown	5/20/2016 8:07 AM
138	More paths	5/20/2016 7:59 AM

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139	Fewer sharrows and bike lanes - we all have cars, too.	5/20/2016 7:59 AM
140	educate motorists to share the road. Lanes are not needed.	5/20/2016 7:36 AM
141	It is a work in progress, & we need the vision for safe cycling to get more people out of the cars	5/20/2016 7:26 AM
142	Just wanted to say I prefer "sharrow" to bike lanes because bike lanes seem too narrow and bikers ride in the middle of vehicle lane anyway.	5/20/2016 7:07 AM
143	Wider sidewalks	5/20/2016 6:59 AM
144	Guard rail on streets like college	5/20/2016 6:25 AM
145	None of these are going to help biking from my location as S. Candler and College Avenue are the barriers. But I prefer to walk over biking anyway.	5/20/2016 6:09 AM
146	A green space that has a running/biking area that cars are not allowed. Like the belt line. We have no where we can go to exercise safely without cars	5/20/2016 6:04 AM
147	asphalt sidewalks so runners and moms with strollers stay out of the road. Bikes and pedestrians can go anywhere but cars can only go in the street. the increase of extremely narrow lanes (Oakhurst) (in front of college Heights) make it insanely dangerous to drive with cyclists also on tge road.	5/19/2016 11:29 PM
148	overpass across tracks	5/19/2016 10:12 PM
149	better traffic light coordination at key intersections	5/19/2016 9:59 PM
150	Blinking crosswalks.	5/19/2016 9:42 PM
151	Adequate Street lights. These are lacking in neighborhoods and connecting areas to downtown.	5/19/2016 9:33 PM
152	bike paths away from major traffic areas	5/19/2016 9:33 PM
153	Strict enforcement by police at crosswalks. Pedestrians have right of way, yet many motorists do not stop at crosswalks. Police should monitor and fine.	5/19/2016 9:31 PM
154	I live across the tracks. I use the tunnel at Agnes Scott because it is dangerous to cross otherwise.	5/19/2016 8:39 PM
155	Pedestrian friendly crosswalks. Prohibit turn on red at Commerce & Ponce. Do not require pushing a button at intersections with a traffic light. Put diamond pedestrian signs at all mid lock crosswalks.	5/19/2016 5:19 PM
156	Safe way for pedestrians to cross railroad tracks between North and South Decatur	5/19/2016 4:54 PM
157	Shuttles between neighborhoods and downtown.	5/19/2016 4:52 PM
158	Intersection of candler/college is a major problem	5/19/2016 4:21 PM
159	Many sidewalks and cross walks are in need of repair. This issue prevents individuals with mobility concerns a great deal of difficulty.	5/19/2016 4:11 PM
160	Better traffic flow to decrease road rage	5/19/2016 4:04 PM
161	Crosswalk on Commerce between W. Ponce and Clairmont	5/19/2016 3:50 PM
162	Crosswalks not just at intersections but at logical locations where intersections/traffic lights are simply too far apart. For example, on Commerce Dr. there is a huge distance between the light at Clairmont and the light at W. Ponce next to CVS. Therefore a crosswalk is needed in between, perhaps adjacent to the Artisan condos and new Alexan apartments.	5/19/2016 3:39 PM
163	The intersection at Candler & College Ave is a disaster. Although I know construction is temporary, I have found sidewalks and alternate crossing options for pedestrians with a stroller unsafe and unacceptable. When you are pushing a stroller, you cannot use the under street tunnels with stairs or the stairs up to College Ave. The only other option has been to use the (very busy) street or to avoid the intersection altogether.	5/19/2016 3:36 PM
164	Overpass at RR Tracks, best/most utilized at Renfoe	5/19/2016 3:12 PM
165	Sharrows do not work. Some drivers do not accommodate the bikers and some bikers ride in a deliberately obnoxious manner.	5/19/2016 2:11 PM
166	At McDonough and College. At Candler and College	5/19/2016 1:28 PM
167	What I'd like to see and what I'm willing to pay for is another matter...	5/19/2016 1:26 PM
168	Some intersections are known major concerns (at tracks) and Winnona Park lack of sidewalks (and obnoxious pedestrians who think cars should not be on the roads there) make it hazardous in that area.	5/19/2016 1:16 PM
169	Crossing over the tracks is a challenge. Pedestrian bridges?	5/19/2016 1:14 PM

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170	The city purports to be pedestrian friendly. If it truly is we should not have to push walk buttons. Walk signals should be automatic.	5/19/2016 1:12 PM
171	Seperated bike lanes are necessary on uphill side when speed differential with traffic is greatest	5/19/2016 1:06 PM
172	close Ponce between Commerce for pedestrian only street.	5/19/2016 10:32 AM
173	I think this city claims to be bike and pedestrian friendly, but is not willing to work with us to create solutions. I've personally tried contacting city planning to rectify dangerous road conditions and I never receive a reply. We need more crosswalks, road calming, bike lanes and sidewalks to be fixed.	5/19/2016 9:53 AM
174	No more extraneous stop signs	5/19/2016 9:26 AM
175	Big flashing lights at crosswalks so car will actually stop	5/19/2016 5:36 AM
176	More non-paved trails through parks, greenspace, along creek beds, etc.	5/18/2016 3:06 PM
177	widen sidewalks at Scott and add more safety lights and crosswalks to slow down.	5/15/2016 8:50 AM
178	cross-jurisdiction (need our sister city and counties to extend facilities to employment centers)	5/14/2016 10:28 AM
179	Crosswalk across Sycamore St. at Library / Rec Center; Railroad crossings; pedestrian mall / greenspace permanently closing portions of Church St. and Sycamore St.	5/13/2016 4:39 PM
180	College ave is impossible to bike on safely.	5/11/2016 8:11 AM
181	trails connecting streets e.g. Olympic Place/Jefferson; railroad crossings approved; Atlanta Avenue mashup!	5/10/2016 12:01 PM
182	walking/bicycle path cut-throughs connecting neighborhoods to downtown; many neighborhoods have only 1-2 entrances which can vastly increase travel time on foot/bike	5/8/2016 10:59 AM
183	repair existing sidewalks especially near courthouse	5/7/2016 9:54 PM
184	Many 4-lane roads could be reduced to 2 or 3 lane roads...providing more space for tree buffer between road and sidewalk and bicycle lanes	5/6/2016 6:22 PM
185	Aggressive traffic law enforcement (speed) along Ponce, Scott, Commerce...	5/6/2016 3:58 PM
186	Getting across College ave is very hard. Timing on lights is not that great, some crosswalks are just not there, and sidewalks are missing.	5/6/2016 3:34 PM
187	Sidewalks on every street in the City of Decatur, also wider sidewalks with barriers on Scott Blvd.	5/6/2016 3:19 PM
188	Fix and enforce sidewalk maintenance.	5/5/2016 1:21 PM
189	sidewalk on Pharr Rd would be great. better crosswalks for college at corner of S Candler and McDonough. going over railroad tracks with stroller is not ideal due to current crosswalk	5/3/2016 2:29 PM
190	Crosswalks do not have to be marked to be crosswalks, crossing lights should function properly and allow time to cross safely.	5/3/2016 10:02 AM
191	Decatur is small so if DeKalb doesn't also continue the bike lanes it is almost impossible to bike on roads like Church, N Decatur, Ponce, etc...	5/2/2016 11:45 AM
192	Please make walking to Westchester safer. People speed and rarely follow the school zone speed limit.	5/2/2016 2:27 AM
193	Street trees for shade! It is getting much hotter to walk in Decatur because we have lost so many of our big shade trees.	4/28/2016 5:46 PM
194	"Sharrows" are a joke. I feel no safer biking on streets with them than without them	4/26/2016 4:40 PM
195	Lower the citywide speed limit to 25	4/25/2016 2:26 PM
196	Lower speed limits.	4/25/2016 12:17 PM
197	better illumination of pedestrian crossings longer walk times on ped crossing signals	4/24/2016 8:32 PM
198	There should be sidewalks on both sides of each street! It seems odd that City of Decatur doesn't do anything to encourage the numerous residents who work at CDC or Emory to walk or bike instead of driving. Other cities, such as New York and Portland, have used neighborhood greenways or slow zones to reorient streets and encourage walking and biking. Coventry is frequently used by non-CoD residents turning off Scott Blvd as a bypass instead of using North Decatur or Ponce.	4/23/2016 5:16 PM
199	Hiking/walking trails connecting neighborhoods	4/22/2016 3:15 PM
200	Vastly improved connectivity across train tracks	4/21/2016 8:05 PM

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201	More walking/biking "cut through", similar to the situation on Olympic	4/21/2016 1:17 PM
202	bike rental, like citibike in NYC?	4/21/2016 10:34 AM
203	Paint the actual pavement green for bikes only as in SF, Calif.	4/20/2016 7:11 PM
204	Bike lanes are awesome but not when they cannibalize car lanes. Stop deleting car lanes to install bike lanes. You deleted 2 car lanes on Commerce St to install bike lanes, and I traveled that route every single day to and from work. When it was 4 car lanes, traffic moved but now that its 2 lanes (and no R turn onto Trinity as there needs to be), you have standing traffic for the entire period of rush hour. This creates literally tons of air pollution from tailpipe emissions - and you know who's most impacted? Kids on Decatur High School's field and the residents in the apartments across from the field. This is a poor balance of public health and safety. Bike lanes should not be installed in a manner that causes traffic congestion - this doesn't move the ball forward and its catering to the very small percentage of people who have the option to bike places. As explained in my previous answers, you can only bike to places where you can be a little smelly and sweaty in our climate and only a small percentage of trips fit this category. An enormous majority of people driving simply do not have the option of biking so when you take away a car lane you are catering to a very small percentage of people, and degrading air quality by causing traffic congestion. BTW, now I just cut through on Adair Street, as many many others do as well. So your bike lanes just end up congesting traffic, degrading air quality and increasing the number of car trips through neighborhood streets. I hear people tell me they won't come to Decatur because the traffic is so bad. This is a big deal for our quality of life and economic well being. Bike lanes are awesome but not when they cannibalize car lanes.	4/20/2016 6:42 PM
205	Stricter trafdfic enforcement	4/20/2016 5:54 PM
206	bike paths away from streets, in a green place where cars aren't a hazard to bikes	4/20/2016 2:33 PM
207	Marked pedestrian crossings at street intersections.	4/20/2016 11:14 AM
208	automatic pedestrian walk signals (no button press), better maintenance of crosswalks, more visible crosswalks	4/20/2016 10:36 AM
209	Improve pedestrian access over railroad tracks at Candler and McDonough. There is no place to safely cross over College with young children and/or a stroller.	4/20/2016 10:03 AM
210	Regular maintenance of the sharrows. Share the Road signs on streets designated as bicycle network corridors.	4/20/2016 8:02 AM
211	Mid road crosswalk on Commerce between W. Ponce & Clairemont	4/19/2016 10:56 PM
212	Better road/rail crossings	4/19/2016 7:49 PM
213	all walk signals should go automatically without the buttons being pushed.	4/19/2016 7:46 PM
214	Less focus on bicycle transportation.	4/19/2016 4:08 PM
215	Make sure crosswalks are kept painted and visible. Maybe install more of those "inserts" in middle of some crosswalks.	4/19/2016 3:54 PM
216	Bike lanes/sharrow is a joke. Streets are too narrow. Cyclists completely ignore stop signs.	4/19/2016 3:20 PM
217	Even if it was a designated bike path that you knew you wanted to ride around the city you would be safe	4/19/2016 2:12 PM
218	Beef up the PATH trail - road diet on West Howard with expanded bike lanes and parking lane buffers. Cars drive interstate highway speeds on that road and it doesn't feel safe even when you are on the trail/sidewalk.	4/19/2016 2:08 PM
219	Railroad crossing improvements at Atlanta Ave. and others	4/19/2016 1:11 PM
220	Better lighting. I run in the morning and some areas are very dark--esp along College Ave.	4/19/2016 12:53 PM
221	longer pedestrian crossing times	4/19/2016 12:00 PM
222	Sidewalks, sidewalks, sidewalks	4/19/2016 11:25 AM
223	Control speed on East Lake Drive	4/19/2016 7:51 AM
224	The Scott crosswalk @ Nelson Ferry - what would be helpful would be one of those flashers like on Buford Highway, where a pedestrian presses a button and the traffic gets stopped. I usually walk to Coventry to cross, but I'm worried that someone's going to be killed at that crossing, especially during the summer when the pool is open.	4/19/2016 7:44 AM
225	Sidewalks not at edge of busy fast mph streets	4/19/2016 7:34 AM
226	Inform people of walking paths better- like the one between the cometary, glennwod estates and glenlake park.	4/19/2016 7:10 AM
227	More trees in medians and on side of road to slow traffic. Why Urban Street Trees Aren't the Hazard the Traffic Engineer Thinks They Are	4/18/2016 10:12 PM
228	Commerce and Ponce, Claremont and Commerce intersections are horrid for pedestrians. Maybe an island?	4/18/2016 10:02 PM
229	Improve the walk signals. They are out of date and many are nonfunctioning.	4/18/2016 4:17 PM

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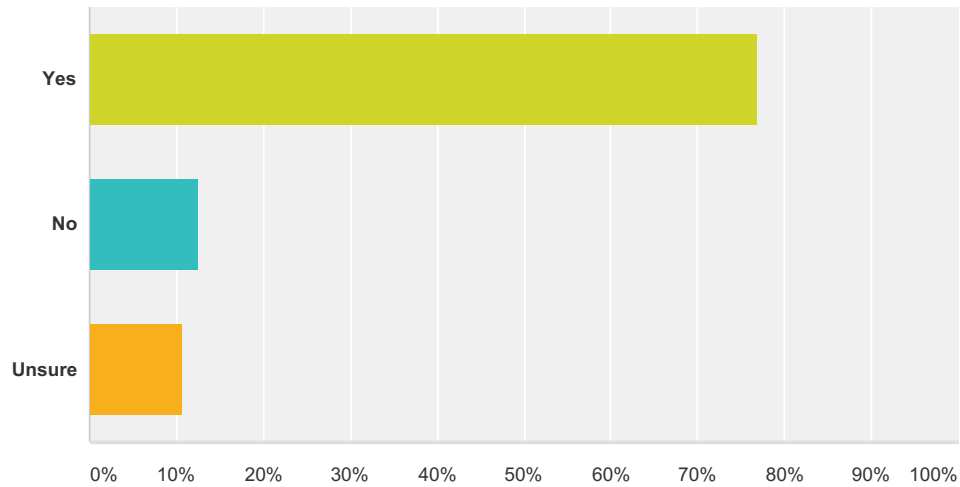
230	Again enforcement is key bikes routinely don't stop @ stop signs,lights & even pedestrian crossings	4/18/2016 3:33 PM
231	Local shuttles with off and on service at frequent stops.	4/18/2016 3:05 PM
232	Better maintenance of crosswalks. Have seen elderly people trip in the broken pavement.	4/18/2016 3:05 PM
233	Intersections near RR at Clairmont is tricky. Also need sidewalks on both sides on Hibernia near Adair.	4/18/2016 3:01 PM
234	To increase connectivity between Decatur's neighborhoods, schools, and retail, it is very important to improve and increase safe points of pedestrian access across the train tracks, at street intersections, and otherwise.	4/18/2016 2:50 PM
235	Pedestrian-friendly crosswalk signal timing. 1) Why must the button be pressed -- activate the walk signal every cycle. 2) Have the walk signal lead the green light by a second or two to hold off the right turn cars running over the pedestrians entering the road (accidents like this have happened repeatedly at W Ponce and Commerce by CVS)	4/18/2016 2:21 PM
236	Traffic calming and bicycle lanes which reduce vehicle capacity will create gridlock and more driver frustration. Separate bike paths are better. I am a civil engineer and in my opinion, reducing car capacity on Commerce and other streets with high density apartment development is going to create a mess.	4/18/2016 11:44 AM
237	SLOWING traffic on main roads such as Ponce De Leon Avenue in downtown Decatur	4/18/2016 10:41 AM
238	There is no intra-decatur public transit - shuttles or a trolley system would help	4/16/2016 2:02 PM
239	Would like to see separation of cars and bicycle traffic. Bicycles create traffic hazards by weaving in and out of traffic and going through lights and stop signs.	4/15/2016 11:06 AM
240	safer crossings at Scott Blvd intersections	4/15/2016 7:39 AM
241	I don't think sidewalks are needed everywhere, but they'd be good on streets used often as shortcuts as well as on heavy traffic streets.	4/14/2016 9:04 PM
242	More policing at busy intersections; I have almost been struck several times by drivers not paying attention (mostly on cell phones or trying to get through yellow or red lights)	4/14/2016 8:26 PM
243	traffic calming on busy roadways	4/14/2016 3:33 PM
244	At some point, it may become necessary to realize that many Decatur residents like driving their cars, and no matter how many bike lanes are added, these people will continue using their cars. Biking is simply not for everyone.	4/14/2016 1:28 PM
245	It is my perception that the north side of Scott Blvd is routinely ignored in any city considerations. Its all about the commercial districts which is fine in many ways but we have limited access compared to those who live closer to the city	4/14/2016 8:12 AM
246	Get rid of the turtles, the speed humps, and the traffic calming islands in	4/13/2016 10:38 PM
247	turn sidewalks on one side of street into a bicycle lane. The people on bicycles scare many of us and actually I rarely see anyone walking on the sidewalks.	4/13/2016 9:30 PM
248	Do not want unknown "transient" traffic walking through my neighborhood.	4/13/2016 9:29 PM
249	a bicycle track is needed along Scott, along with widened sidewalks.	4/13/2016 9:04 PM
250	LINK OUR GREENWAYS. WHY CAN'T WE DEVELOP A LINKAGE OF PATHWAYS ALONG OUR CREEKS AND GREENSPACES??lower the speed limit, more traffic enforcement	4/13/2016 8:21 PM
251	Start with fixing up the main sidewalks for safe biking/ walking - I can't bike safely on the sidewalk from Lamont Drive to downtown Decatur along Claremont... then move to more ambitious and bike friendly initiatives	4/13/2016 12:03 AM
252	measures to slow traffic and separate traffic from pedestrians	4/12/2016 7:54 PM
253	additional mid block crossings; more shade trees and buffers from travel lane and sidewalk	4/11/2016 12:57 PM
254	Anything to keep cycles off the road. They slow down traffic.	4/4/2016 11:01 PM
255	More dog-friendly options in downtown	4/1/2016 9:42 PM
256	Trails	3/29/2016 2:31 PM
257	No new bike oaths	3/27/2016 12:36 PM
258	No special favors for bike riders.	3/27/2016 12:23 PM
259	lower speed limits, better lighting on downtown crosswalks	3/24/2016 2:54 PM
260	Close downtown streets -- especially Church & Clairmont	3/24/2016 11:35 AM

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261	we have a good start on bicycle lanes, but many folks are still frightened to ride bikes. I recommend the City sponsor defensive bike riding classes for adults like we do children in the schools	3/24/2016 11:06 AM
262	Trails/paths that connect neighborhoods to create shorter distances to get to the downtown	3/22/2016 8:33 PM
263	Railroad crossing improvements	3/22/2016 6:37 AM
264	Enforcement of pedestrian crosswalks. Barriers to fast traffic: perhaps flashing lights at pedestrian crossings or speed bumps close to pedestrian crossings	3/21/2016 3:09 PM
265	crosswalks with more time to walk through the intersection	3/20/2016 10:32 AM
266	Sidewalks on both sides of the street	3/20/2016 10:29 AM
267	Commerce near Marshall st	3/19/2016 9:49 PM
268	Pedestrian cross walks with signals should be installed in downtown area and drivers who ignore state and local laws to yield to pedestrians should be ticketed and fined	3/19/2016 8:21 PM
269	College Street is a pedestrian disaster area	3/19/2016 7:18 PM
270	Larger walking lanes	3/19/2016 4:07 PM
271	More encouragement for use of MARTA.	3/19/2016 3:56 PM
272	not sure	3/19/2016 11:43 AM
273	mid-block crosswalks to discourage j-walking	3/18/2016 4:26 PM
274	Midblock crosswalks (1) in front of Jimmy Johns, (2) in front of the Artisan, (3) in front of the Recreation Center, (4) on Church between Commerce and Ponce, (5) on Clairemont between Commerce and Ponce.	3/18/2016 4:15 PM
275	I am a cyclist, but please do not destroy our roadway infrastructure and make traffic worse by adding bicycle lanes. I know that some of our elected officials have a financial interest in increasing bicycle use - be realistic. One thing you could do is improve McDonough and College intersection so that there is actually a safe path across the tracks before you waste any time on the above options.	3/18/2016 9:28 AM
276	Safer crossing at csx tracks	3/17/2016 11:52 AM
277	Decent length of time for crossing lights	3/16/2016 5:43 PM

Q16 In adopting the Community Transportation Plan, the City Commission supported a policy to create a more balanced approach to transportation options. Improving pedestrian and bicycle service can result in increased automobile congestion and slower vehicular movement. Do you support a continued focus on balancing transportation options?

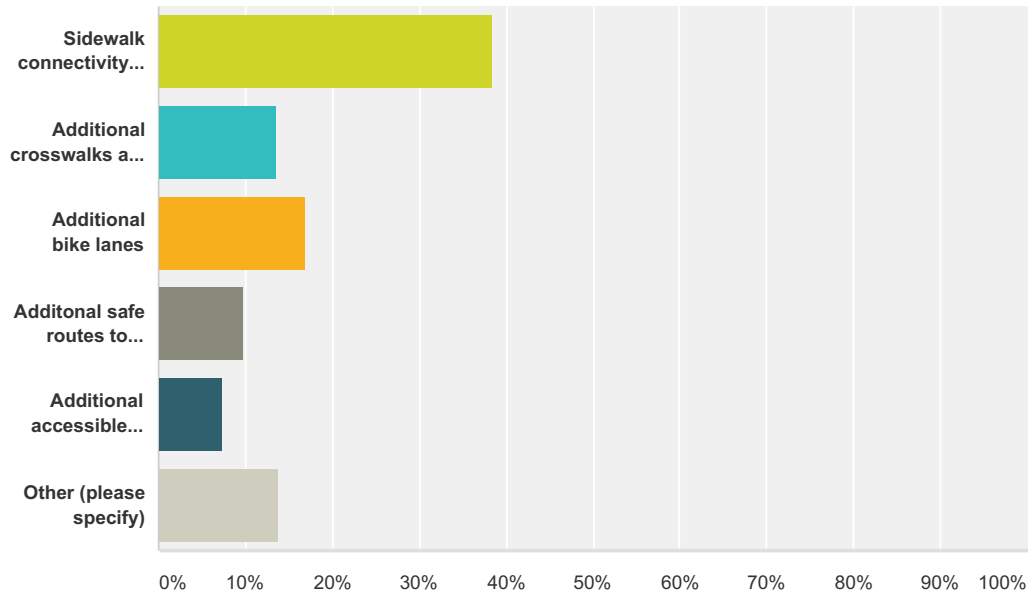
Answered: 1,005 Skipped: 47



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	76.92%	773
No	12.44%	125
Unsure	10.65%	107
Total		1,005

Q17 Which of the following transportation improvements do you think should be the top priority for the City of Decatur? (Choose one)

Answered: 989 Skipped: 63



Answer Choices	Responses
Sidewalk connectivity - constructing sidewalks on at least one side of streets	38.42% 380
Additional crosswalks at intersections	13.55% 134
Additional bike lanes	16.99% 168
Additional safe routes to school	9.81% 97
Additional accessible sidewalks	7.38% 73
Other (please specify)	13.85% 137
Total	989

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Potholes. No joke. The roads are a disgrace, and so are existing sidewalks.	5/31/2016 7:50 PM
2	If pedestrians push a button the light should be red for a period of time allow them to safely cross. If pedestrians on two corners press the buttons the light should be red (all way red) for some period of time so both can cross.	5/31/2016 1:20 PM
3	Better Traffic Turn Signals, Turn Only Lanes for Cars with 1 lane for through traffic, continuous sidewalks needed on only 1 side of street.	5/31/2016 11:33 AM
4	improved handicap access	5/31/2016 9:01 AM
5	Reduce car speed on all roads to 18mph.	5/31/2016 6:31 AM
6	A road diet on West Howard from The HS to Atlanta border. The speed on College is much slower and safer than West Howard. Make a bike lane and safer crossing on Coventry to connect that part of Decatur to rest of the city and run the bike lane to Emory University	5/30/2016 10:21 PM

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7	More turn lanes at railroad crossing and at Trinity and Commerce where you eliminated 2 car lanes and now the kids on Decatur High's field breath emissions from cars that now back up at the light, you created a health risk by doing this! Misguided effort but a right turn lane from Commerce onto Trinity would help reduce this problem	5/30/2016 6:18 PM
8	Stop replacing car lanes wit bike lanes	5/30/2016 7:02 AM
9	Shuttles	5/29/2016 10:43 PM
10	consider pedestrian bridges over traffic to make crossing street safer. This is more important to add to areas like the apartments on North Decatur that are across the street to the Walmart.	5/29/2016 11:33 AM
11	provide golf carts to get around	5/28/2016 2:30 PM
12	Perhaps some benches along the the sidewalks	5/27/2016 12:53 PM
13	All of the above cost money and do nothing by raise property taxes. Our taxes are already some of the highest in Georgia. Just don't do anything for a change.	5/27/2016 9:32 AM
14	None. Decatur is the safest city in the metro area.	5/26/2016 9:58 PM
15	Narrowing W. Howard Avenue to two lanes to make it slower for cars and safer for pedestrians/bikers.	5/26/2016 3:36 PM
16	The language in #14 is quite confusing (and seems deceiving to the reality of improvements based on many sources researched)	5/26/2016 2:04 PM
17	enforcing speed limits	5/26/2016 12:37 PM
18	sharrows	5/26/2016 11:31 AM
19	Question 13 sounds pretty biased. Consider striking from the record.	5/26/2016 10:30 AM
20	Green space connectivity through easements and abandoned alleys where possible (like GlenCreek to GlenLake). In general, off-road paths.	5/26/2016 8:17 AM
21	stop building so many residences in downtown!!!!!!!!!!	5/25/2016 10:46 PM
22	shuttles to Marta	5/25/2016 11:28 AM
23	The City is creating this problem! You are creating more traffic by allowing developers to build high density apartments and 33 unit condo developments where 3 houses once were. With the same mentality going on in DeKalb Co, we are being crushed from all sides. It must stop.	5/25/2016 2:50 AM
24	Promoting and improving MARTA	5/24/2016 4:48 PM
25	Focus on supporting pedestrians. Add a "golf cart bus"	5/24/2016 4:40 PM
26	fixing the sidewalks we currently have	5/24/2016 2:31 PM
27	Increased traffic enforcement; speeding is a major problem.	5/24/2016 1:30 PM
28	None	5/24/2016 12:35 PM
29	Walkable connectivity to parks	5/24/2016 10:46 AM
30	Signs that remind cars to share the road.	5/24/2016 10:28 AM
31	Repairing sidewalks and roads for smoother walks and drives	5/24/2016 10:17 AM
32	Allow lane splitting by scooters and motorcycles	5/24/2016 9:31 AM
33	Doing something about traffic congestion	5/24/2016 7:28 AM
34	effective crosswalk signals.	5/24/2016 12:32 AM
35	Buffering pedestrians from traffic	5/23/2016 6:23 PM
36	Making West Howard two lanes with increased cross walks and a median	5/23/2016 5:40 PM
37	A lot of the traffic goes right through Decatur. Commerce is now no faster than any other route.	5/23/2016 4:13 PM
38	More sidewalks & more crosswalks needed, but crosswalks need to have flashing lights.	5/23/2016 3:53 PM
39	shouldn't be a focus	5/23/2016 3:43 PM
40	Timing ped signals better at large intersections (e.g. Commerce and Clairemont)	5/23/2016 3:15 PM
41	Additional sidewalks, and additional bike lanes.	5/23/2016 10:25 AM
42	Please pave streets with cracks and potholes - West Parkwood needs help	5/23/2016 8:16 AM

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43	I know the City did a study on traffic lights, but it is a real and constant issue - the light at McDonough and College is the "punishment" light and the intersection by Valero to cross the tracks is a dangerous nightmare. I go way out of my way to avoid these. It's really a shame nothing was done to improve the light issues and traffic flow. I could have ID'd the issues for you for FREE.	5/23/2016 8:14 AM
44	None, it's fine	5/23/2016 7:21 AM
45	A street car between Walmart and Downtown Decatur might be good for connecting people with Marta and also retail.	5/22/2016 11:22 PM
46	limit speeding. 25 mph speed limits city-wide	5/22/2016 6:02 PM
47	For walkers improved sidewalks along College ave (Too narrow now) and improvements to intersections along college ave...Olympic place, candler and mcDonough	5/22/2016 2:03 PM
48	additional crosswalks at intersections if those cross walks involve reengineering to true pedestrian-friendly parameters.	5/21/2016 8:21 PM
49	enforcement of the traffic laws concerning speeding, pedestrians, jay walking, walking in the street and wrong side street parking.	5/21/2016 7:59 PM
50	Shuttle from oakhurst to downtown decatur for all	5/21/2016 3:22 PM
51	really busting people that go over the speed limit and drive unsafely, texting while driving, etc	5/21/2016 10:55 AM
52	Better street lighting	5/21/2016 9:15 AM
53	Improve traffic lights to be more efficient and safer	5/21/2016 12:41 AM
54	sidewalk connectivity and improving safety at existing crosswalks	5/21/2016 12:12 AM
55	Safe left turn signals	5/20/2016 8:07 PM
56	Reopen all roads to relieve pressure on traffic. I get the theory but it doesn't work.	5/20/2016 7:24 PM
57	would love a sidewalk on oakview from the city line to second on the south side of the street	5/20/2016 4:43 PM
58	Turn lights on College Ave	5/20/2016 4:06 PM
59	All the above!	5/20/2016 4:02 PM
60	traffic light improvements - left turn signals. The McDonough/College/Dekalb Ave. especially	5/20/2016 3:50 PM
61	Repair uneven sidewalks & improve street lighting	5/20/2016 3:03 PM
62	Protected bike lanes, either parking or otherwise	5/20/2016 2:52 PM
63	Question 13 includes an error -- please check recent studies on "road diets" and improved pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. Recent studies seem to prove the opposite of your assumption. Motor traffic is often *less* congested while safety of all road users is increased. What's your real goal here? Top priority: safety, safety, safety for *all* users. Think this each time you try to walk across Howard.	5/20/2016 2:18 PM
64	Signal timing and more left lane signals.	5/20/2016 9:59 AM
65	crosswalks that are safe, also, why doesn't the city have automatic walk lights with traffic lights? it's been discussed for years	5/20/2016 9:20 AM
66	Better maintained sidewalks & enforcement of adjacent growth	5/20/2016 8:35 AM
67	Parking	5/20/2016 8:28 AM
68	Aggressively teaching people to share shared space - kids too.	5/20/2016 8:01 AM
69	Major bike/walk paths like belt line	5/20/2016 7:58 AM
70	Improving safety of some of the busier intersections, like college and McDonough	5/20/2016 6:49 AM
71	Fix McDonough and Atlanta railroad crossings	5/20/2016 6:33 AM
72	None	5/20/2016 5:43 AM
73	Improve pedestrian railroad crossings	5/19/2016 11:37 PM
74	Better bus service	5/19/2016 10:16 PM
75	better traffic light coordination for car traffic flow	5/19/2016 10:01 PM
76	the crossing at McDonough and College - terrible for cars, pedestrians, and bikes	5/19/2016 9:58 PM

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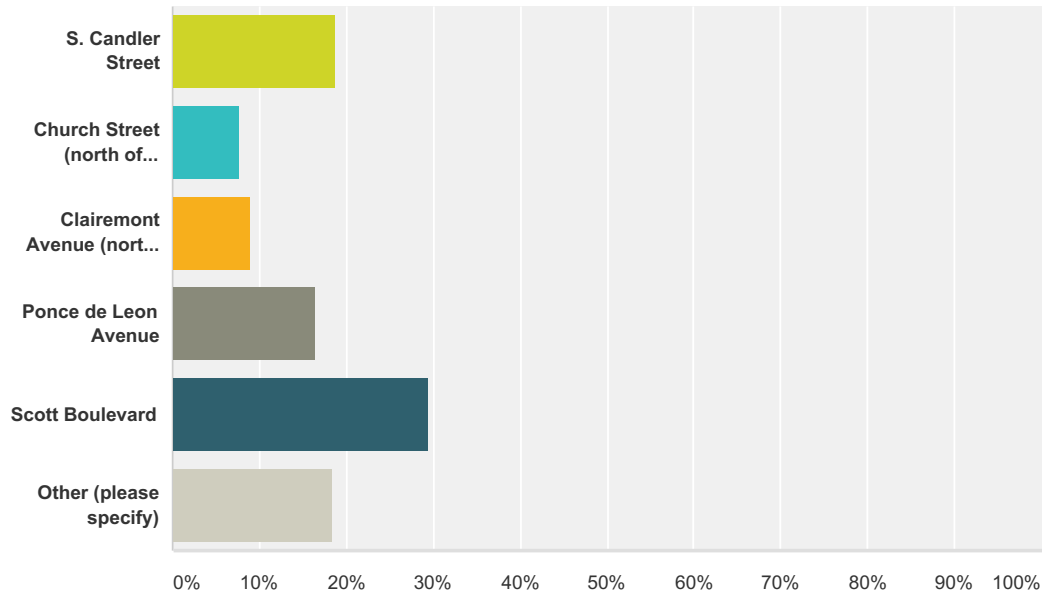
77	I would prefer bike lanes with buffer	5/19/2016 9:44 PM
78	bike paths away from high traffic areas	5/19/2016 9:34 PM
79	more crosswalks where people cross the street	5/19/2016 6:19 PM
80	fewer lights, more rotaties	5/19/2016 5:26 PM
81	Find a way to let pedestrians cross RAILroad without having to walk on tracks.	5/19/2016 5:23 PM
82	Shuttles to connect neighborhoods and downtown	5/19/2016 4:54 PM
83	Bike sharing	5/19/2016 4:24 PM
84	Permanently narrowing Church Street	5/19/2016 4:19 PM
85	Additional crosswalk where needed	5/19/2016 3:55 PM
86	See above	5/19/2016 3:41 PM
87	Pedestrian and bike path over RR Track at Renfro to Commerce Drive	5/19/2016 3:14 PM
88	Left turns at busy intersections	5/19/2016 1:45 PM
89	Increased police patrols to make walking at all hours safer	5/19/2016 1:28 PM
90	improve ability to cross railroad tracks. Some crosswalks lack visibility.	5/19/2016 1:15 PM
91	Improved intersections at the railway line	5/19/2016 1:04 PM
92	more HAWK signals at mid-block crossings, for example College Ave at Adair. Something on Lawrenceville and DeKalb Industrial Way so I don't hit one of those playing "frogger"	5/14/2016 10:32 AM
93	More open lanes to handle the number of cars already in the city and all the new ones coming with more downtown development	5/12/2016 9:04 PM
94	Hire some planning experts that know the answers to these issues.	5/5/2016 1:24 PM
95	I'd pick adding sidewalks AND additional crosswalks	5/3/2016 2:31 PM
96	Effective time of traffic signals, including crosswalks. (Signal at McDonough & College is prime example of poorly timed light.)	5/3/2016 10:06 AM
97	Especially Westchester. It is not safe.	5/2/2016 2:28 AM
98	Do not further limit traffic in town center, this will force traffic into (and thru) the neighborhoods	4/29/2016 8:47 AM
99	bike paths and greenspace, no more apartments	4/28/2016 7:02 PM
100	I can't believe you are actually stating that improving pedestrian & bike options is an impediment to cars! That is very backward thinking. If biking were safer, it would result in FEWER cars	4/26/2016 4:43 PM
101	Reopen narrowed roadways. Road diets have caused so much congestion I refuse to patronize businesses in Decatur.	4/25/2016 11:58 PM
102	Lowering the citywide speed limit to 25 MPH	4/25/2016 2:26 PM
103	Traffic calming	4/25/2016 2:20 PM
104	It is going to be hard balancing this when we are adding 210 new residences in Trinity with the new apartment complex.	4/25/2016 2:16 PM
105	Improved safe walk/roll to four five academy from north of city and railroad tracks!	4/22/2016 10:15 AM
106	Relieving bottlenecks for auto traffic	4/20/2016 9:08 PM
107	Maintain landscaping of Safe Routes-people should walk 3 wide safely without branches interfering such as Church Street at Glenlake Park. That area needs to be cleared out of privet overgrowth. Fix Church Street corridor to allow biking safely. Add green color for bike path only as in other cities.	4/20/2016 7:14 PM

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108	get traffic flowing better - install L and R turn lanes esp. at McDonough and College so cars turning from McDonough onto College don't have to wait behind folks trying to cross the tracks; install R turn lane from Commerce onto Trinity (towards Chic Fila) so traffic doesn't stand still for so long on Commerce where you deleted 2 car lanes; sidewalks are important but I think we have them on almost every street so I don't see that as a big need; and additional bike lanes would cannibalize our already-congested car lanes so its just not feasible; you can't cater to such a small minority at the expense of the greater good; as I've explained, you can only ride a bike when you are going someplace where you can be a little smelly and sweaty and most drivers are not going someplace where they can be smelly and sweaty; and you can't use a bike if you are getting groceries or a bunch of stuff or if you have kids or if you don't have time. Biking is wonderful but its a luxury. With all the extra people being added to downtown with the recent multi-family construction, you are going to have many many more cars. Plan for it and don't pretend you can turn every car trip into a bike trip. Its not possible - geez, most of Decatur is families with young kids and biking riding errands and such is just isn't an option for most people.	4/20/2016 6:52 PM
109	A No traffice (ie pedestrian0 zone from Commerce to Church on Ponce	4/20/2016 5:56 PM
110	To many people are crossing the railroad tracks by Renfro Middle and their needs to be a safe tunnel for the youth to pass. Like by Agnes Scott. It will help protect our children.	4/19/2016 9:46 PM
111	smarter traffic signals change as traffic changes	4/19/2016 8:18 PM
112	more streets	4/19/2016 4:21 PM
113	Eliminate bike lanes - too few people bike...it's really unbalanced.	4/19/2016 3:22 PM
114	Provide trolleys for intown use. Cars could park at First Baptist and Courthouse deck if allowed.	4/19/2016 11:49 AM
115	Slow cars down	4/19/2016 7:51 AM
116	Traffic signal technology. Our "dumb" signals need to get "smart!"	4/19/2016 4:57 AM
117	Use trees to help slow traffic and give shade.	4/18/2016 10:13 PM
118	Dedicated lanes for bikes only and dedicated lanes for cars only	4/18/2016 3:08 PM
119	Improve traffic signalization. Have the signals blink late in the evening, We waste energy sitting at signals when there is no cross traffic.	4/18/2016 11:51 AM
120	Better signals and policing at crosswalks; tickets to drivers texting or not paying attention or speeding	4/14/2016 8:28 PM
121	equity. Please consider providing ways to include the of us more that 1/2 mile from the commercial centers to be as important as those who live in the bubble	4/14/2016 8:14 AM
122	I think we are good now.	4/13/2016 9:32 PM
123	None of the above.	4/13/2016 9:29 PM
124	REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT, MANAGE THIS CRAZY TRAFFIC, GET RID OF CARS!!	4/13/2016 8:23 PM
125	More firendly downtown to dogs that accompany owners on their walking	4/1/2016 9:44 PM
126	It's fine the way it is.	3/27/2016 12:37 PM
127	None of the above. We have all the sidewalks needed for a city our size.	3/27/2016 12:29 PM
128	closure of parts of downtown Streets--Church and Claimont	3/24/2016 11:39 AM
129	Improved pedestrian crossings (light timings)	3/22/2016 6:38 AM
130	Enforcing present transportation rules: stopping at pedestrian crosswalks, speed limits, no left turns at Church and Ponce for cars going north	3/21/2016 3:12 PM
131	Fix the railroad crossings	3/20/2016 9:31 PM
132	Lessening the congestion that is causing additional time getting anywhere in Decatur.	3/19/2016 11:49 PM
133	Shuttle buses	3/19/2016 9:18 PM
134	Parking for those of us who need to drive to downtown	3/19/2016 11:45 AM
135	Fix the sidewalks in disrepair (Commerce, Church, N. Candler Street near Kroger)	3/18/2016 4:17 PM
136	Fix the crosswalks you have. How about paint them! Why are you focusing on new stuff when you cannot maintain the old! I can offer dozens of examples....	3/18/2016 9:31 AM
137	Better traffic paterns	3/16/2016 3:46 PM

Q18 Which of the following transportation corridors do you think should be the top priority for traffic calming measures in the City of Decatur? (Choose one)

Answered: 971 Skipped: 81



Answer Choices	Responses
S. Candler Street	18.74% 182
Church Street (north of Commerce Drive)	7.83% 76
Clairemont Avenue (north of Commerce Drive)	9.06% 88
Ponce de Leon Avenue	16.58% 161
Scott Boulevard	29.35% 285
Other (please specify)	18.43% 179
Total	971

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	WEST HOWARD AVE	5/31/2016 9:45 PM
2	Howard avenue between melrose and adair	5/31/2016 8:52 PM
3	West Howard	5/31/2016 7:49 PM
4	Howard ave near adair and thinkingman tavern	5/31/2016 7:41 PM
5	Dekalb/Howard Ave	5/31/2016 6:51 PM
6	I oppose Traffic Calming measures. Stongly!	5/31/2016 4:10 PM
7	Crosswalks at intersections and other strategic locations are good on all these corridors. However, pedestrians and motorist must both realize that neither "has the right of way" and both must share the road.	5/31/2016 1:20 PM
8	All, all of above need top priority. Whose life is top priority?	5/31/2016 6:31 AM

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9	West Howard Ave.. from HS to Atlanta City Line	5/30/2016 10:21 PM
10	Stop fussing about Scott - cars go 25 when kids are going to school, and if there not, the ticket the cars. If the sidewalks are too narrow, then you can widen them without taking g away any car lanes because the Right of Way for Scott goes farther than the existing sidewalks	5/30/2016 6:18 PM
11	All of these are critical	5/30/2016 1:39 PM
12	All including Sycamore Street & Drive as both have enormous biking/walking folks with speeding autos	5/30/2016 11:12 AM
13	Traffic calming really means traffic congestion which brings bad air quality and poor quality of life. Stop pretending you can eliminate cars and work on real solutions which may include expanding street footprint ts to create a truly balanced street instead of one that tries to punish cars	5/30/2016 7:02 AM
14	Some traffic "calming" measures have made traffic flow more difficult - like the islands that were created on Fairview Ave, Oakland Street and the roundabouts. Now we are weaving in and out of lanes around cars trying not to hit each other. Dumb, dumb, dumb.	5/29/2016 11:33 AM
15	don't slow traffic down even more please. School traffic is causing most of the problems and should be better regulated.	5/28/2016 2:30 PM
16	Just leave 'em alone. They're fine. Quit trying to find ways to spend money.	5/27/2016 9:32 AM
17	Norris Street	5/26/2016 9:58 PM
18	College	5/26/2016 9:23 PM
19	Booth south candler and McDonough are horrible due to current population trends. Suspend further development on this side of city until a reasonable traffic plan is developed.	5/26/2016 4:03 PM
20	W. Howard Avenue AND Scott Blvd.	5/26/2016 3:36 PM
21	I'm not sure slowing traffic is a concern...too much traffic is a concern	5/26/2016 10:59 AM
22	West bound College and Howard - something needs to change	5/26/2016 10:43 AM
23	Howard/dekalb Ave between Commerce and east lake Marta station	5/26/2016 8:06 AM
24	West Howard east of E Lake Marta station	5/25/2016 9:44 PM
25	No calming needed. Reopen the road that has been closed due to the high rise apartments along Trinity	5/25/2016 8:42 PM
26	College and West Howard. So much foot traffic from Middle and High school	5/25/2016 7:25 PM
27	W. Howard at Adair	5/25/2016 4:56 PM
28	Howard!!!!!!!!!!	5/25/2016 4:24 PM
29	Howard and Adair.	5/25/2016 12:55 PM
30	College Ave	5/25/2016 8:57 AM
31	Traffic calming seems to make traffic worse, not better.	5/24/2016 8:47 PM
32	"Traffic calming" measures are making traffic worse	5/24/2016 4:40 PM
33	None	5/24/2016 3:48 PM
34	College Avenue (speeding vehicles + kids walking to school = impending disaster)	5/24/2016 1:30 PM
35	Intersection at Trinity (where the Dairy Queen used to be) and the McDonough intersection near the high school.	5/24/2016 1:04 PM
36	Commerce Ave east!	5/24/2016 12:58 PM
37	Again, traffic calming might NOT be the answer. Traffic flow should also be a consideration because no flow = pissed off motorists.	5/24/2016 12:44 PM
38	Most of the streets listed are already completely overburdened with automobile traffic, impeding this traffic ("calming", really? Not so much for the drivers stuck in traffic...) will simply result in rerouting this traffic through residential areas.	5/24/2016 10:51 AM
39	W. Howard - the four lane between the East Lake MARTA station and McDonough St is a nightmare (and where I live)	5/24/2016 9:52 AM
40	West Howard	5/24/2016 8:17 AM
41	Make the court house section of Ponce de leon pedestrian only all the time not just for the arts festival and book festival	5/23/2016 9:51 PM
42	West Howard Ave	5/23/2016 8:21 PM

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43	West Howard with Scott Blvd a close second	5/23/2016 5:40 PM
44	the intersection of scott/medlock/north decatur	5/23/2016 4:45 PM
45	W. Howard/DeKalb (with Scott second and College third)	5/23/2016 4:33 PM
46	Howard Avenue. Not safe for children crossing from Lenox place neighborhood to attend 4/5 academy and renfro.	5/23/2016 4:11 PM
47	don't run out all of the cars - people need to be able to get to Decatur to patronize businesses	5/23/2016 3:43 PM
48	Traffic calming should be done w more thought including softer edges and no parking areas around islands	5/23/2016 3:38 PM
49	S columbia and s candler	5/23/2016 1:56 PM
50	South McDonough street	5/23/2016 12:06 PM
51	Several of the thoroughfares need traffic calming measures to increase pedestrian and cycle safety	5/23/2016 11:31 AM
52	Commerce Drive	5/23/2016 10:25 AM
53	east lake	5/23/2016 9:06 AM
54	S. Columbia Drive	5/23/2016 8:54 AM
55	study pedestrian and buke accidents with vehicles and focus there	5/23/2016 8:53 AM
56	study accidents and focus where accidents invokve bikes or walkers	5/23/2016 8:44 AM
57	study accidents and focus where calming where most bikes and pedestrians were hit	5/23/2016 8:32 AM
58	If "traffic calming" means putting up obstructions then I am against it.	5/23/2016 8:15 AM
59	College Ave and S & N McDonough street - this is how many residents in Oakhurst (which has grown exponentially) get their students to the HS or leave for work. But Clairemont is equally bad. It takes me 20 min to drive 3 miles out of Decatur in the morning and another 20 min to drive the remaining 15 miles to my work. That just doesn't make sense. Traffic patterns all around the city need to be examined!	5/23/2016 8:05 AM
60	No need for more measures	5/23/2016 7:21 AM
61	DeKalb Ave/College Ave	5/22/2016 6:07 PM
62	college ave	5/22/2016 2:03 PM
63	Remind pedestrians about safety on high-traffic roads. Provide more encouragement for parents to take responsibility for teaching their children about safety.	5/22/2016 11:09 AM
64	Commerce Dr	5/21/2016 8:21 PM
65	Terribly high speeds on Scott. Death trap for bikes, scary for pedestrians, unpleasant for drivers entering.	5/21/2016 5:01 PM
66	E Lake Dr	5/21/2016 3:49 PM
67	College/McDonough	5/21/2016 3:22 PM
68	College Ave.	5/21/2016 3:21 PM
69	Oakview Road and East Lake Road are heavily trafficked by pedestrians and cycling, but there is no bike lane or track.	5/21/2016 2:45 PM
70	The term "traffic calming" is a lark. These measures shift a problem from one cut-through to another. The problem is too damn many cars and not enough transit.	5/21/2016 2:25 PM
71	West Howard Ave at Atlanta Ave and railroad crossing	5/21/2016 2:16 PM
72	Crossing the tracks	5/21/2016 11:40 AM
73	College/ dekalb. It is way too small for the amount of cars it holds. It is a major connector to many schools and sidewalks are too narrow. It is also the major connector east west used to bypass the city	5/21/2016 9:15 AM
74	Show love to Oakhurst	5/21/2016 7:46 AM
75	If I pick Clairemont will that push traffic in the neighborhoods? Need to have main streets where drivers can bypass the City.	5/21/2016 7:36 AM
76	College Ave (and Scott Boulevard)	5/21/2016 7:28 AM
77	College and McDonough	5/21/2016 2:25 AM
78	Commerce dr.	5/21/2016 12:45 AM

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79	East Lake Drive	5/20/2016 9:24 PM
80	Both S. Candler and Scott Blvd	5/20/2016 8:49 PM
81	S Columbia Drive	5/20/2016 7:24 PM
82	Commerce	5/20/2016 6:22 PM
83	College	5/20/2016 6:20 PM
84	McDonough	5/20/2016 5:04 PM
85	not sure	5/20/2016 4:37 PM
86	E. Ponce de Leon; accessing the Dekalb Farmer's Market...	5/20/2016 3:03 PM
87	Howard Ave.	5/20/2016 2:18 PM
88	Briarcliff	5/20/2016 2:18 PM
89	Slowly improve traffic calming in all these streets	5/20/2016 2:06 PM
90	W Howard Ave (becomes Dekalb Ave)	5/20/2016 1:53 PM
91	none of these this only makes traffic worse	5/20/2016 1:15 PM
92	Commerce Drive	5/20/2016 11:15 AM
93	Howard and College	5/20/2016 10:43 AM
94	Scott is a close second - absolutely harrowing, but I can avoid it.	5/20/2016 10:11 AM
95	Scott Blvd. AND Clairemont Ave	5/20/2016 9:49 AM
96	2nd Avenue - it should still feel residential not like a major highway. It is loud and crazy at all hours.	5/20/2016 9:05 AM
97	Church street from Glenlake Park North	5/20/2016 9:03 AM
98	speeding tickets	5/20/2016 8:51 AM
99	Why calm major thoroughfares? Residential is a local joke.	5/20/2016 8:35 AM
100	NONE! Traffic is too "calm" Improve access for CARS!	5/20/2016 8:28 AM
101	Traffic calming doesn't reduce amount of traffic. Try again.	5/20/2016 8:01 AM
102	Please no more road diets.	5/20/2016 7:57 AM
103	I do not know	5/20/2016 7:15 AM
104	College	5/20/2016 6:33 AM
105	College this is where most children are walking to middle and high school	5/20/2016 6:27 AM
106	There needs to be left turn arrows on college at Atlanta avenue/Olympic place. Cars have to go into ongoing traffic lanes to be able to turn at these lights and it is very dangerous	5/20/2016 6:07 AM
107	None	5/20/2016 5:43 AM
108	None	5/20/2016 3:51 AM
109	none of the above. traffic on ponce between trinity and scott blvd is already a nightmare. so glad we wasted money on bikelanes so traffic can idle, causing more pollution, angry drivers, and a 10 minute longer commute time into Midtown. why does Decatur hate taxpayers who are trying to get to their jobs and back home to their families in a reasonable amount of time????	5/19/2016 11:33 PM
110	McDonough St. & College Ave. intersection	5/19/2016 10:01 PM
111	I don't think the traffic is that bad.	5/19/2016 9:44 PM
112	Columbia - poor lighting, drivers too fast, no sidewalk by children's home bus stop, no cross walk between that bus stop & the one across the street, poor visibility where people pull out at missionary drive	5/19/2016 9:36 PM
113	None. Stop creating gridlock.	5/19/2016 8:48 PM
114	think ponce should be made car free between church and commerce	5/19/2016 6:19 PM
115	Commerce Drive in front of Oliver House	5/19/2016 5:58 PM

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116	S. Candler is a mess but I have no idea what 'traffic calming measures' could be instituted	5/19/2016 5:56 PM
117	Commerce from Trinity to W Ponce to E Ponce	5/19/2016 5:23 PM
118	Commerce bypass	5/19/2016 4:13 PM
119	Main streets should have few barriers. Otherwise it pushes traffic to smaller streets that become much more dangerous with slight changes in traffic. For example the traffic calming and stop signs for Second Ave in Oakhurst has made smaller sides streets very dangerous	5/19/2016 4:07 PM
120	Church Street south of Ponce	5/19/2016 3:41 PM
121	east college & trinity/candler st.	5/19/2016 3:15 PM
122	Stop lights triggered by traffic; some are extremely long regardless of traffic.	5/19/2016 3:00 PM
123	North and South McDonough St.	5/19/2016 2:13 PM
124	McDonough from Agnes Scott to Trinity	5/19/2016 1:29 PM
125	McKoy St. It's 15mph and everyone -- including school buses -- routinely ignore that. Either up the speed limit or enforce it.	5/19/2016 1:28 PM
126	College and McDonugh intersectiin	5/19/2016 1:26 PM
127	Intersection of College & S. McDonough	5/19/2016 1:02 PM
128	E. Lake Drive in the stretch coming under the Marta tracks to 2nd Ave. It's a very dangerous section.	5/19/2016 9:54 AM
129	Oakhurst business district (intersection of East Lake and Oakview)	5/19/2016 9:09 AM
130	College Avenue	5/18/2016 11:32 PM
131	As thorough-fares, the speeds make sense to me; congestion slows (calms) sufficiently. Pedestrian signalization and separated bike lanes will help safety for alternatives on these corridors.	5/14/2016 10:32 AM
132	From the high scroll all the way to the Kroger-across Ponce, Clairemont, and Church Streets. Commerce is a mess.	5/13/2016 11:01 AM
133	These are the major arteries in and out of the city...they should be opened, not closed or restricted!	5/12/2016 9:04 PM
134	Atlanta Avenue	5/10/2016 12:01 PM
135	If "calming" means increased congestion I'm not in favor of it.	5/5/2016 1:24 PM
136	crosswalks over college	5/3/2016 2:31 PM
137	Congestion such as that on McDonough and College, and around Renfroe Middle School.	5/3/2016 10:06 AM
138	dont need traffic calming by placing obstacles in road. Need separate areas for bikes and pedestrians.	4/28/2016 7:02 PM
139	Personally, I hate traffic calming. But Clairemont is ridiculous - it might as well be an interstate highway. Through traffic should be strongly encouraged to use Church St. instead of Clairemont.	4/26/2016 4:43 PM
140	None of these need calming. They need more traffic enforcement.	4/25/2016 11:58 PM
141	College Avenue is scary even on the sidewalk and crossing it is a nightmare	4/25/2016 2:20 PM
142	McDonough -- across RR tracks and then south. It is a hot mess to get across the RR tracks now, for pedestrians, bikes, and cars. Dekalb Co controls the RR and signalization projects, and they are very needed.	4/22/2016 10:00 PM
143	Commerce Drive (from College to Trinity)	4/21/2016 1:19 PM
144	None	4/21/2016 11:27 AM
145	traffic doesn't need to be calmed; it needs to move	4/20/2016 9:08 PM
146	Set speed limits and enforce them. Have a police officer regularly stationed at these locations and you will see traffic start to "calm." For example, look at what Avondale police do on College Ave. What you are calling traffic calming is dung - you should call it what it is, traffic congesting. Stop doing it. You are ruining our air quality, and our quality of life and depriving Decatur businesses of our patronage.	4/20/2016 6:52 PM
147	none of these needed in my opinion	4/20/2016 2:34 PM
148	The railroad crossings.	4/20/2016 2:04 PM
149	Howard Ave especially between Paden Circle and the intersection at the Valero	4/20/2016 12:28 PM
150	none. enforce the traffic laws, ensure driving and parking on the wrong side of the road are stopped.	4/19/2016 7:48 PM

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151	Make traffic movement easier, not more frustrating than it already is.	4/19/2016 4:09 PM
152	West Howard Avenue - it is the main road into Decatur from City of Atlanta and it should be a grand boulevard, not a Jimmy Carter boulevard (not dissing the man, just the road in Gwinnett)	4/19/2016 2:10 PM
153	College Ave before/after Avellinos/Ale Yeah	4/19/2016 1:33 PM
154	Trinity pl	4/19/2016 1:31 PM
155	no more needed	4/19/2016 12:56 PM
156	College Avenue	4/19/2016 12:55 PM
157	Sycamore street at Commerce Drive	4/19/2016 12:01 PM
158	Commerce drive, especially between Clairmont and Trinity	4/19/2016 7:46 AM
159	E. Ponce de Leon from Avondale to Glennwood Elem.	4/18/2016 10:13 PM
160	Commerce	4/18/2016 3:35 PM
161	NONE!!!	4/18/2016 1:18 PM
162	Not sure	4/18/2016 12:11 PM
163	None of the above. Church St and Clairmont N. Of Commerce are both congested. Commerce was supposed to be a bypass. Scott and Ponce are major thorough fares and calming will lead to more traffic backup. Making the Church St. Permanently two-lane will help with calming so people can get to Glenlake Park without risking their life,	4/18/2016 11:51 AM
164	Traffic only needs calming due to the unrestricted growth in the City of Decatur. Unfortunately, no matter how many "calming" measures are added, they will not work until someone addresses the root of the problem, which is too much development.	4/14/2016 1:30 PM
165	No more traffic calming. You're doing it wrong.	4/13/2016 10:42 PM
166	Coventry from railroad to Scott	4/13/2016 9:32 PM
167	commerce drive	4/12/2016 2:25 PM
168	None. All safer than fifty years ago	3/27/2016 12:37 PM
169	I can't think of a single street, using statistical analysis or my long life of observing Decatur traffic, that is in need of traffic calming measures.	3/27/2016 12:29 PM
170	Commerce Drive at East Ponce; church & E Ponce	3/24/2016 11:39 AM
171	Traffic calming is a waste of money - it does nothing to reduce speeds	3/20/2016 9:31 PM
172	Church street from the swimming pool to Ponce, as was in the planning at one time	3/20/2016 10:34 AM
173	Anywhere the roads cross the RR tracks	3/20/2016 10:32 AM
174	None of them!!! Stop all this traffic calming!!! It is driving a lot of people in Decatur and out of Decatur crazy!!!	3/19/2016 11:49 PM
175	Commerce Drive by the football field of Decatur High School	3/19/2016 9:18 PM
176	None	3/19/2016 2:25 PM
177	none	3/19/2016 11:45 AM
178	Traffic calming, which would benefit me in some ways, would simply move traffic onto smaller roads - and I don't want my kids to be hit by a car walking to school on those smaller roads.	3/18/2016 9:31 AM
179	College Ave. -Traffic is getting backed up in morning and evening rush hours now	3/16/2016 4:28 PM

Q19 Thinking long-term (20 years out), what type of transportation enhancements should the City consider to reduce dependence on automobiles, respond to the needs of an aging population, and ensure the long-term economic sustainability of the City?

Answered: 668 Skipped: 384

#	Responses	Date
1	More closed streets/pedestrian zones	5/31/2016 9:56 PM
2	1. Fixing broken sidewalks (my aging parents can't walk around our neighborhood, Lenox Place, for fear of falling) 2. Creating more sidewalk connectivity and more highly visible crosswalks so crossing the street to stay on your path isn't so daunting. 3. The small shuttles/big golf carts that are used during the Decatur Tour of Homes are such a big hit. I wish there was a way to build on that. I feel like people don't want to ride big buses that are hard to board (thinking of handicapped and elderly). Maybe a Decatur specific shuttle that more resembles the Tour of Homes concept would be a more friendly option. And perhaps nicer bus stops would be appealing.	5/31/2016 9:54 PM
3	Trolley car service	5/31/2016 8:53 PM
4	Sidewalks and Bike lanes that are continuous and don't just start and stop	5/31/2016 8:33 PM
5	a free bus that goes around the city (much like downtown Seattle) could partner with MARTA.. there would be a free zone and you would pay additional fee if you go outside of the zone.	5/31/2016 7:51 PM
6	Shuttle golf carts	5/31/2016 7:42 PM
7	Trolley: not Marta or bus, adds tourist experience via short, non-road access to immediate city locations.	5/31/2016 5:48 PM
8	Enhanced bus and rail service	5/31/2016 4:18 PM
9	Safe crossing near the tracks, improved public safety	5/31/2016 3:49 PM
10	Bike lanes. Free trolley/CoD bus that only stays within the city	5/31/2016 2:38 PM
11	Decatur cannot do much to lessen auto use. Much of the traffic problems are caused by Emory complex and nearby DeKalb neighborhoods cutting through Decatur, and there is uncontrolled growth at Emory and DeKalb. City of Decatur needs to work with surrounding DeKalb and Emory complex to find solutions.	5/31/2016 2:27 PM
12	Because of all the wonderfulness, Decatur is a magnet for people outside the city. They're going to drive in, so they need places to park.	5/31/2016 2:14 PM
13	Regularly scheduled shuttle bus service to downtown as well as outlying shopping centers (Suburban Plaza, Emory Commons)	5/31/2016 2:12 PM
14	Small electric vehicles (glorified golf carts) will help people get around at reasonable speeds in a variety of weather conditions. Reasonable speed limits will permit these vehicles to operate on a wide variety of roads while requiring less room for parking and less noise and fumes. As individuals adapt to small electric vehicles and scooters the city should accommodate them by offering smaller parking spaces and wider variety of parking areas.	5/31/2016 1:24 PM
15	1) Encourage Pedestrians by placing paid parking spaces at schools (except for teachers / staffs they would have permits); use the CSD Buses as shuttle services for school events at the schools (graduation, after school family events, curriculum nights), Have a free (for residents) shuttle system within the City of Decatur limits that runs consistently throughout the day "Hop On / Hop Off" system like in other cities.	5/31/2016 11:45 AM
16	ongoing commitment to the improvement and efficacy of MARTA; improvement to and widening of sidewalks on busy roadways (specifically and in order of descending priority - Scott Blvd, Ponce de Leon (beyond the confines of the downtown area), Candler and McDonough, and Clairmont Rd.)	5/31/2016 9:33 AM
17	eliminate cut-through traffic. make crosswalks safer.	5/31/2016 9:03 AM
18	Return of bus routes. Also, in 20 years we will be well into end of internal combustion era and will need more e-car charging machines. Thanks, Decatur leaders, you have done a great job!	5/31/2016 7:10 AM

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19	Shuttles	5/30/2016 11:25 PM
20	Maybe a city loop bus? That connects Above Scott to Oakhurst, Downtown, The Marta stations and up Church St together. (Like the Emory Shuttle) It could run every 1/2 hr??	5/30/2016 10:25 PM
21	Minimize dominance of vehicles	5/30/2016 8:15 PM
22	How about a shuttle system like Emory had? One that comes frequently, lime every 15 minutes and connects the different parts of Decatur?	5/30/2016 6:19 PM
23	a bus service or trolley	5/30/2016 4:58 PM
24	sidewalks anything to reduce speeding and texting while driving	5/30/2016 4:32 PM
25	Enforce speed limits and vehicular noise.	5/30/2016 3:58 PM
26	Shuttles	5/30/2016 3:50 PM
27	Look into golf carts.	5/30/2016 2:45 PM
28	Street car, golf carts,	5/30/2016 2:08 PM
29	Trolley to transport people around downtown	5/30/2016 1:40 PM
30	Perimeter parking deck with free shuttle to the square, oakhurst, east Decatur station.	5/30/2016 1:31 PM
31	Sidewalks and crosswalks. Aging population needs to walk to stay active. More Marta spurs (Clifton Corridor) or public transportation. Need to get to places like Emory and Druid Hills, not just back downtown. Maybe shuttle bus system, but those rarely survive for long.	5/30/2016 11:53 AM
32	Shuttles, enforcing the speed limits (change in policing policies would help), more outdoor seating, downtown park or resting places, trees.	5/30/2016 11:14 AM
33	Create incentives for walking, biking, skateboarding, scootering, along with public sanitation.	5/30/2016 10:07 AM
34	Shuttles	5/30/2016 7:03 AM
35	golf carts? more bike lanes. speed bumps. reduce traffic speed. one lane on church street.	5/29/2016 9:32 PM
36	Safe sidewalks along North Decatur Claremont/Clairmont, and Clifton Roads, along with protected bike bike lanes on those roads.	5/29/2016 7:21 PM
37	Sidewalk maintenance	5/29/2016 7:00 PM
38	Shuttles?	5/29/2016 6:48 PM
39	improve transit and walkability	5/29/2016 5:49 PM
40	sidewalks	5/29/2016 11:57 AM
41	In-town trolley or shuttle buses, particularly for helping aging population get to and from commercial districts.	5/29/2016 11:54 AM
42	Transportation options should be door to door for certain destinations (like a bus that actually pulls into the parking lot at the Walmart shopping center to let out riders as oppose to letting out riders on the opposite side of a busy street and expecting older adults (or any rider!) to cross the street to get to the shopping. Won't use it until that happens.	5/29/2016 11:35 AM
43	golf carts, step on small buses or vans.	5/28/2016 2:31 PM
44	Consider city provided (but user paid) taxi-type service within the city limits only.	5/27/2016 9:54 PM
45	Anything to make bicycling safer. Safe options = more bike trips = less car congestion and polution.	5/27/2016 2:21 PM
46	more non-street foot and pedal friendly alternatives. Safe, clean parking outside of city to encourage non-car movement between destinations within city.	5/27/2016 12:56 PM
47	Improved transit connections with CDC/Emory, not just more, but improved sidewalks throughout (e.g. Church St), frequently circulating CoD shuttle.	5/27/2016 12:43 PM
48	Trolley system from neighborhoods to downtown, starting with weekend evenings. That could be expanded to other parts of the day as the system gains wider use.	5/27/2016 12:34 PM
49	Shuttle services between places like downtown Decatur to Suburban Plaza, DeKalb Medical Center, PUBLIXS, North DeKalb Mall and THE DeKalb Farmer's Market	5/27/2016 11:38 AM
50	Local small bus service. Sort of like what Emory has, just around Decatur.	5/27/2016 11:34 AM
51	I don't know	5/27/2016 11:32 AM

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52	Go back in time and look at the Jetson's TV Series. That would be neat.	5/27/2016 9:37 AM
53	Shuttle buses to downtown Decatur.	5/27/2016 9:21 AM
54	Google bikes or something like it	5/27/2016 9:01 AM
55	More sidewalks and crosswalks, biker's lanes.	5/27/2016 8:20 AM
56	free downtown trolley (like Delray Beach, FL), Complete Streets, car-free zones	5/27/2016 6:30 AM
57	More and safer crosswalks	5/27/2016 12:42 AM
58	None. The automobile is the greatest transportation improvement in the history of Decatur. Promote it.	5/26/2016 10:00 PM
59	Public transport has to be attractive to those who don't have to use it for economic reasons. Safety and cleanliness are a basic requirement-- enhancements to comfort and convenience are also needed to make public transport a middle-class choice over using the car.	5/26/2016 9:34 PM
60	shuttles	5/26/2016 9:29 PM
61	Transit and bikeways, bike share	5/26/2016 9:26 PM
62	Offer transportation for seniors to community centers and grocery stores with door to door pick up	5/26/2016 9:11 PM
63	Bike paths into residential areas all around the City	5/26/2016 8:45 PM
64	Economic sustainability will depend on non-Decaturites coming into town for shopping and dining. The city already has a reputation for no parking. Reducing dependence on cars is admirable, but there needs to be a balance. My friends won't meet me for lunch or sometimes dinner because of parking.	5/26/2016 7:28 PM
65	Wheelchair accessible sidewalks and ramps	5/26/2016 7:08 PM
66	The city just isn't that big. Beyond shuttle-bus access for the elderly, making streets work for cars would be ideal.	5/26/2016 6:52 PM
67	Maybe add something more fun like a trolley? Or a bus that only goes around the city of Decatur.	5/26/2016 5:32 PM
68	Small city buses with regular scheduled downtown routes.	5/26/2016 5:31 PM
69	Circulator bus system	5/26/2016 5:27 PM
70	Increased density, continue road diets and continue to improve the pedestrian experience	5/26/2016 5:02 PM
71	Trolleys/ trams from neighborhoods to downtown. Pedestrian/bike lanes- increased access for electric vehicles and maybe tax breaks for using. Rethink aggressive development of apartments/condos downtown.	5/26/2016 4:07 PM
72	Make the city safer for pedestrians and bikers and more people will choose those over driving; Bike-sharing and car-sharing programs; more efficiency and expansion of routes on MARTA	5/26/2016 3:39 PM
73	bike infrastructure	5/26/2016 2:40 PM
74	Prioritize sidewalks, bike lanes, bike racks, and MARTA support	5/26/2016 2:27 PM
75	Focusing on transportation enhancements with everyone from 8 to 80 years old, no matter SES or ability - these include complete streets (with bike lanes that will protect on many streets), more crosswalks with signals, more sidewalks, and traffic lights that register bicyclists. Adding in events and initiatives that introduce the public to the new improvements would also ensure understanding importance/more use upon completion.	5/26/2016 2:19 PM
76	off-street bicycle/pedestrian paths on the big roads--Candler, Columbia, Commerce, Clairmont, Church, etc.	5/26/2016 12:39 PM
77	North/South line for MARTA rail. Better access to Emory. Better MARTA support in general.	5/26/2016 11:51 AM
78	Continue to support walkability, bikeability traffic-calming and transit.	5/26/2016 11:06 AM
79	allow easy use of golf carts	5/26/2016 11:00 AM
80	Additional bike lanes. Enforcement of bike lane infractions (parking in lane, otherwise obstructing lanes). Increased rail access and connectivity to surrounding areas.	5/26/2016 10:47 AM
81	Improved rail service would help. MARTA off peak timing is infrequent enough to make things complicated.	5/26/2016 10:45 AM
82	Bicycle Infrastructure. Pedestrian Options. Connectivity.	5/26/2016 10:35 AM
83	The city needs to capitalize on the close proximity of neighborhoods to shopping districts by enhancing the amount of bike lanes and pedestrian/bike only paths.	5/26/2016 10:32 AM
84	Turn all nearby parking spaces into handicapped, senior, or expectant mothers only. Reduce parking requirement in zoning applications. Provide covered bike parking everywhere.	5/26/2016 10:22 AM

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85	Circulator bus or streetcar (like Tech Trolley)	5/26/2016 10:15 AM
86	bike lanes, smaller shuttle buses between main areas	5/26/2016 10:01 AM
87	Better and safer bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure as well as support for multimodal transport as well. Make the city less dependent on car culture and more green, healthier, and less congested as a result.	5/26/2016 9:26 AM
88	In 20 years, ride sharing of self-driving cars could address some of this problem, but could increase congestion. A street car may be helpful or a trolley looking self-driving vehicle.	5/26/2016 8:30 AM
89	Expanded access to senior Van/bus service that connects elderly residents with retail/healthcare	5/26/2016 8:09 AM
90	stop further construction of multi-unit blogs, shuttles to key sites for residents, like the Emory bus. e.g. Edgewood Shopping Ctr. Farmers' Market, etc.	5/25/2016 10:48 PM
91	Make ponce pedestrian only between clairmont and church.	5/25/2016 10:04 PM
92	A shuttle connecting parts of decatur to the square	5/25/2016 9:46 PM
93	Small shuttles for old folks . Not big buses	5/25/2016 8:44 PM
94	Pedestrian/bicycle shared path (e.g. Beltline); perhaps, experiment with a greenspace on the top floor of a parking deck or building and rent bicycles (e.g. beach cruisers, not racers)	5/25/2016 7:13 PM
95	trolly?	5/25/2016 6:31 PM
96	Parking deck at edge of city with shuttles into city.	5/25/2016 4:57 PM
97	Shuttle service from city neighborhoods to downtown	5/25/2016 4:25 PM
98	City shuttle loop, continued accessibility improvements in sidewalks/curbs.	5/25/2016 1:55 PM
99	Sidewalks, safe crosswalks.	5/25/2016 12:57 PM
100	ride share/pool eco friendly shuttle services	5/25/2016 11:29 AM
101	Shuttles	5/25/2016 11:05 AM
102	Better walk ability and connections to Marta	5/25/2016 8:58 AM
103	Make it so elderly are comfortable riding bicycles around city. If the elderly feel safe enough to do it, the rest of us will too. Exercise will keep elderly active, and reduce car dependency. Need safe places to walk too, larger buffer from sidewalk to road.	5/25/2016 8:00 AM
104	Decatur was manageable in size for many years. Letting the developers take over has caused more problems in the last two years than I had seen in two decades.	5/25/2016 2:55 AM
105	Limited bus or metro for the downtown area (provides connectivity between the larger shopping district)- example:I may walk to the square, but getting to the other side close to the lost office is too long of a walk and usually requires driving	5/24/2016 11:27 PM
106	aging population likely to need automobiles as will economic sustainability, key is to balance. focus on sidewalks and additional bicycle facilities.	5/24/2016 11:19 PM
107	Better Bike Connectivity from the residential areas into the city.	5/24/2016 11:10 PM
108	Develop a shuttle service for the region with easy accessibility and 7am-11pm service.	5/24/2016 9:08 PM
109	The American society is heavily dependent on automobiles, reducing dependence is not something that can be forced upon people. Maintain sidewalks for pedestrians. Reduce taxes for seniors.	5/24/2016 8:52 PM
110	Reach: Driverless cars, trolley. Realistic: encouraging increased ridership of public transportation	5/24/2016 8:40 PM
111	Self-driving vehicles and uber services. Shuttle service with continuous loop. Support for bike and walk friendly. More commerce in smart outdoor venues	5/24/2016 7:47 PM
112	shuttle service	5/24/2016 6:54 PM
113	I wish we could have another pedestrian tunnel under the tracks - farther west for Oakhurst residents.	5/24/2016 6:15 PM
114	a shuttle, primarily to support the elderly	5/24/2016 6:07 PM
115	Street car or shuttle that runs a circuit within downtown?	5/24/2016 4:59 PM
116	Promote and improve public transportation (MARTA)	5/24/2016 4:50 PM
117	Develop a local transportation system based on hyper-local van service in Decatur and "Golf-cart train" in downtown	5/24/2016 4:42 PM

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118	Better bike infrastructure for all ages; sidewalk connectivity (and well maintained) for all ages, especially older adults; better transit and on-demand transportation (shuttles?) for older adults	5/24/2016 4:37 PM
119	Make the city as walkable as possible. Living in Winnona Park, getting across busy streets (mainly College Ave) to get into the downtown business district is an issue.	5/24/2016 3:49 PM
120	More safe walking paths that totally separate from roads, instead of alongside roads. Pedestrian bridges would accomplish the same goal - keeping pedestrians out of traffic altogether instead of trying to integrate them into it.	5/24/2016 3:16 PM
121	Promoting walkability and housing density in downtown are the key factors. When people can live near where they shop, dine, play, and go to school, lifestyles are healthier, aging residents maintain good access, and the density of people / foot traffic supports a vibrant business community.	5/24/2016 2:33 PM
122	repairing the sidewalks so that they are even so people will not be afraid of falling	5/24/2016 2:32 PM
123	In 20 years, no one is going to own cars anymore. The investments in mass transit will be lost to fleets of autonomous vehicles, especially in urban locations like Decatur. If the city wants to plan for 20 years out, they need to plan for electric vehicles, low-speed personal transit around the city, and the lack of personal car ownership. And the withering of MARTA.	5/24/2016 2:18 PM
124	Sidewalk improvements in and around new Avondale MARTA development. Consider the new senior housing going into an area already very unpleasant for peds. Do we want all these seniors driving to get their meds?! Improvements to sidewalks and bike lanes on E College could be a game changer.	5/24/2016 1:50 PM
125	More bike and walking paths	5/24/2016 1:30 PM
126	Bridges over the RR crossing for pedestrians - especially by the high school. As the student population grows, that intersection will be so dangerous for the walkers and we be very congested.	5/24/2016 1:05 PM
127	Reduce Commerce Ave (east) to 1 lane each way, with turn lanes, bike lanes and wider sidewalks. This major connector needs to safely convey pedestrians and bikes moving N/S.	5/24/2016 1:00 PM
128	Unless self-driving cars come to the market tomorrow, you need to be working on facilitating flow of automobiles, not necessarily reduce dependence on them. Hey, my family are avid walkers/cyclists and we only own 1 car, but not focusing on traffic flow is causing problems in residential neighborhoods such as Winnona Park, which hurts our quality of life. Need more affordable housing for older residents and need to do more to attract businesses that appreciate a vibrant, walkable city. If companies are attracted to Ponce City Market, no reason they wouldn't be interested in Decatur.	5/24/2016 12:50 PM
129	Make marta safer	5/24/2016 12:36 PM
130	Why not promote the idea of electric bicycles for commuting in Decatur (and Atlanta)? Our city is simply too hot, too hilly, and too spread out to realistically expect people to walk or use manually powered bicycles for commuting (The main driver of traffic here) Electric bicycles work well for this purpose in both Asia and Europe, but, to my knowledge, no US city has ever promoted this cheap, clean technology. These Why not let Decatur be the first to step up for this?	5/24/2016 11:02 AM
131	Something like the Beltline, that connects key areas in a direct, flat route that is bike and pedestrian friendly without having to jockey cars.	5/24/2016 10:48 AM
132	EV charging stations for small electrical vehicles like carts, sidewalks on BOTH sides of the street. Small bus transportation that circulates regularly to major places in Decatur. These would be similar to Boulder, Colorado "Hop", "Skip" and "Jump" "Leap" and "Bound" routes and use smaller busses to go to popular places frequently. http://www.colorado.edu/physics/Web/images/buses.pdf	5/24/2016 10:46 AM
133	More connected public transit accessible to everyone	5/24/2016 10:38 AM
134	Fix the traffic lights so they are coordinated. Especially along the railroad tracks. Get rid of some 4-way stops and make them traffic circles.	5/24/2016 10:30 AM
135	Smoother, more consistent sidewalks, to avoid falls/tripping on unlevelled sidewalks.	5/24/2016 10:20 AM
136	1) High quality, direct transit from Decatur to both of CDC's main campuses and to Emory could take a lot of Decatur residents out of their cars. 2) Making Scott Blvd safe and comfortable for pedestrians, especially small children, would increase the number of kids who walk to school. 3) Utilizing the city's right of way to install sidewalks on every street would enable families and seniors to walk anywhere in Decatur without having to navigate automobile traffic (a few loud residents of one street shouldn't be able to keep the rest of their neighbors, including those on nearby streets, from having safe walking routes to their destinations).	5/24/2016 10:04 AM
137	Local bus	5/24/2016 10:01 AM

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138	Dedicated bike and walking paths that connect neighborhoods to schools and commercial areas create an amazing quality of life and also make the city a destination for visitors (and outside revenue). A downtown shuttle service during strategic peak times might also be a good idea. Increased bus and shuttle type of services are cost-effective, but there is a certain stigma to riding the bus, especially when bus stops are uncovered and unprotected. Buses also don't take you out of traffic during peak hours the way that walking, biking, and rail can.	5/24/2016 9:57 AM
139	Make Buckhead Business District more accessible	5/24/2016 9:31 AM
140	Work with the county to get a greenway/beltline like path out several miles from the city. like connect to the south peachtree creek path	5/24/2016 9:19 AM
141	circulator bus between oakhurst and square hitting big resi developments and neighborhood entrances along the way	5/24/2016 8:42 AM
142	Trolley along ponce	5/24/2016 8:29 AM
143	Could run a shuttle for seniors (small golf cart type of vehicle that could perhaps ride on the sidewalk for example)	5/24/2016 8:20 AM
144	Local trolley just for the city of Decatur	5/24/2016 8:18 AM
145	Small shuttle vehicles similar to what Emory has is a thought .walking is good for the aging as well, sometimes you have to encourage it.	5/24/2016 7:49 AM
146	Close part of ponce to cars	5/24/2016 7:30 AM
147	Trolley? Shuttle?	5/24/2016 5:43 AM
148	Periodic electric shuttles	5/24/2016 4:58 AM
149	Short route shuttles.	5/23/2016 11:18 PM
150	Underground rail, NOT MARTA on surface streets.	5/23/2016 10:45 PM
151	Shuttles that go from neighborhoods to downtown Decatur and oakhurst	5/23/2016 10:34 PM
152	Not sure. Given our density, the cost of adding significant transportation options would be too expensive to justify the cost.	5/23/2016 10:21 PM
153	Continuous sidewalks, easier railroad crossing from Winnona Park and Oakhurst into downton. Possible city of decatur shuttle bus from the various neighborhoods (NOT city of Atlanta bus service). Think more major university shuttle for inspiration.	5/23/2016 8:57 PM
154	Safe, quick pedestrian and cycle routes.	5/23/2016 8:23 PM
155	Higher density construction near transit. Better sidewalks and bicycle facilities.	5/23/2016 7:55 PM
156	Make MARTA useful!	5/23/2016 7:12 PM
157	More streetscape improvements; road diets on Howard Ave and Church Street	5/23/2016 6:24 PM
158	Trim trees that impede foot and bike traffic.	5/23/2016 6:05 PM
159	A street car to DeKalb Farmers Market. Light rail to Emory.	5/23/2016 5:42 PM
160	Marta expansion.	5/23/2016 5:23 PM
161	Connect the neighborhoods with more walkable paths.	5/23/2016 4:50 PM
162	trolley/bus operations from neighborhoods to city center on regular intervals	5/23/2016 4:49 PM
163	a proper bike path connection to the belt-line	5/23/2016 4:47 PM
164	Buses, particularly small ones. Also, density.	5/23/2016 4:44 PM
165	Wider sidewalks with sufficient curb buffering from the street as well as dedicated bike lanes. Wider sidewalks will allow access to more people including handicapped and elderly. A barrier should separate bike lanes from the street to ensure public confidence in biking around town.	5/23/2016 4:38 PM
166	bicycle sharing facilities	5/23/2016 4:34 PM
167	golf carts. Longer walk times at lights. Home delivery service for restaurants. Parking that's near restaurants, pharmacy, etc.	5/23/2016 4:17 PM
168	Dedicated bike lanes with permanent barriers and better crosswalks	5/23/2016 4:12 PM
169	Better pedestrian crossing at railroads	5/23/2016 4:02 PM

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170	Better walking options - dedicated walking routes separate from streets (i.e. not just sidewalks, but dedicated walking paths)	5/23/2016 3:50 PM
171	The city is so compact that some kind of free circulator could make a huge difference.	5/23/2016 3:21 PM
172	circulator buses	5/23/2016 3:16 PM
173	street cars if feasible based on cost.	5/23/2016 3:09 PM
174	25 MPH speed limits, designated bike lanes, side walks on all streets that include setback from the street, free trolley system	5/23/2016 12:29 PM
175	Yes! We need to care for our seniors!	5/23/2016 11:43 AM
176	slow down traffic	5/23/2016 11:34 AM
177	Rickshaw taxis! Car traffic limitations within the city center. Dedicated bike and pedestrian ways to support more foot and cycle traffic	5/23/2016 11:34 AM
178	Shuttle buses up and down major routes; also - some people will still have to drive to work (too far from MARTA) so should not do additional things at increased risk of traffic/congestion	5/23/2016 11:10 AM
179	Beyond present efforts, a counter-intuitive one: More mixed use at the neighborhood level allowing for more things to be accomplished within safe walking or biking distance.	5/23/2016 10:44 AM
180	protected bike lanes, shuttles to marta station	5/23/2016 10:17 AM
181	Golf carts	5/23/2016 10:00 AM
182	bicycle and walking lanes	5/23/2016 9:51 AM
183	shuttle bus, trolley	5/23/2016 9:07 AM
184	More rail. People coming from other neighborhoods tend to drive, even people that live in Decatur, but not the square area. There needs to be an option for them other than driving. Biking is nice, but many in this area have small children and it may not be an option. Medlock area, briarlake area, etc. needs to be more connected.	5/23/2016 9:01 AM
185	Shuttle bus	5/23/2016 8:55 AM
186	Crosswalks, paths, car pools for elderly.	5/23/2016 8:53 AM
187	parking lots and/or garages outside of downtown, with easy pedestrian access into downtown	5/23/2016 8:49 AM
188	Crosswalks and car pools for elderly.	5/23/2016 8:45 AM
189	Improved connections of MARTA to other areas on the city. Tax breaks for hybrid & electric car owners.	5/23/2016 8:44 AM
190	A circulator bus connecting neighborhoods of Decatur with downtown and each other - for example, one could run Winnona Park (Columbia Seminary)-around Commerce-West Ponce-Oakhurst Village-Agnes Scott-Winnona Park. Another could do the north side of town.	5/23/2016 8:38 AM
191	More cross walks. Car pools for elderly to parks and stores.	5/23/2016 8:34 AM
192	Smaller buses or vans that specifically service inside neighborhoods not just main roads or thoroughfares.	5/23/2016 8:27 AM
193	Anything that makes it easier, more attractive to walk and/or bike, rather than driving.	5/23/2016 8:23 AM
194	Increased rail service options that don't require travelling all the way downtown to go north.	5/23/2016 8:23 AM
195	Re research the traffic lights and timing, repair sidewalks, and dedicated bike lanes.	5/23/2016 8:17 AM
196	My first priority is pave the streets. It hurts my body to ride in car or on bike with these streets that are cracked and full of potholes. Pave them evenly.	5/23/2016 8:17 AM
197	Neighborhood retail. Like Oakhurst Business District. Restaurants, grocery, hardware, etc	5/23/2016 8:16 AM
198	Within-city shuttle service - could even utilize golf cart type shuttles	5/23/2016 8:07 AM
199	I don't see a need for more transportation enhancements in the city. But there's a need to reduce taxes.	5/23/2016 7:24 AM
200	We need more city buses	5/23/2016 1:32 AM
201	trolley or shuttle services that run into our neighborhoods on a regular schedule that take folks into downtown or to markets	5/22/2016 11:57 PM
202	Street car or light rail, on Chrich Street and possibly others.	5/22/2016 11:23 PM
203	a bus system that makes it easy to get around 30030	5/22/2016 11:17 PM

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204	Light rail/tram	5/22/2016 11:08 PM
205	bus service around 30030 (either part of Marta or not)	5/22/2016 11:00 PM
206	Pedestrian access and safety enhancements	5/22/2016 10:21 PM
207	More sidewalks and a possible shuttle within the city	5/22/2016 10:19 PM
208	Golf carts	5/22/2016 10:08 PM
209	free shuttles?	5/22/2016 9:30 PM
210	Making Marta a more viable option for transportation	5/22/2016 9:27 PM
211	Improvement of bus lines - increased frequency of buses (i.e. less wait time/faster service). Summer here can be hot. I think it's unreasonable to assume people (and, in particular, the aging population, as well as people with multiple children) will walk or ride bikes (if they even are able to) everywhere in adverse weather. Make buses more friendly - put up shelters for people at stops to shield them from weather, have kiosks in those shelters so Breeze cards can be purchased - if the subway system is too costly and takes forever to expand, focus on buses - it will GREATLY improve the public transportation infrastructure of a city that's only getting more crowded. This area relies on cars too much.	5/22/2016 9:20 PM
212	Long term sustainability	5/22/2016 8:39 PM
213	Encourage employers/private transport from Marta Station, shuttle service, over bus service, as Emory does. something like a regular shuttle loop around the community that allows people to park all over town, and catch a shuttle, and residents to catch it close to their homes, and connect it with Marta. See Buford Highway private shuttle service for ideas.	5/22/2016 8:19 PM
214	More sidewalks and dedicated bike lanes.	5/22/2016 7:26 PM
215	Bike and pedestrian friendly access to city center from neighborhoosa	5/22/2016 6:03 PM
216	better sidewalks; shuttle services around and into downtown (like the Cliff concept)	5/22/2016 6:02 PM
217	A streetcar	5/22/2016 2:34 PM
218	trolley cars maybe. Not sure the feasibility. I feel trolley cars would allow people to jump on and quickly get to places without driving. This would be quicker than walking.	5/22/2016 2:05 PM
219	Small trolley type vehicles	5/22/2016 1:58 PM
220	Shuttles from all neighborhoods to shopping districts, on regular schedules.	5/22/2016 11:10 AM
221	Light rail from downtown to Emory.	5/22/2016 11:08 AM
222	shuttles, dedicated bike lanes, bike share only after dedicated bike lanes have been established, handicap accessible stores and parking spaces (you can't use a wheelchair or roller in many of Decatur's downtown stores)	5/22/2016 10:44 AM
223	free golf cart street cars	5/22/2016 1:30 AM
224	Bike trails, Walking Trails and connected trails. Rails to trails.	5/21/2016 11:56 PM
225	light rail...pedestrian only sections...no car days...	5/21/2016 8:58 PM
226	20 years out can have self-driving trolleys on arterials, inexpensive sattelite parking for cars, better mass transit connectivity to major employers like CDC/Emory	5/21/2016 8:23 PM
227	short route busses that are free or low cost.	5/21/2016 8:00 PM
228	Make the downtown center pedestrian only	5/21/2016 5:41 PM
229	Uber and ride share have been great options to get to downtown Decatur without having to pay to park or battle traffic. I would personally love other rail options to different locations (like to Scott Blvd where all the construction is happening).	5/21/2016 5:31 PM
230	Traffic calming. Better sidewalks with enforcement at pedestrian crossings. Red light cameras.	5/21/2016 5:03 PM
231	Something similar to the Cliff bus	5/21/2016 4:40 PM
232	MARTA	5/21/2016 4:37 PM
233	City trolley	5/21/2016 3:50 PM
234	Shuttles, light train, dedicated bike lanes, continuous sidewalks	5/21/2016 3:36 PM
235	A Decatur City bus that would circle around the downtown area, stopping at the baby Kroger and Oakhurst Village, as well as the library and the CVS. Other stops to be determined.	5/21/2016 3:26 PM

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236	Shuttles for all- running from Oakhurst to downtown to Glenlake park, Walmart & Kroger	5/21/2016 3:24 PM
237	Better public transport	5/21/2016 3:22 PM
238	Improved crosswalks (at college avenue, etc.), more flashing yellow lights at crosswalks, senior shuttle bus to grocery store	5/21/2016 3:03 PM
239	More bike lanes, with emphasis on safe routes from neighborhoods to commercial districts and schools	5/21/2016 2:46 PM
240	Streetcars (rail or electric busses); enhanced MARTA connectivity; bike paths	5/21/2016 2:26 PM
241	More substantial sidewalks and crosswalks, slower speeds for autos	5/21/2016 2:22 PM
242	An aging population has more difficulty with walking and biking options so they either have to drive or need a shuttle of some sort that runs frequently in goes to many locations.	5/21/2016 1:45 PM
243	bicycle, autonomous vehicles	5/21/2016 1:20 PM
244	Sidewalks & protected bike lanes, bike/walking path systems	5/21/2016 1:15 PM
245	Best practice or evidenced based transportation options such as purchasing using vouchers to use with taxis. Taxis should do door-to-door as well, for older adults who are more frail and for people with mobility challenges.	5/21/2016 12:59 PM
246	Senior shuttle to local businesses. Loaner bikes. Carpool incentives for local business visits.	5/21/2016 12:16 PM
247	Bus routes that connect "hot spots" throughout the city: Oakhurst, Downtown, etc.	5/21/2016 11:53 AM
248	Bury the tracks in howard	5/21/2016 11:42 AM
249	Connectivity between Decatur neighborhoods (especially south of tracks) and common employment destinations like Clifton Corridor (Emory and CDC).	5/21/2016 11:07 AM
250	Those shuttles we surveyed about recently; focus on driving safely; group bike rides; busting kids who rob people at night, making us not want to walk or bike	5/21/2016 10:56 AM
251	Light rail, more complete streets	5/21/2016 9:51 AM
252	Shuttle service from neighborhoods during weekend events, pleasant crossings over the railroad tracks. Encourage more professional businesses in town where people can walk/bike to/from their work.	5/21/2016 9:37 AM
253	More and more frequent small bus routes serving many secondary roads will guarantee access and transportation to anyone at any age.	5/21/2016 9:18 AM
254	free trolleys/buses within the neighborhoods	5/21/2016 8:53 AM
255	Buffered bike lines that feel truly safe	5/21/2016 8:43 AM
256	Accessible sidewalks, widening narrow sidewalks, longer walk signals at major intersections like Clairemont and commerce. Some sort of green focused shuttle to and from downtown Decatur from key points for seniors.	5/21/2016 8:07 AM
257	encouraging golf carts or other similar small electric vehicle for getting around town	5/21/2016 7:56 AM
258	Consider that fewer young people own cars; more and more rely on temporary lease options.	5/21/2016 7:47 AM
259	Convert Ponce to pedestrian only.	5/21/2016 7:38 AM
260	Not sure	5/21/2016 7:36 AM
261	Support the Cliff buses	5/21/2016 7:05 AM
262	close downtown streets to vehicles = more walking and biking	5/21/2016 7:01 AM
263	Upgraded sidewalks. Too many are uneven and a major hazard for walkers. I walk every day but it takes continual vigilance to avoid tripping. Widen and smooth 'em.	5/21/2016 5:50 AM
264	Bike friendly	5/21/2016 2:27 AM
265	Walking short cuts between parallel streets, like for example, between glen dale a church that cuts through Glen Lake park.	5/21/2016 12:49 AM
266	Smart urban planning downtown	5/21/2016 12:44 AM
267	city trolley-style transit that could shuttle people in and out from the outskirts of town.	5/21/2016 12:14 AM
268	electric trolleys that folks can hop on and off that continuously run throughout the city limits to connect neighborhoods and retail districts. They should be accessible for wheelchairs and elderly	5/20/2016 11:23 PM
269	A bike share program, additional connected walking paths (similar to the Beltline), light rail	5/20/2016 10:51 PM

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270	City of Decatur Electric Shuttles along S McDonough, College, Ponce, Scott, Clairmont, Church and N Decatur. Like these: http://www.motoelectricvehicles.com/electric-vehicle	5/20/2016 10:40 PM
271	Golf cart lanes	5/20/2016 10:33 PM
272	Bike lanes, sidewalks, and busses.	5/20/2016 10:31 PM
273	Free trolley/local bus around Decatur	5/20/2016 9:54 PM
274	Electric vehicles and golf carts	5/20/2016 9:52 PM
275	Shuttles to Okahurst Village, separated from street bike tracks, autonomous electric busses that have room for bikes	5/20/2016 9:26 PM
276	Trams for 12-15 people running frequently for folks instead of cars.	5/20/2016 9:00 PM
277	more greenspace.	5/20/2016 8:31 PM
278	A bus that circles the city to and from key points	5/20/2016 8:29 PM
279	Walking and bike trails connecting path and belt line to Decatur and on all major thru streets like Ponce and church as well as better crossings at intersections	5/20/2016 8:25 PM
280	Self driving cars will be the norm and will alleviate many parking issues. I think many of our transportation issues will solve themselves. Minus congestion from overbuilding and poor intersection design.	5/20/2016 8:22 PM
281	Great question but I don't have anything to offer.	5/20/2016 8:06 PM
282	Car free zone around square allowing easy and safe pedestrian access	5/20/2016 7:46 PM
283	Golf carts? Hover carts? Magic carpets? The giant apartment blocks have screwed us.	5/20/2016 7:26 PM
284	Sidewalks and walking/ bike trails	5/20/2016 6:31 PM
285	Better MARTA connections. Wider and better-maintained sidewalks (although they are already much better than those just outside city limits in DeKalb).	5/20/2016 5:04 PM
286	?	5/20/2016 5:02 PM
287	How about a shuttle or two that picks up in neighborhoods and drops off in key locations? Anyone could use it - and I know if I didn't have to park, I would definitely use it. Aging Decaturites would probably shop more often.	5/20/2016 4:54 PM
288	circulating bus or van service within Decatur	5/20/2016 4:39 PM
289	Bike lanes, free or low cost shuttles around the neighborhood (like between Oakhurst and downtown), something to help the insane amount of traffic around school times (I don't know what, my kids walk but a lot must not bc of the levels of traffic)	5/20/2016 4:30 PM
290	I'm no expert in city planning, but more bike lanes sounds like a great place to start.	5/20/2016 4:25 PM
291	I believe the cities popularity will drop out by then. The massive population increase and development in the area is making it increasingly hard to enjoy the city. School performance will drop due to large class sizes and people will move. I know several families who have already done so.	5/20/2016 4:05 PM
292	Not sure - driverless shuttles?	5/20/2016 3:52 PM
293	Golf cart options Small electric buses similar to Chattanooga	5/20/2016 3:50 PM
294	Extension of the Clifton Corridor transit system (fingers crossed),to connect with Decatur MARTA Station.	5/20/2016 3:07 PM
295	Bring diverse bus systems (MARTA, the Wed Sr. shuttle, Emory's buses, VA vans, even school buses) into one integrated system.	5/20/2016 3:05 PM
296	Making it easier to get around on foot and on bicycle (with dedicated safe bike lanes for everyone). Walk signals like there are on Georgia State Univ.'s campus and many other walkable areas of Atlanta where you don't have to push the button and the walk signals have a countdown. Safe distance and large enough sidewalks around walk signals. Signs for motorists that say "yield to pedestrians in crosswalk." More "no turn on red signs." 25 MPH speed limit in all of Decatur.	5/20/2016 2:59 PM
297	Provide more affordable housing, circulator bus between neighborhoods and MARTA station	5/20/2016 2:55 PM
298	Decatur is NOT handicapped friendly. The sidewalks are in poor shape and not connected. For a handicapped person to get to shopping areas, or cross over the tracks is dangerous. Also, having better bike lanes (even combined with pedestrian lanes) should be made a priority. Decatur is getting more and more people moving here, and we have to encourage ways for people to get around without it being one person per car. Nearly the whole city should be able to either be able to be biked or walked in, safely. My kids bike to school everyday and I would LOVE it if it weren't such a worry.	5/20/2016 2:54 PM

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299	Protected bike lanes	5/20/2016 2:52 PM
300	Bikes for all occasions	5/20/2016 2:51 PM
301	Public transit and connected bicycle and pedestrian networks are the best ways to improve a city and increase quality of life. Existing roadways should contract to make room for these features.	5/20/2016 2:46 PM
302	More non-automobile options. From a trolley bus, MARTA bus and heavy rail, pedestrian facilities, and bike facilities. Less parking lots. More traffic calming measures on roadways. Speed limit of 25 mph max.	5/20/2016 2:44 PM
303	Better parking options.	5/20/2016 2:29 PM
304	People may use busses and trains Kore if they weren't fearing they'd be mugged so security on transport or trained and carrying drivers. More bike lanes with barriers with all the accidents occurring and not wanting to ride the sidewalk with people walking.	5/20/2016 2:21 PM
305	Complete streets. Also, in-town, day-time, neighborhood shuttles to grocery and health providers.	5/20/2016 2:20 PM
306	Circulator shuttles	5/20/2016 2:16 PM
307	Unsure	5/20/2016 2:07 PM
308	Focus on other modes and create disincentives for driving - no new parking and high parking prices via taxes. This will create incentives for people to use other modes, increase safety and access for all road users, and decrease congestion for drivers by reducing use of that mode.	5/20/2016 2:06 PM
309	Expanded public transit, better bike lanes and better walkability (by promoting density and mixed use, as well as TOD). I'm skeptical of the self-driving car concept and the reliance on ride sharing that seems to get a lot of air time. These are undoubtedly one piece of the picture, but should not be promoted at the expense of infrastructure and more livable urban environments.	5/20/2016 1:59 PM
310	MARTA rail expansion in North Decatur/Emory Area. Light rail.	5/20/2016 1:53 PM
311	Massive off-road multiuse path infrastructure connecting the entire city.	5/20/2016 1:50 PM
312	Transit investment	5/20/2016 1:48 PM
313	maybe shuttles designated for city of decatur, similar to what colleges use on campus.	5/20/2016 1:42 PM
314	safe bike lanes	5/20/2016 1:27 PM
315	Express rail; shuttle service within the city limits	5/20/2016 1:12 PM
316	Small scale shuttle service, golf cart or similar size, rotating frequently.	5/20/2016 1:11 PM
317	some sort of shuttle/trolley system	5/20/2016 1:08 PM
318	Street car or trolley, additional Marta train routes	5/20/2016 12:41 PM
319	If you really want to encourage people to walk, bike, tricycle, ban automobile traffic around designated parts of streets surrounding the square. I'm thinking Colonial Williamsburg. An absolute paradise because of no automobile traffic.	5/20/2016 12:35 PM
320	?	5/20/2016 11:57 AM
321	Great question. Not sure I know the answer but would love to see you pursue and suggest options.	5/20/2016 11:50 AM
322	Safe walking and biking to necessary shopping and business - grocery, post office, school, church, doctor, etc.	5/20/2016 11:11 AM
323	Better, SAFER pedestrian crossing over key roads	5/20/2016 10:51 AM
324	non-high rise, courtyard-style affordable living/housing	5/20/2016 10:49 AM
325	Pedestrianize Ponce from Commerce to Church. Even for older, less mobile folks it really isn't that far to walk.	5/20/2016 10:33 AM
326	Wider sidewalks and lower speed limits and more speed monitoring (i.e. On oakview and other cut through streets)	5/20/2016 10:26 AM
327	Golf cart or other low speed transportation.	5/20/2016 10:18 AM
328	In twenty years the automobile culture will have changes tremendously, probably with shared electric autonomous vehicles. Some major streets, like Scott Blvd, Commerce Dr. and Clairemont Ave., could be move underground (no exhaust fumes by then). We could then plant some more grass and trees where there are currently above-ground streets. Also, why not bury all the utilities and do away with poles?	5/20/2016 10:17 AM
329	Bicycle lanes and bicycle tracks	5/20/2016 10:15 AM
330	Implement a solar-powered rail system around the city of Decatur.	5/20/2016 10:14 AM

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331	I'll be 65 in 20 years. I will not be biking anywhere. I will rely on automobile transportation. You cannot reduce reliance on automobiles within the aging population group.	5/20/2016 10:02 AM
332	Light rail connecting neighborhoods with Decatur	5/20/2016 9:41 AM
333	Better enforcement of pedestrian rights	5/20/2016 9:21 AM
334	All of the sidewalk, intersection and streetscape improvements have been wonderful. Continue on that path.	5/20/2016 9:06 AM
335	free over 65 years old bus transportation from outlining locations to city center	5/20/2016 9:05 AM
336	Small shuttle buses	5/20/2016 9:02 AM
337	Frequent Trolley/Streetcar connected with MARTA	5/20/2016 8:51 AM
338	electric shuttle fleet for aging pop; bike tracks for everyone else (including kids) which connects schools so kids can easily and safely walk/ride to school	5/20/2016 8:44 AM
339	I wish I knew!	5/20/2016 8:37 AM
340	Consider 20 mph in neighborhood zones. (Winnona Park). I'm willing to creep the last 1/2 mile to my house if everyone does. So much nicer for kids, seniors, pets, etc. also, consider ped/bike bridge across tracks. This might allow streamlined but slow traffic along College to flow with fewer interruptions. Bike lane on College all the way to Talley or Sam's Xing (Avondale Marta) with east bound left turn lane at Columbia.	5/20/2016 8:30 AM
341	Parking.	5/20/2016 8:28 AM
342	Mass transit options connection to/from Buckhead/NW area of Atlanta.	5/20/2016 8:26 AM
343	Shuttles from neighborhoods.	5/20/2016 8:20 AM
344	free parking for residents and a charge for visitors	5/20/2016 8:10 AM
345	Smart infrastructure to allow for autonomous vehicles	5/20/2016 8:09 AM
346	Safe and attractive options for walkers and bikers. Bike lanes don't work well in Atlanta for a number of reasons, including: lack of awareness of bikers by drivers, aggressive drivers, terrible drainage on roads during rain. But if you look at the belt line, you see walkers and bikers everywhere, connecting people to their workplaces and improving business for everyone. Small changes to bike lanes etc likely won't make a difference here in Atlanta. Other options from cities like Berkeley, include bicycle boulevards on major east/west and north/south routes, where car traffic is diverted making streets feel much safer for bikers. Work w Atlanta! So many people in Decatur work at CDC or Emory, so safe non-car commute options for work must work on both sides of Decatur/Atlanta if they will work at all.	5/20/2016 8:07 AM
347	Not sure these can or should be or are all connected. To afford to live in Decatur, we have to drive to jobs outside Decatur, by and large, so don't take our roads for bikes.	5/20/2016 8:03 AM
348	A CoD shuttle	5/20/2016 8:01 AM
349	More dedicated pedestrian paths. Sidewalks more insulated from traffic flow (e.g. Clairemont sidewalks are mere inches from high speed buses, trucks and cars. Admittedly this is a very tall order, but easier ingress/egress to/from and *around* the city that doesn't involve traffic in the inner core of commerce/ponce/clairmont/church (yes, I know that's probably impossible; no, I don't have a solution)	5/20/2016 7:56 AM
350	rail line/MARTA improvements	5/20/2016 7:54 AM
351	NOT light rail. Continued emphasis on pedestrian & bicycle access. Eventually continuous roaming of free shuttle buses within the 4 mile City Limit. Or perhaps residents can purchase a very discounted Annual Pass & visitors can purchase a relatively cheap daily pass	5/20/2016 7:53 AM
352	Electric shuttle	5/20/2016 7:52 AM
353	Perhaps a city trolley type vehicle that has a back and forth route through downtown to outer edges of neighbors and across the tracks to Oakhurst would be useful.	5/20/2016 7:51 AM
354	shuttle service, safe crosswalks	5/20/2016 7:44 AM
355	Maybe a shuttle that would circulate around the city	5/20/2016 7:35 AM
356	Light rail	5/20/2016 7:25 AM
357	Safe rail crossings are key to all of these things.	5/20/2016 7:21 AM
358	street car!	5/20/2016 7:09 AM
359	Rail route to Clifton corridor	5/20/2016 7:01 AM

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360	Free park and ride bikes places all over the city.	5/20/2016 6:34 AM
361	Bike lanes	5/20/2016 6:34 AM
362	putting retail/services inside residential neighborhoods.	5/20/2016 6:14 AM
363	Walking and biking paths	5/20/2016 6:08 AM
364	Dedicated walking and biking trails. We need something like the Beltline.	5/20/2016 5:55 AM
365	Nicer walking routes. Improve the appearance on Church St north of Commerce.	5/20/2016 5:47 AM
366	Unsure	5/20/2016 5:44 AM
367	focus development on businesses that will allow a walkable community instead of more residences. If I could buy everything I needed in town, I would have no need to drive to other communities.	5/20/2016 5:36 AM
368	If we have driverless cars in five years as some are predicting, this may not be as much of an issue.	5/20/2016 5:35 AM
369	Go back to neighborhood k-5 schools. Having multiple schools and further distances for families to travel makes it impossible for all children in a household to walk or ride bikes to school. Travel through Decatur at change of school times and you will find one of the highest congestion periods is during that time.	5/20/2016 4:16 AM
370	Sidewalk improvements, better crosswalks	5/20/2016 4:13 AM
371	The railroad tracks are the biggest problem. It's the reason I drive. I don't feel safe crossing the tracks with so many cars. Make it safer to cross while walking or biking. That is HUGE! Bridges? Tunnels? Have a senior shuttle route that stops in 4 residential areas (2 north, 2 south), the grocery store, downtown Decatur, post office, library, medical offices, etc--could be a pre-set daytime schedule. To promote biking, have a cargo or multiple passenger bike rally / race. Raffle off a cargo bike. Would love if more kids could ride to school that way (would decrease traffic jams).	5/20/2016 3:11 AM
372	City shuttle to move people around - make it easier to get part of the commute covered, esp. between north and south Decatur	5/20/2016 2:46 AM
373	Easy access to public transportation that is frequent	5/20/2016 2:19 AM
374	Street cars could bring people from parking areas on the outskirts into the space inside Commerce Drive	5/19/2016 11:40 PM
375	Nothing. People need cars. "Indiecatatur" businesses don't provide the number of jobs that downtown/midtown/buckhead does and people have to get to those jobs. In their cars.	5/19/2016 11:36 PM
376	Light rail	5/19/2016 11:10 PM
377	More ways to get around the city on a bike without having to share lanes with traffic.	5/19/2016 10:42 PM
378	Bus/ shuttles transport from south of the track to downtown Decatur?	5/19/2016 10:38 PM
379	More MARTA trains and stations to as many areas of Atlanta as possible. More bicycle friendly streets, or, better yet, bike/walking paths.	5/19/2016 10:37 PM
380	Better mass transit/bus routes. Also shuttle service for our older citizens.	5/19/2016 10:17 PM
381	Improved connectivity to the rest of Atlanta. Beltline & MARTA improvements.	5/19/2016 10:13 PM
382	pedestrian overpasses	5/19/2016 10:13 PM
383	continuous sidewalks and bike lanes.	5/19/2016 10:12 PM
384	Increased communication of local bus and shuttle routes and schedules.	5/19/2016 10:07 PM
385	Trolley/light rail, pedestrian over/underpasses at busy intersections, dedicated trail system, free non-Marta shuttle buses between high traffic areas (I.e. Downtown decatur and oakhurst village)	5/19/2016 10:06 PM
386	impossible to predict.	5/19/2016 9:59 PM
387	Metro	5/19/2016 9:52 PM
388	Some sort of transportation service for the elderly to local hospitals would be great.	5/19/2016 9:52 PM
389	ROUNABOUTS!! Pedestrian bridge over College and Railroad. Dedicated bike lanes. Bike racks.	5/19/2016 9:49 PM
390	Connection to beltline trails. Direct routes via MARTA to midtown & Buckhead.	5/19/2016 9:38 PM
391	possible shuttles	5/19/2016 9:35 PM
392	City shuttles provided for all residents, not just older population.	5/19/2016 9:13 PM
393	Better sidewalks and connected sidewalks; more police handing out tickets	5/19/2016 9:05 PM

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394	1. Shuttle buses connecting neighborhoods to the square 2. Safer walking routes connecting neighborhoods to the square (and to each other) 3. Safer biking routes throughout the city	5/19/2016 8:50 PM
395	We should have something like a cliff bus.	5/19/2016 8:42 PM
396	Lower rents. People will live walk play if they can walk there. But first you need a place to live where things are within walking distance. I would say percent of Decatur cannot afford rents here ince they retire. Transportation does not work in a silo independent of rooftop	5/19/2016 8:24 PM
397	Public Transportation....safer, more convenient	5/19/2016 7:55 PM
398	promote use of electric and later driverless cars.	5/19/2016 6:21 PM
399	sky transportation MARTA-like transportation with small cars constantly traversing the city UNDERGROUND	5/19/2016 6:01 PM
400	Ban motor vehicles in downtown Decatur. (Think Florence or Lucca, Italy. Maybe have multiple large parking areas on outskirts with trolley system going up and down Ponce and connecting areas like Oakhurst.	5/19/2016 6:01 PM
401	Support Emory corridor light rail.	5/19/2016 5:52 PM
402	more buses for trips within 2 miles	5/19/2016 5:35 PM
403	Stop putting more people in downtown Decatur.	5/19/2016 5:29 PM
404	small buses	5/19/2016 5:27 PM
405	Wider smoother sidewalks. Downtown stopping places with benches, shade trees, small parks.	5/19/2016 5:26 PM
406	accessible curbs and smooth, well maintained walkways	5/19/2016 5:26 PM
407	Stop bringing more people to live in downtown	5/19/2016 5:09 PM
408	Need better mass transit connectivity to surrounding areas (like Emory)	5/19/2016 5:06 PM
409	More local pulic transportation to connect the neighborhoods with each other and the downtown	5/19/2016 4:56 PM
410	Shuttle bus service around town	5/19/2016 4:56 PM
411	The population has some aging - but there is also a growing population of people who have young children. I don't think we should be focused on reducing automobiles - it isn't realistic. A safer approach to all who use the roads, but making traffic so bad that people make bad decisions while frustrated doesn't make sense.	5/19/2016 4:41 PM
412	Small buses	5/19/2016 4:36 PM
413	Bike sharing	5/19/2016 4:25 PM
414	The CCTMA shuttle that runs between Decatur and Emory would ideally run every 10 minutes and would ideally have alternating routes that go through areas slightly east, south, and west of the Decatur square.	5/19/2016 4:25 PM
415	Trolly service/route	5/19/2016 4:15 PM
416	Encouraging a wide diversity of age and socio economic status groups to live here. Decatur's 10 year focus on allowing McMansions and only supporting the Reds of families is haunting our sustainability going forward	5/19/2016 4:11 PM
417	Better public transport by bus with routes that connect.	5/19/2016 4:03 PM
418	Rail transit	5/19/2016 3:56 PM
419	Train routes or street cars through the Clifton Corridor and/or North Decatur to Downtown Decatur.	5/19/2016 3:45 PM
420	Jitneys	5/19/2016 3:42 PM
421	Please make sure that all sidewalks are accessible to those with wheels (wheelchairs, strollers, walkers, skates, etc.).	5/19/2016 3:40 PM
422	Encourage and reduce barriers to high density development.	5/19/2016 3:36 PM
423	bike lanes, more sidewalks, crosswalks	5/19/2016 3:17 PM
424	A free or low cost Decatur shuttle would do wonders. The routes could be relatively short and I imagine retail traffic would increase if Decatur were more accessible to the aging and younger populations.	5/19/2016 2:23 PM
425	If you make it safe to walk and bike, older people will be able to stay active and healthy.	5/19/2016 2:15 PM
426	Natural gas or electric powered shuttles - free	5/19/2016 2:12 PM
427	Golf carts, bike taxis, shuttle vans	5/19/2016 2:01 PM
428	More diverse stores	5/19/2016 1:45 PM

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429	Better timing of traffic lights. No brainer. Reduce idle emissions and keep traffic flowing. This IS Important!!!!!!!	5/19/2016 1:32 PM
430	Routine and frequent shuttles (with optional stops) between the Oakhurst village and downtown. But don't structure routes to try and go everyone and thus take too long to get from point A to point B otherwise they won't get used.	5/19/2016 1:30 PM
431	More car lanes	5/19/2016 1:27 PM
432	short loop "trolley" service between downtown Decatur and local neighborhoods - for cheap	5/19/2016 1:18 PM
433	Sidewalks, cross walks, public transit that works, easy parking. Not stop signs everywhere backing things up	5/19/2016 1:16 PM
434	Van service for elderly?	5/19/2016 1:14 PM
435	Creating a connection between Decatur and the Beltline. Atlanta has seen tremendous economic growth along the Beltline, and if there were a safe way to connect the city, it would benefit both commuters and recreational users.	5/19/2016 1:14 PM
436	Building setbacks and side yards need to be reduced to ROW/zero. Infill development such as duplexes, grandmother suites need to be encouraged in single family neighborhoods	5/19/2016 1:10 PM
437	Free shuttles connecting downtown to each of the neighborhoods.	5/19/2016 1:06 PM
438	Lobby for more trains	5/19/2016 1:05 PM
439	I understand that we need to plan and build for 2040, not 2020. I also understand that we need to make it attractive for folks to do something other than drive. Senior residents will not be as able to walk to bike from neighborhoods into downtown. Need bus loop, probably free or low-cost.	5/19/2016 1:03 PM
440	Working with surrounding jurisdictions, improved off street connectivity to employment centers such as Emory, CDC	5/19/2016 12:59 PM
441	Bicycle rickshaws. Connectivity to beltline Connectivity to downtown trolley system	5/19/2016 10:58 AM
442	Some kind of city shuttle service would be helpful. Perhaps a circle from remote parking lots to city center and that would connect nearby neighborhoods to downtown. This would also mean we could have less parking in the center of town, but parking would be more readily available in the periphery. I think this would encourage more people to visit Decatur and would provide citizens an easy way to get to important destinations.	5/19/2016 10:45 AM
443	Local public transportation, such as streetcars. Ride-sharing services such as Uber.	5/19/2016 10:45 AM
444	close Ponce , have free parking, fill in gaps with retail only in certain areas to create more activity between sections of downtown.	5/19/2016 10:35 AM
445	Biking	5/19/2016 9:55 AM
446	Trolleys	5/19/2016 9:32 AM
447	Trams	5/19/2016 9:17 AM
448	Stronger traffic police presence on major corridors; during rush hours and weekends.	5/19/2016 5:45 AM
449	Real bike lanes that are not shared with cars, making parking around Decatur FREE, shuttles for the aging.	5/19/2016 5:38 AM
450	N	5/18/2016 11:41 PM
451	Take a cue from Montpillier France and close off downtown to vehicular traffic and run shuttles from remote parking.	5/18/2016 11:33 PM
452	Trolley	5/18/2016 11:13 PM
453	Electric scooter rental	5/18/2016 11:12 PM
454	Wider, safe, and smooth sidewalks, separate bike lanes	5/18/2016 3:09 PM
455	walking bridge over Scott or wider sidewalks and safer cross walks. The cross walks from Howard/Adair to College to get to Oakhurst is scary. There needs to be a better system, a light? It's hard to bike across howard to college from Adair. You cannot bike on College heading west to Oakhust. It's scary.	5/15/2016 8:54 AM
456	Inter-jurisdictional projects for bike lanes to end destinations (public-private, alternative funding, bonding, whatever it takes); more bike boxes, privileging pedestrian at worst intersections like track-crossings and College and Atlanta. Route Maps and schedule at each bus MARTA. MARTA bus options show-cased (signage) at our key destinations. SMALLER buses - help leadership cut through the irrational big-buses only regime and figure out shuttle; promote zip-car type share maybe with community (neighborhood association) grants for a communal mini-van which could also be available to get non-traditional voters to the voting booth on early-voting and election days! Active adults (healthy 70+) as shuttle drivers and labor force for the fleet.	5/14/2016 10:39 AM
457	* Address bottlenecks at rail crossings. * Close roads and create pedestrian mall / green space on Church St. from Ponce to just South of Sycamore St., and on Sycamore St. from Church to N. Candler (connecting the square, the library, and the recreation center).	5/13/2016 4:44 PM

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458	Free transportation around town for seniors especially	5/13/2016 11:03 AM
459	More rail	5/12/2016 9:05 PM
460	Shuttle service	5/12/2016 3:41 PM
461	Less home, condo and apartment construction and expansion.	5/11/2016 11:18 AM
462	Bring back the street cars. unrealistic, but you asked.	5/11/2016 8:12 AM
463	(1) electric circulator shuttle on regular schedule (15 minutes) ; (2) close portions of streets through downtown (e.g. Ponce, parking in front of Brickstore); (3) smaller housing options near downtown	5/10/2016 12:04 PM
464	a trolley between oakhurst and downtown decatur	5/10/2016 10:35 AM
465	Provide transportation between Oakhurst and downtown Decatur on a regular basis	5/10/2016 7:15 AM
466	local city of Decatur buses connecting satellite parking to downtown (running frequently, and connecting to alternative transit), "bypasses" that connect the northside (e.g., Emory/CDC) to neighborhoods south/east (e.g., Avondale Estates) so people don't have to drive through downtown Decatur, which has many lights that aren't well-synchronized, causing significant traffic congestion and air pollution	5/8/2016 11:04 AM
467	invest in bike rentals around the city. Where you can pick up a bike in one area and leave in another.	5/7/2016 9:57 PM
468	better walking options, and resonable bike routes without sacraficing automobile access.	5/7/2016 6:03 PM
469	City shuttles or light rail	5/6/2016 8:52 PM
470	Shuttles	5/6/2016 6:30 PM
471	In-city shuttle bus system similar to Emory's Cliff Bus...plus improved pedestrian and bicycling accomodations	5/6/2016 6:24 PM
472	Twenty years from now most if not all automobiles will be autonomous, so the per-capita need for personal cars, parking spaces and traffic lanes will far smaller than now. Plan on that and concentrate on other problems related to the aging population. Transportation will be far less of a problem.	5/6/2016 4:08 PM
473	Similar to the Georgia Tech Master Plan, parking at the 'edge' of the city center, ensuring walkability from this parking to the city center, and limiting vehicle access to the city center to emergency vehicles.	5/6/2016 3:36 PM
474	Close off Ponce de Leon from Commerce to Commerce except for bicycles, walkers and golf carts.	5/6/2016 3:23 PM
475	Maybe some kind of "uber-like" service where people drive older people to destinations in Decatur.	5/6/2016 3:12 PM
476	What recommendations do "best-practice" city planners have about this question?	5/5/2016 1:27 PM
477	Maybe some kind of mini-bus?	5/4/2016 7:09 PM
478	Creating sidewalks where there are none and improving crosswalks especially over railroad tracks. I think addressing the speed limits would be good as well...especially on s candler. I generally do not feel safe walking or pushing my stroller on this Rd due to the speed of the cars.	5/3/2016 2:34 PM
479	Pedestrian friendly planning and maintenance, especially thinking of aging and school age populations.	5/3/2016 10:09 AM
480	free bus around the city. i'd rather pay by taxes but be able to jump on any time. Downtown Denver has this for one mile and it is a great boon to business. wouldn't it be great if we had free shuttles to connect us to the business districts north and south of the tracks without having to drive.	5/2/2016 11:48 AM
481	Better parking. Older folks who drive often can't walk far so they don't frequent businesses that don't have parking. A cross city free shuttle that runs frequently.	5/2/2016 2:30 AM
482	I would love to see shuttles of the type they have on college campuses where we could easily move around the downtown area, to outskirt parking areas, safely at night, and even to slightly 'off campus' locations like Suburban Plaza, Ace Hardware, DeKalb Medical, etc. I hope my retiring parents will move here next year and in 20 years I would love to see them able to get around without driving.	4/29/2016 12:19 PM
483	Slow down the traffic on Scott Boulevard either with additional lights or speed bumps. Its a racetrack on weekends when Decatur police do not regularly patrol it.	4/29/2016 10:16 AM
484	Development of electric powered shuttle system to connect north and south Decatur	4/28/2016 11:26 PM
485	People mover	4/28/2016 7:01 PM
486	I like the idea of a frequent interval mini bus loop around Decatur. Could include Emory Village too. Maybe even Little Five points? The RR pedestrian crossings need to be improved	4/28/2016 5:51 PM

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487	Bike paths. Satellite parking areas with frequent shuttles. Automatic "walk" lights on all traffic signals, rather than having to push buttons to walk. Make traffic lights sensitive to flow of traffic, rather than being stuck at a red light with no traffic in the other direction	4/26/2016 4:47 PM
488	I would guess that most of the people walking around downtown, eating, shopping have driven a car to a parking lot and paid a few dollars. The city has a lot of space downtown dedicated to parking lots. At some point in the next 20 years the need for parking lots will decline (self-driving cars, Uber, etc), so we need to keep that in mind with the downtown plan.	4/26/2016 9:51 AM
489	The dependence on automobiles is a fact of life and will continue to grow with an aging population. The focus should be on how to more effectively move traffic through Decatur.	4/26/2016 12:01 AM
490	1. Construct protected bike lanes (on busy roads) that connect downtown, Glenn Lake Park, Oakhurst Village, and all of our schools. Coordinate this effort with the City of Atlanta to connect their bike lanes with ours. 2. Widen our sidewalks and improve our pedestrian crosswalks. 3. Change our crosswalk signals to prioritize people not cars. There is no need for a pedestrian to push a button at a crosswalk. It should automatically change.	4/25/2016 4:27 PM
491	Pedestrian options for older citizens.	4/25/2016 2:27 PM
492	Local shuttle or buses perhaps working with MARTA on a solution.	4/25/2016 2:24 PM
493	It will require enhancements of Marta accessibility, reliability and new destinations	4/25/2016 2:17 PM
494	dedicated bike lanes	4/25/2016 1:39 PM
495	city shuttle bus or pedi-cab connecting commercial and residential districts. it would be especially nice to connect Oakhurst to downtown.	4/25/2016 1:10 PM
496	more bike-able and walkable...expanding sidewalks...supporting electric vehicles.	4/25/2016 12:52 PM
497	Lower speed limits. Create a connected network of protected bike lanes that goes throughout the city, connecting downtown to each neighborhood.	4/25/2016 12:19 PM
498	Trolleys around town like Lawrenceville	4/24/2016 9:26 PM
499	good sidewalks, safe crossings, easy to park lots	4/24/2016 8:34 PM
500	Electric car incentives	4/24/2016 5:30 PM
501	The City needs to follow the lead of other cities across the spectrum, from the Boulders and Berkleys to Portlands and New Yorks, that are truly trying to reorient the streetscape for people and not cars. Almost every street in Decatur is overwhelmingly designed almost exclusively for cars. Why don't we rebalance our streets and emphasize the safety of people walking and biking? And the wording in one of your previous questions is quite leading - "Improving pedestrian and bicycle service can result in increased automobile congestion and slower vehicular movement." We know walking and biking have tremendous individual and public health benefits. And what's the problem if a car goes 20 or 25 mph on Ponce instead of 30 or 35? This is a poor survey question and I wonder how you will incorporate the leading nature of the question when analyzing it.	4/23/2016 5:25 PM
502	Avondale Marta project + light rail to Clifton corridor will be extremely helpful for all commuters.	4/22/2016 10:02 PM
503	Bike trail to town from every school, off road.	4/22/2016 6:10 PM
504	More small buses to Emory area; improving walkability & safety of downtown	4/22/2016 3:19 PM
505	Improve safety at the intersections with railroad tracks. More over/under bridges are vital for movement across city	4/22/2016 10:17 AM
506	Clear path illuminated connective walkways, retimeing the lights and possible one way streets, addressing s Candler as a major transit corridor	4/22/2016 9:55 AM
507	Bike lanes and better spaced out parking	4/21/2016 10:18 PM
508	Wide, uninterrupted sidewalks.	4/21/2016 8:09 PM
509	light rail to Emory corridor and to Dek Med Ctr	4/21/2016 5:19 PM
510	City shuttles?	4/21/2016 1:20 PM
511	sidewalks and bike lanes	4/21/2016 11:58 AM
512	commercial block(s) sealed off to autotraffic to become a pedestrian-only mall.	4/21/2016 10:36 AM
513	Sidewalks	4/21/2016 9:40 AM
514	No transportation enhancements, but more (concentrated) housing downtown.	4/21/2016 12:12 AM
515	More underground station locations.	4/20/2016 10:41 PM

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516	If parking is an issue, put a field or garden or even connecting bike paths on top of parking decks. Better and safer, designated bike lanes. Invest in this and real estate values will rise. Research how Amsterdam has bike lanes all over the city. It's their main mode of transportation. And beautiful.	4/20/2016 7:19 PM
517	Look at what Emory does with its Cliff buses. This is a great idea. Have shuttle buses that run frequently that connect all the major areas of our city. Make sure they run on natural gas or electricity. Stop causing traffic jams with traffic 'calming' (get the police to enforce speed limits). Stop causing traffic jams by deleting car lanes for bike lanes. Shuttles would be awesome if they ran frequently and were just a short (1/2 or less) walk away.	4/20/2016 6:55 PM
518	Bigger sidewalks and get rid of the narrow roads from 20 years people that visit the area are gonna be old like 50,60 and its going to be hard for them to turn the wheel and will cause so much accidents.	4/20/2016 6:43 PM
519	I support a MARTA line going around Emory for starters	4/20/2016 5:57 PM
520	city's own trolley/mini bus route with outlying parking, pedestrian only streets	4/20/2016 5:01 PM
521	shuttle, pedi-cabs, alternate forms of transportation	4/20/2016 4:02 PM
522	Pedestrian underpasses or elevated cross-overs on busy streets	4/20/2016 2:28 PM
523	free trolleys or shuttles	4/20/2016 2:28 PM
524	Promote somewhat peripheral parking lots with small shuttles to Oakhurst and Downtown.	4/20/2016 2:16 PM
525	Periodic shuttle from Oakhurst to downtown Decatur.	4/20/2016 2:05 PM
526	Make parts of city pedestrian only and routing cars around the city center.	4/20/2016 1:50 PM
527	Shuttle	4/20/2016 1:17 PM
528	Any additional mass-transit option would be welcome, but I think Decatur is perfect for a trolley or streetcar setup.	4/20/2016 12:47 PM
529	Unsure	4/20/2016 12:21 PM
530	Improve sidewalks to reduce/eliminate trip hazards. This will better facilitate exercise as well as transportation options for older persons.	4/20/2016 11:18 AM
531	Light-rail or a trolley/tram system throughout Decatur and possibly connecting to the beltline or downtown/midtown Atlanta.	4/20/2016 11:04 AM
532	Focus on pedestrian and bicycle access as driverless cars will have greatly reduced auto congestion.	4/20/2016 10:39 AM
533	Side Walks. Widen streets to increase capacity for automobiles. Additional multi-use parking structures for downtown businesses.	4/20/2016 10:38 AM
534	Electric trolleys	4/20/2016 10:30 AM
535	Some type of frequent street cars serving center town, Oakhurst, the VA, Emory, and other nearby shopping areas.	4/20/2016 10:27 AM
536	more rail/light rail/MARTA	4/20/2016 10:22 AM
537	Make the city as pedestrian friendly as possible.	4/20/2016 10:04 AM
538	Circle of mass transit either by bus, cart with a roof or trolley with wheels	4/20/2016 9:30 AM
539	increase walkability	4/20/2016 8:48 AM
540	This appears to be aimed at generating support for a citywide shuttle service that was so heavily angled for during the 2010 Strategic Plan sessions. Unless this can be undertaken as a public/private partnership to limit impact on taxpayers (many of us who can't afford another "nice to have" burden), the City needs to stay out of the transportation business. Build on the smaller scale weekly shuttle service for seniors to include the other areas not currently being served by seeking partnerships with churches, assisted living communities, or day cares that have shuttle vans to adopt a zone and provide a biweekly trip.	4/20/2016 8:27 AM
541	Question is biased and assumes answer complies with goals of question	4/20/2016 7:54 AM
542	Electric streetcars and shuttles	4/19/2016 10:08 PM
543	easy bike rentals and returns similar to those in London	4/19/2016 9:57 PM
544	On Scott Blvd ask our State reps to implement speed bumps by Westchester Elementary. Many residents have a hard time coming out of the complex because of the speeding and the traffic. There needs to be some form of a yield sign so that the turning lane is not congested in the am.	4/19/2016 9:53 PM
545	Marta trains that circle downtown, the perimeter, and link cities/universities/job hubs	4/19/2016 9:35 PM

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546	That's a tough question. Maybe create some sort of a major roads bus system. That way people only need to walk to the top/bottom of their street or neighboring street to catch a bus to another major area w/in the city	4/19/2016 7:52 PM
547	enforcing the law. providing bus routes similar to the Clif bus for the city.	4/19/2016 7:50 PM
548	coordinated public street network	4/19/2016 4:22 PM
549	If there is a determination to lessen cars, then there has to be low or no cost, frequent bus service. The emphasis on bicycles ignores the fact that those who can or choose to use this type of transport are a small minority of the population.	4/19/2016 4:11 PM
550	Maybe enhance, tie into Emory's shuttle program on side streets.	4/19/2016 3:56 PM
551	wider, handicap friendly sidewalks. More cost-friendly parking options that aren't several blocks from shops and restaurants.	4/19/2016 3:24 PM
552	Intown trolley/bus system.	4/19/2016 2:25 PM
553	something like designated bus stop locations but for people to hitch a ride with people they know? or every Monday a bus goes to library, Tues it goes to CVS, Wed goes to grocery store, etc. but sort of UBER it in case cannot get to designated pick up spot. Or have volunteers sign up who need rides and ask community members to sign up to assist. If I knew an elderly neighbor or anyone had to go somewhere once a week, I would alter my schedule to assist or go with	4/19/2016 2:20 PM
554	Something similar to Emory's Cliff busses	4/19/2016 2:17 PM
555	A network of protected bike lanes and road diets that make Decatur a special place to live. Traffic is an inevitable fact of life, and we cannot build our way out of it. I would rather have viable alternatives to getting in my car, and so would most people who live here - that's why we paid a premium in the first place! (that and schools). Decatur may have been at the forefront in bike-friendliness in the dark old days of the 90s, but now even the suburbs are passing us in terms of their commitment to providing true connectivity via trails, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities. We could also use more park space!	4/19/2016 2:14 PM
556	Restrict downtown Decatur to ped.traffic only on Sat,sun	4/19/2016 1:33 PM
557	Street cars / trolley cars.	4/19/2016 1:09 PM
558	Smarter traffic lights, pushing MARTA rail to expand the areas it serves, reducing the size of MARTA buses to fit with the number of passengers.	4/19/2016 12:57 PM
559	additional bike/pedestrian lanes and better lighting	4/19/2016 12:56 PM
560	More business districts/village centers like Oakhurst. Not just the square	4/19/2016 12:53 PM
561	calming traffic,reduced speed on connectors, warning signs for drivers on major corridors, improved sidewalks	4/19/2016 12:04 PM
562	Pedestrian malls on Ponce and Church (around the immediate Courthouse Square area, serviced by trolleys or pedicabs on intersecting streets.	4/19/2016 11:53 AM
563	Maybe a free or low cost shuttle around the city	4/19/2016 11:43 AM
564	in-town shuttle	4/19/2016 11:36 AM
565	City Bus transportation	4/19/2016 11:28 AM
566	Sidewalks, crosswalks (safe), enforcement of the speed limits.	4/19/2016 10:56 AM
567	A shuttle bus from all neighborhoods to the downtown businesses and restaurants.	4/19/2016 9:20 AM
568	a trolley	4/19/2016 8:35 AM
569	Greater bus route options, safer walking, stores that serve downtown residents, some dedicated green space.	4/19/2016 7:38 AM
570	Focus on making walking a safe & attractive option for all ages. Focus on safe crosswalks with flashing lights. Walking should be the focus: biking is not appealing to older residents & it's not safe with cars.	4/19/2016 7:32 AM
571	As long as we continue to have fantastic restaurants, unique shops and fantastic community events, I believe Decatur will continue to thrive. Connecting more neighborhoods through pedestrian paths (like sycamore heights to glenlake park through the watershed) then more people wil be encouraged to walk. :)	4/19/2016 7:15 AM
572	The city should stop trying to force reduced automobile use. It doesn't help. Seniors of Decatur need cars, and the businesses benefit by seniors.	4/19/2016 6:35 AM
573	Pedicabs.	4/19/2016 3:59 AM
574	Shuttle	4/18/2016 11:04 PM

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575	Charge more to park. Encourage ride sharing, biking , walking.	4/18/2016 10:14 PM
576	Shuttle loop, especially on the hilly streets, would help this senior a lot.	4/18/2016 10:07 PM
577	Possibly a shuttle paid in part by downtown merchants and restaurants whose businesses would benefit,	4/18/2016 10:07 PM
578	Public shuttles on predictable and easily understandable schedules/routes.	4/18/2016 10:02 PM
579	Nice paths throughout the town where you can walk and ride bikes.	4/18/2016 9:42 PM
580	Bike	4/18/2016 9:09 PM
581	Decatur is over built so that is why we so much traffic.	4/18/2016 8:57 PM
582	some sort of bus or trolley around the city	4/18/2016 4:35 PM
583	Get Scott Blvd. under control, especially with reduced speed limit and safe sidewalks. The current sidewalks are incredibly unsafe. Safer bike routes--Clairemont, Church St., Ponce de Leon,	4/18/2016 4:21 PM
584	Find a method to reduce cars wanting to use the city as a main thoroughfare	4/18/2016 3:40 PM
585	Free shuttle bus service with dependable, frequent -timed routes where residents and visitors can get off and on as often as they wish in order to move around the city with ease....similar to the model of campus transportation used by Emory University.	4/18/2016 3:14 PM
586	-All major intersections are safe and comfortable to navigate via foot, stroller, bicycle, ADA accessible (e.g. S. Candler) -More pedestrian options are available to cross the train tracks along Dekalb/College Ave, and therefore increase connectivity (and desire to walk) between northern and southern Decatur neighborhoods (e.g. Pedestrian bridges over tracks....with ramps, so they're ADA/Stroller, accessible) -continuous sidewalks, in good condition (on at least one side of street), on all streets in Decatur -traffic calming measures on Scott Blvd and increased points of pedestrian crossing (to increase connectivity between neighborhoods)	4/18/2016 2:59 PM
587	fewer cars downtown	4/18/2016 2:33 PM
588	1) Expand the pedestrian zone of downtown (vision: close Ponce from Commerce to Commerce). 2) Find economic incentives for cheap/free short term parking. 3) Close the hourly parking at McDonough and E Court Square -- for every car that parks, 10 more drive around looking for non-existent parking. Reserve it for handicap, dropoff/deliveries, and *15 minutes* only.	4/18/2016 2:24 PM
589	Local trams	4/18/2016 12:21 PM
590	STOP GIVING DEVELOPERS FREE REIN ON DEVELOPING APARTMENT BUILDINGS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA! It's SO STUPID to keep putting living spaces downtown without new transportation access to handle it!	4/18/2016 12:13 PM
591	Local shuttle for senior citizens.	4/18/2016 11:52 AM
592	Light rail	4/18/2016 11:14 AM
593	small self-driving buses; slowed traffic throughout downtown; improved and safer sidewalks	4/18/2016 10:54 AM
594	Rail service from Decatur to Emory Univ.	4/18/2016 9:13 AM
595	Electric train like Portland Oregon	4/16/2016 9:03 AM
596	Light rail, shuttle buses, ride share	4/15/2016 1:43 PM
597	Convenient, free or low cost shuttles that are easily accesdible in all neighborhoods.	4/15/2016 11:10 AM
598	Safe cycling for all types of bikers, safe walking routes and a free shuttle service for seniors	4/15/2016 10:04 AM
599	shuttles for in-town residents	4/15/2016 7:41 AM
600	I love the free Emory shuttle....just wish it went other places! Better crosswalks; increased penalties for speeding, texting while driving.	4/14/2016 8:29 PM
601	circulator shuttle, city-subsidized ride sharing, allowing golf carts on city streets, moving sidewalks	4/14/2016 5:00 PM
602	safe sidewalks on busy streets - sidewalks that aren't inches away from speeding cars & buses.	4/14/2016 3:36 PM
603	If the timing of the lights at the railroad tracks were better it would be much easier for both pedestrians and vehicles to get around our city.	4/14/2016 2:11 PM
604	I disagree with the assumption that reducing reliance on cars is a good thing. Trying to turn Decatur into a biking community just isn't going to work for the vast majority of residents. And if you are really concerned about an aging population, then keep in mind that older people are not going to bike -- and may be unable to walk long distances. This leads us to the preferred means of transportation, which is the car.	4/14/2016 1:32 PM

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605	More dedicated paths (not just a lane on the street). Please consider pedestrian bridge across Scott Avenue at Coventry. The other side of Coventry seems cut off from Decatur because of Scott Blvd., and that's a dangerous intersection, particularly for kids and elders.	4/14/2016 11:32 AM
606	A traffic light on Scott Blvd, between Clairmont and Coventry.	4/14/2016 10:20 AM
607	walking/bike paths separate from cars	4/14/2016 9:20 AM
608	connections to Emory University/CDC. The rare shuttle and congestion of Clairmont and N. Decatur are problematic. What would it take to have a trolley or more regular shuttles?	4/14/2016 8:18 AM
609	In order to respond to the needs of an aging population, you need automobiles. The elderly can't ride bikes, and aren't comfortable taking a bus or Marta.	4/13/2016 10:46 PM
610	We need little vans with some flexible routes.If I could not drive, I would be very trapped-no Marta,no Emory Shuttle,no Oakhurst shuttle. I might as well be miles away.	4/13/2016 9:36 PM
611	If you follow the technology, transportation is leaning towards services like uber and autonomous vehicles.	4/13/2016 9:29 PM
612	comprehensive plans the undo the division's ripping the city landscape, such as Scott and the tracks.	4/13/2016 9:06 PM
613	Close the streets feeding into the CBD. provide shuttles from park and ride lots if people need to get to the city center. ALOT of our traffic comes from people driving through Decatur going somewhere else and driving their kids to school and sports events. Focus on these two things and QOL will improve.	4/13/2016 8:25 PM
614	1) more bike friendly thought Decatur (I rate it as medium/low friendly now) 2) reconsider initiative for streetcar and connection to MARTA along Claremont to connect with Emory, CDC, VA	4/13/2016 12:07 AM
615	consider making the city center car-free, increase green spaces and landscaped buffers between cars and people	4/12/2016 7:57 PM
616	pedi cabs, shuttles, bike accessibility and square expansion with bikers and walkers only.	4/12/2016 2:27 PM
617	Restaurant delivery of supplies off main road..dream	4/12/2016 10:25 AM
618	continuous sidewalks between destinations - neighborhoods and multiple business nodes; reduce surface parking lots, vacant properties and other nuisances along primary pedestrian routes	4/11/2016 1:00 PM
619	expanded marta options from decatur into midtown/downtown.	4/10/2016 8:42 PM
620	Hire a real expert. look at like cities that have been successfully developed.	4/9/2016 10:22 AM
621	Add trails like the Beltline to make it easier to get around Decatur. We moved to decatur from Grant Park last month and that's the only thing Atlanta has on Decatur -- it's so great for EVERYONE. Having mini trails like the beltline or PATH connecting the residential areas to each other and to the city would make decatur fantastic.	4/5/2016 10:11 PM
622	How about a little bus that stays in the City of Decatur and runs a continuous route with set stops.	4/4/2016 11:07 PM
623	Stop tailoring everything to aging interests. The new Decatur is more about young families.	4/4/2016 11:03 PM
624	This is a tough question considering the technology advances that may occur but I would love to see a trolley or something of the like that connects the square to the Oakhurst business district	4/4/2016 12:01 PM
625	Encourage electric-based/ green options such as re-charging stations in new construction. Active social worker outreach to our aging population. A department devoted to developing solutions to work with local groups to aid the aging, such as reaching out to local condo associations to come up with solutions to keep our aging residents in place/	4/1/2016 9:48 PM
626	ADA sidewalks, more and better bike lanes, allowing seniors to ride bikes on sidewalks, wider dude walks to accommodate.	3/29/2016 2:42 PM
627	None. This is America not the Soviet Union or Cuba	3/27/2016 12:39 PM
628	bike lanes, better crosswalks, automatic "walk" signals at crosswalks (rather than having to push a button to be able to cross), better lighting at crosswalks, more crosswalks. all the things downtown decatur neighbors have already suggested to the City.	3/24/2016 2:56 PM
629	Meet routine shopping needs locally with Aldi: mini Walmart or equivalent. Close streets and add pedestrian bridges, eg, over Commerce to Cemetery.	3/24/2016 11:43 AM
630	In-town shuttle service which is a joint public/private partnership with passengers paying a reasonable per trip fee and able to purchase a weekly, monthly or annual pass. We should also encourage entrepreneurs to create a bicycle-cab service. The City should provide tax incentives for both services.	3/24/2016 11:18 AM
631	golf carts!	3/23/2016 10:32 AM

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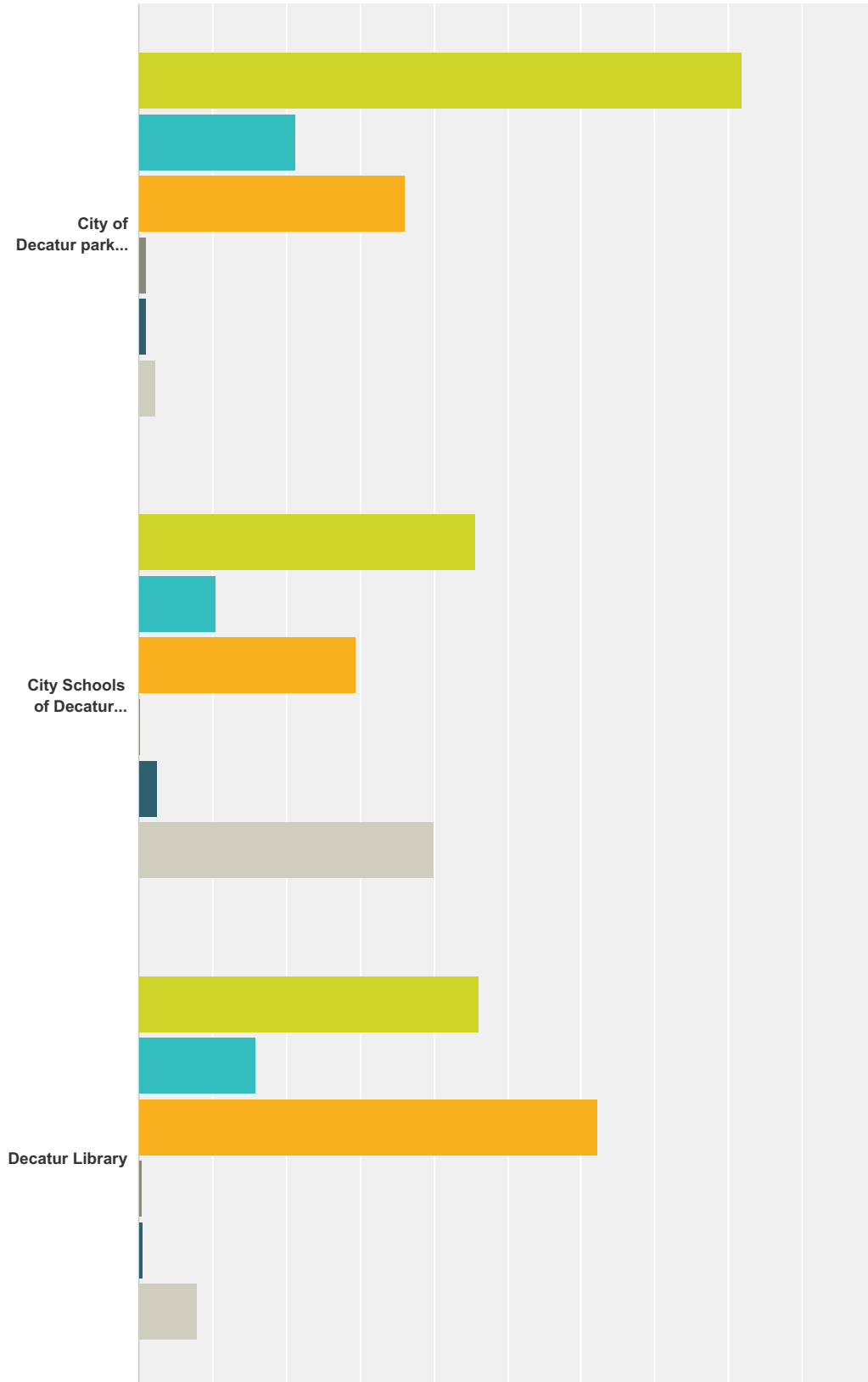
632	Wide smooth paths that can be used by people who walk, people who scoot, people who skate, people who bike. So much is so close together in Decatur. If you build paths that feel safe, people will use them. See BELTLINE	3/22/2016 8:36 PM
633	shuttle	3/22/2016 8:28 AM
634	Shuttle service from high density housing complexes and parking lots to downtown businesses and restaurants	3/21/2016 3:14 PM
635	Focus on bikes, walking, and autonomous cars	3/21/2016 12:42 PM
636	Press Marta for better safety	3/21/2016 9:09 AM
637	I like the idea of a local shuttle that i heard about recently...	3/20/2016 10:15 PM
638	Free or minimal cost shuttle service around the city. Better sidewalk access. Limit outdoor dining tables that narrow sidewalks along Ponce de Leon.	3/20/2016 9:51 PM
639	Circulator shuttle	3/20/2016 9:32 PM
640	Free small city buses on set routes	3/20/2016 1:12 PM
641	city buses	3/20/2016 12:31 PM
642	Elderly shuttle.	3/20/2016 12:00 PM
643	stop the uncontrolled growth of the city and reduce the number of new apartment and condos being constructed, thus reducing the number of cars	3/20/2016 10:37 AM
644	Internal city shuttle route, adequate parking, stop high density construction in city center	3/20/2016 10:35 AM
645	Public transit for seniors	3/20/2016 7:04 AM
646	free continuous shuttle around city and to nearest Marta stations	3/20/2016 7:04 AM
647	YOU ARE NOT GOING TO STOP DEPENDENCE ON CARS!!! You will always need accessibility for cars especially with an aging population. If you reduce dependence on cars, you are going to reduce the number of people who come to Decatur.	3/19/2016 11:53 PM
648	Make ponce a pedestrian walkway from commerce on the west to church street o candler	3/19/2016 9:52 PM
649	Shuttle Bus or MARTA Buses in front of Oliver House and all Senior Housing Apartments in the City of Decatur	3/19/2016 9:26 PM
650	Encourage MARTA to improve the rider experience--security, cleanliness and vastly improve the Five Points transfer station	3/19/2016 7:23 PM
651	lite rail to-from emory/cdc	3/19/2016 6:14 PM
652	Don't allow cars on many streets except for residents. Provide transpiration to and from several parking hubs.	3/19/2016 5:08 PM
653	Mass transit. That is the only way. Trolley. Expanded rails with safety measures, pedicabs. Even horse drawn carriages. Rental bikes would be great.	3/19/2016 4:11 PM
654	trolley system - many cities have done this.	3/19/2016 4:06 PM
655	Make ponce de Leon between commerce and church closed to vehicles. Use a middle lane for deliveries only.	3/19/2016 3:30 PM
656	Shuttles or Cliff type bus but maybe smaller that goes around and in neighborhoods to commercial areas	3/18/2016 11:43 PM
657	Construction of parking garages along the downtown perimeter and excluding cars from center downtown.	3/18/2016 5:25 PM
658	Complimentary trolleys or trams as in Portland, Oregon.	3/18/2016 5:21 PM
659	short range circulating buses (see Snowmass, Aspen CO for an example) Pedestrian-only section in the core downtown area. If Emory can do it, surely we can ;)	3/18/2016 4:30 PM
660	You are trying to use transportation to solve a zoning and development problem. Invest in dense, walkable, livable communities that have the amenities people want.	3/18/2016 4:18 PM
661	Decatur city bus services - low cost to seniors	3/18/2016 3:27 PM
662	1) Move the Dekalb County Courthouse out of the center of this city. 2) I don't want to pay any more for an aging population (see SB 343 full tax break) - with this tax break they can certain afford uber or something like that to get around.	3/18/2016 9:35 AM
663	Make Marta rideable- it's unsafe, dirty	3/17/2016 6:35 PM

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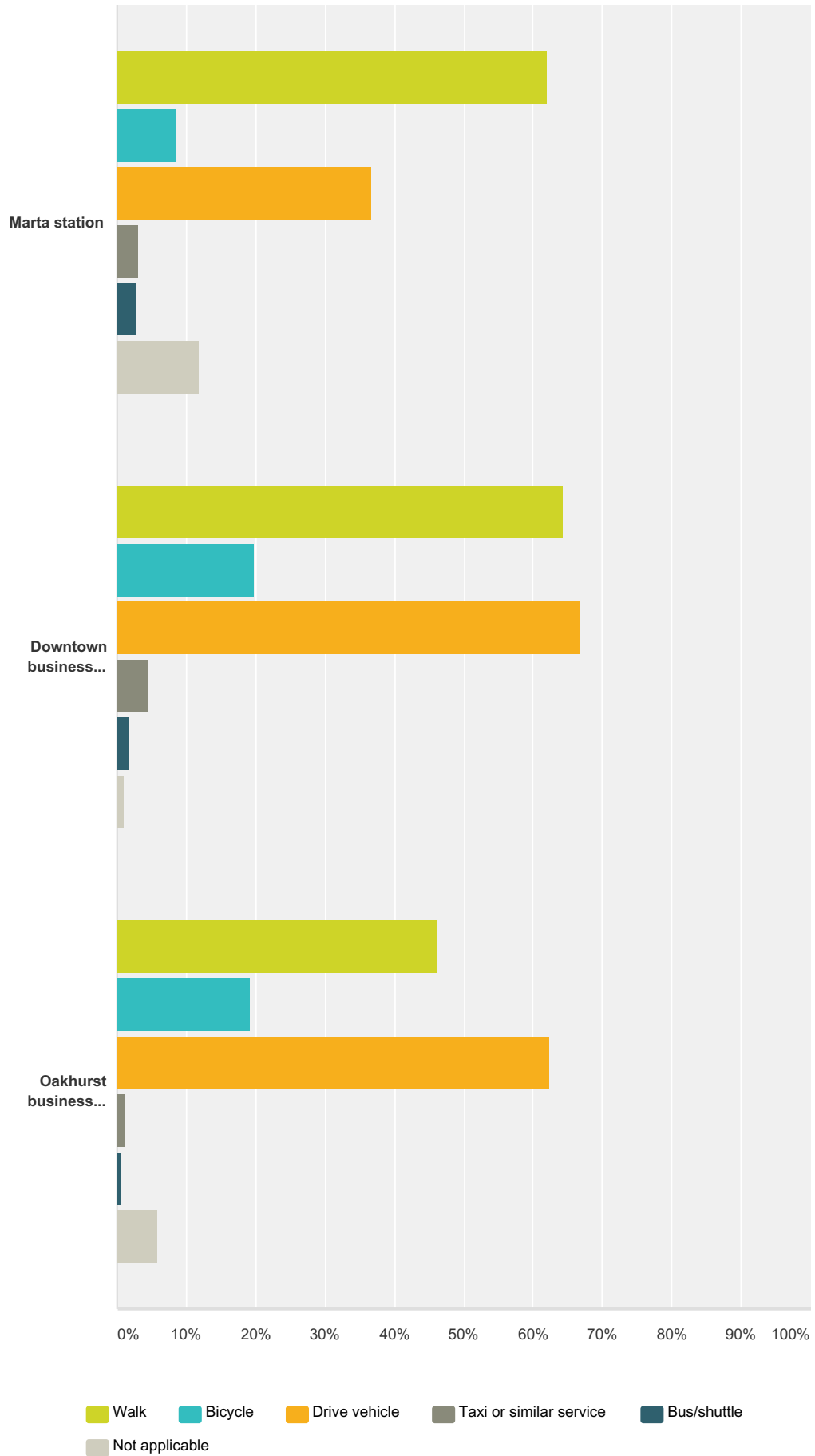
664	Better railroad crossings for bikes/pedestrians/cars, elimination of Commerce Drive, elimination of parking on the Square, attractive parking decks, walkable retail stores that supply services to seniors, not just gifts and drinks, utilizing underdeveloped commercial space on Church St., on lower Clairemont, on Trinity	3/17/2016 10:51 AM
665	Improved bus and train schedules-push MARTA on this. Smooth out sidewalks, separate bike lanes, decent "walk light" times	3/16/2016 5:47 PM
666	Shuttles, Bike share	3/16/2016 4:29 PM
667	Reduce travel lanes for cars. Shrink intersections. Especially downtown.	3/16/2016 4:28 PM
668	Denser redevelopment will aide in a more walkable city. Add pedestrian features to signals like leading pedestrian intervals (LPI) and accessible pedestrian signals (APS).	3/16/2016 4:24 PM

Q20 Please indicate how you currently get from your house to the following destinations:

Answered: 990 Skipped: 62



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	Walk	Bicycle	Drive vehicle	Taxi or similar service	Bus/shuttle	Not applicable	Total Respondents
City of Decatur park or other greenspace	81.85% 807	21.30% 210	36.21% 357	1.12% 11	1.01% 10	2.23% 22	986
City Schools of Decatur school	45.66% 442	10.54% 102	29.44% 285	0.21% 2	2.58% 25	39.98% 387	968
Decatur Library	46.04% 448	15.93% 155	62.18% 605	0.41% 4	0.72% 7	8.02% 78	973
Marta station	62.07% 599	8.60% 83	36.79% 355	3.11% 30	3.01% 29	11.81% 114	965
Downtown business district	64.37% 634	19.90% 196	66.90% 659	4.57% 45	1.93% 19	1.02% 10	985
Oakhurst business district	46.05% 449	19.18% 187	62.36% 608	1.33% 13	0.62% 6	5.85% 57	975

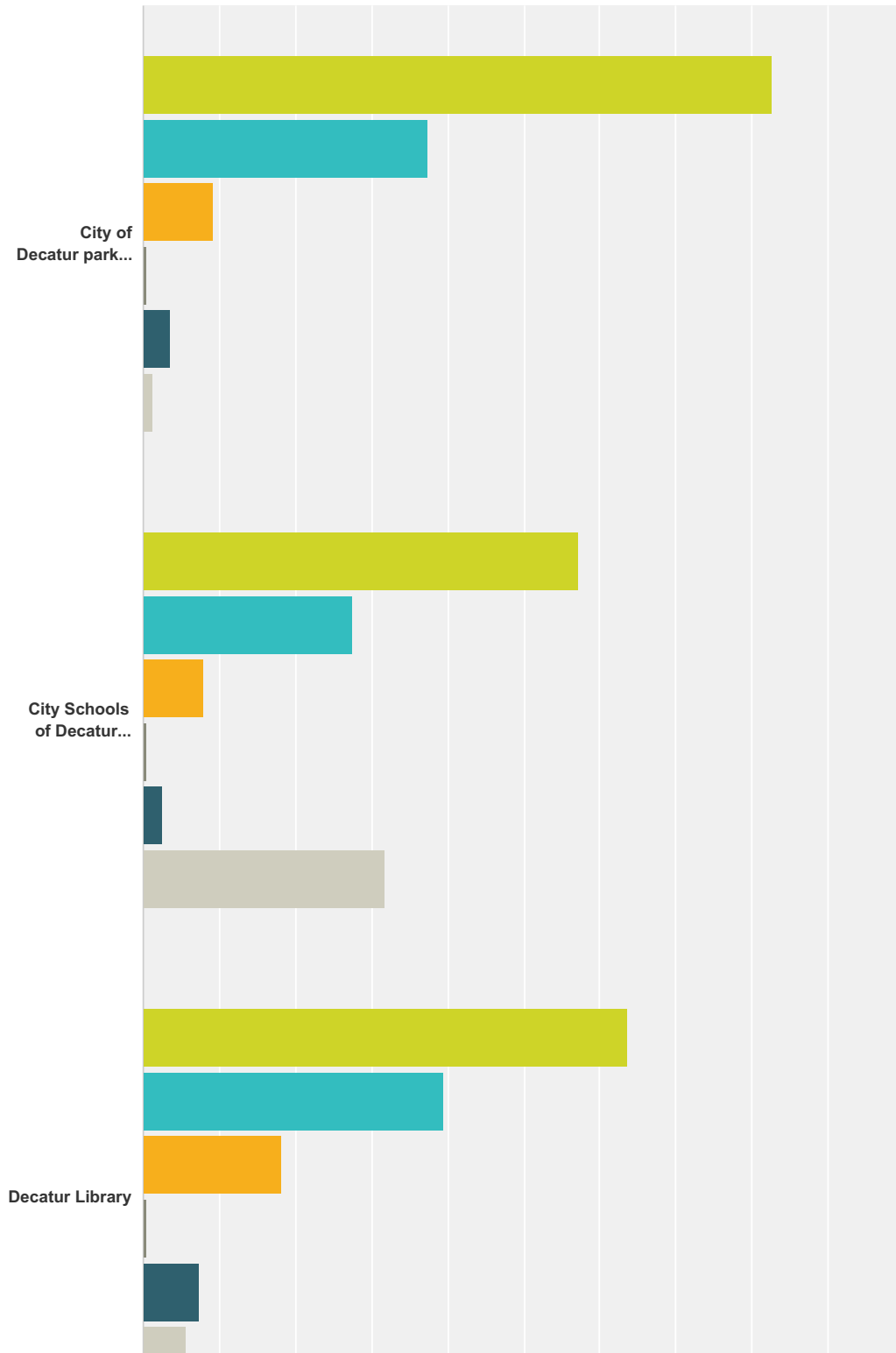
#	Other (please specify):	Date
1	Decatur is 4 square miles +-, we ALL just need to change our mindset when it comes to choosing to walk over driving, planning our time for the extra time it takes to walk. Maybe a media campaign encouraging walking within City of Decatur would help "WALK DECATUR!"	5/31/2016 11:45 AM
2	why is wheelchair not an option here?!?!?	5/31/2016 9:03 AM
3	Would bike to Oakhurst if safer	5/29/2016 7:00 PM
4	most trips are made walking	5/29/2016 5:49 PM
5	I work at Dekalb Medical. I drive.	5/29/2016 11:35 AM
6	90% of my leisurely activities take place outside Decatur City.	5/27/2016 9:37 AM
7	Often take train from my house	5/26/2016 9:26 PM
8	As mentioned, Decatur Heights is surely the neighborhood most devoid of parks for children in the whole city. It should be a priority for planning. As noted, the easiest way to begin addressing the problem would be to connect the neighborhood to GlenLake via a boardwalk over GlenCreek.	5/26/2016 8:30 AM
9	some of the above are drive/walk, but drive more than walk	5/25/2016 1:55 PM
10	Grocery - drive car	5/25/2016 12:57 PM
11	Most often drive but walk or bike when I have the time.	5/24/2016 11:19 PM
12	Our kids aren't school age yet. In 1 yr when they are, we will walk to school. It's .2 mi away.	5/24/2016 8:40 PM
13	Getting to Oakhurst on foot is unpleasant and does not seem safe	5/24/2016 4:34 PM
14	the only viable way to get anywhere in dekalb is by car	5/24/2016 9:19 AM
15	drive to post office	5/23/2016 6:05 PM
16	sometimes walk to Marta and to Library	5/23/2016 5:42 PM
17	It can get awfully hot walking. It's all uphill from Glennwood Estates. After walking my dog and going to the gym, I have done all of the walking that I can do.	5/23/2016 4:17 PM
18	I would love an intra-city shuttle	5/23/2016 11:43 AM
19	Scooter	5/22/2016 10:19 PM
20	need bike lanes on Church to make it safe to get to school by Bike	5/22/2016 8:29 PM
21	Its a lonmg walk to greenspace if live downtown.	5/22/2016 6:02 PM
22	Drive/bike to city pools	5/21/2016 1:15 PM
23	The main issue is that street have poor lighting and they feel unsafe to walk when is dark	5/21/2016 9:18 AM
24	note - I live downtown	5/21/2016 7:01 AM

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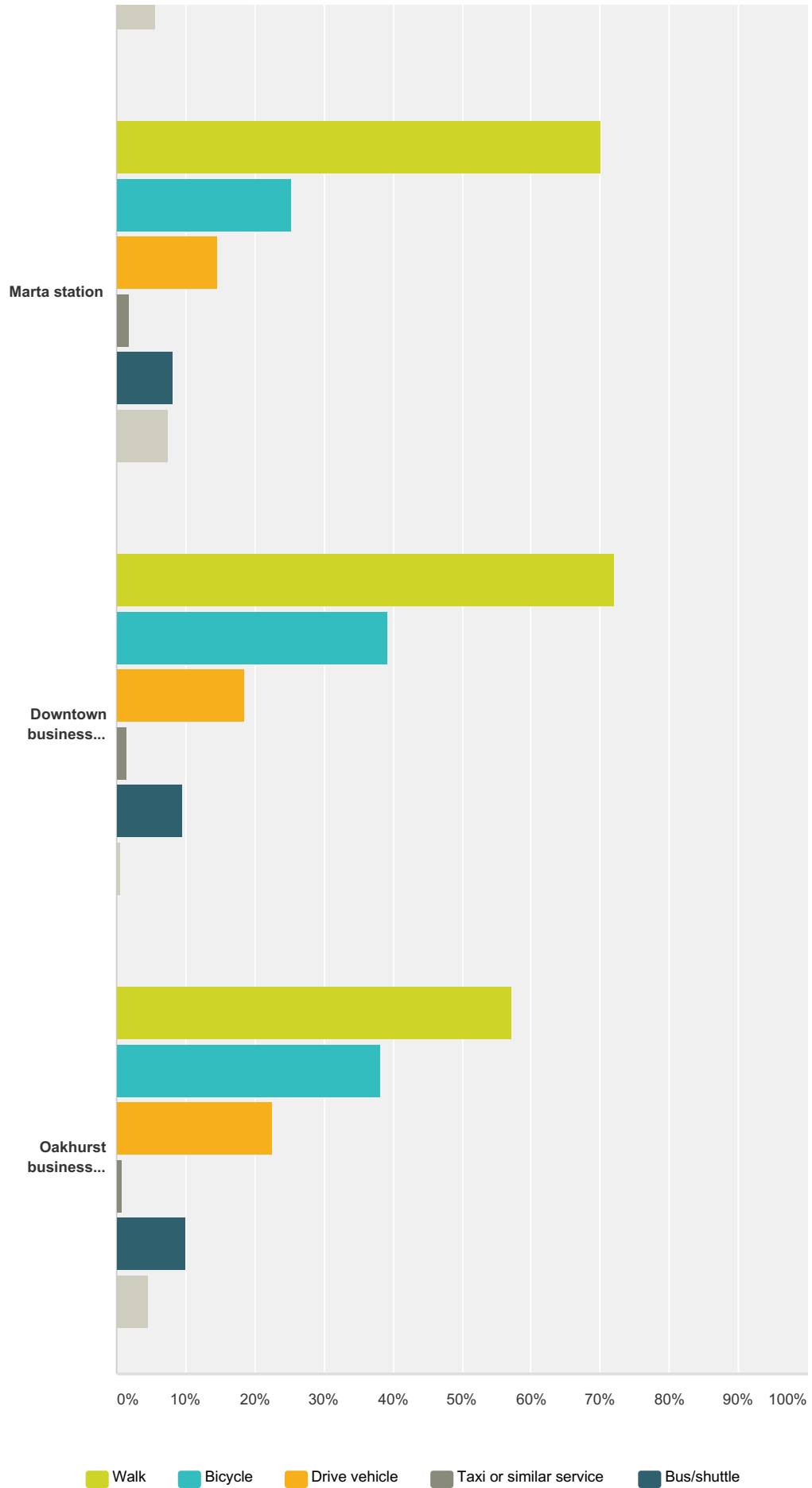
25	Would Bike more with the children if it was safer.	5/20/2016 6:24 PM
26	supermarket: walk, bike, drive	5/20/2016 2:54 PM
27	I use MARTA as well as biking and driving when going to downtown Decatur.	5/20/2016 1:59 PM
28	Marta to downtown	5/20/2016 11:22 AM
29	Airport nasty, sparse weekend scheduled, MARTA.	5/20/2016 8:37 AM
30	Frequently use CCTMA to Emory area	5/20/2016 8:23 AM
31	through-Decatur to Emory Univ. and other destinations	5/19/2016 10:02 PM
32	I can walk to Decatur Square green space, but need to drive to other green space places.	5/19/2016 4:15 PM
33	Sometimes I grab Marta in Oakhurst to get to downtown or other side of Decatur	5/19/2016 4:11 PM
34	I try to combine errands so that I don't drive much within the city.	5/19/2016 9:32 AM
35	we live just over a mile from downtown Decatur; walking is not fun when temperatures rise above 85	5/19/2016 5:45 AM
36	Take MARTA rail from East Lake Station to Decatur Station	5/10/2016 7:15 AM
37	need a downtown park or greenspace	5/7/2016 9:57 PM
38	To get to work I drive to Avondale MARTA station because it has free parking, when the Decatur MARTA station would be a shorter walk.	5/6/2016 3:36 PM
39	I wish there was a nice park I could walk to!	5/5/2016 1:27 PM
40	We uber to downtown for beer festivals, etc.	4/29/2016 12:19 PM
41	It depends on the time and weather	4/28/2016 5:51 PM
42	Far too unsafe to bike or walk with my children.	4/25/2016 3:56 PM
43	The sheer volume of cars, stop lights and narrow sidewalks during rush hour makes biking unpleasant and unsafe to ride a bike to many destinations. Neighborhood roads aren't as much of a problem but the main thoroughfares are.	4/20/2016 7:19 PM
44	Decatur business district is about 1.75 miles so walking is not an option except on Saturday for the farmers market when I have time. Biking isn't an option when I have children with me.	4/20/2016 6:55 PM
45	MARTA (from E Lake station)	4/19/2016 2:14 PM
46	medical offices--drive or walk	4/19/2016 12:04 PM
47	Large grocery store... Must drive.	4/19/2016 7:38 AM
48	There really aren't enough parks or green spaces to walk to the cemetery is not a green space	4/18/2016 3:40 PM
49	Car pool with friends and relatives.	4/18/2016 3:14 PM
50	Beltline, drive	4/18/2016 11:14 AM
51	It is over a mile from my house to the Library. I walk if I have time, weather permitting.	4/14/2016 8:18 AM
52	There is not actually a Decatur green space that near me. That would be nice though.	4/13/2016 9:36 PM
53	uber	4/13/2016 8:25 PM
54	What green space?	4/9/2016 10:22 AM
55	I do not frequent most of these places because of the inconvenience of getting there	4/1/2016 9:48 PM
56	Park/greenspace not really applicable as we don't have one in downtown decatur.	3/24/2016 2:56 PM
57	Your Dekalb Farmers Market & Dekalb Medical: bike	3/21/2016 9:09 AM
58	some times by moped, 50cc motor bike	3/20/2016 10:37 AM
59	Friends driving me around	3/19/2016 9:26 PM
60	Church - walk. Post office - walk	3/19/2016 4:06 PM
61	It depends on weather, whether or not I have the kids with me or elderly parents, etc.	3/18/2016 9:35 AM

Q21 If there were more infrastructure improvements provided (bike lanes, continuous sidewalks, etc.), please indicate your preferred mode of getting to the following destinations:

Answered: 962 Skipped: 90



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Not applicable

	Walk	Bicycle	Drive vehicle	Taxi or similar service	Bus/shuttle	Not applicable	Total Respondents
City of Decatur park or other greenspace	82.78% 793	37.37% 358	9.19% 88	0.42% 4	3.65% 35	1.25% 12	958
City Schools of Decatur school	57.20% 536	27.64% 259	7.90% 74	0.32% 3	2.45% 23	31.80% 298	937
Decatur Library	63.76% 607	39.39% 375	18.07% 172	0.32% 3	7.35% 70	5.57% 53	952
Marta station	70.22% 658	25.19% 236	14.62% 137	1.92% 18	8.22% 77	7.58% 71	937
Downtown business district	72.10% 690	39.29% 376	18.60% 178	1.36% 13	9.61% 92	0.52% 5	957
Oakhurst business district	57.16% 539	38.18% 360	22.48% 212	0.85% 8	9.97% 94	4.56% 43	943

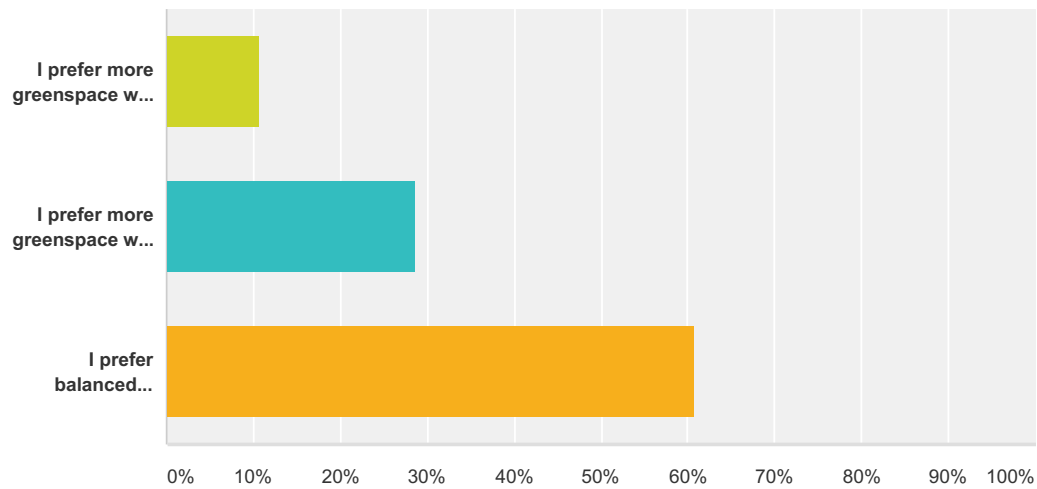
#	Other (please specify):	Date
1	why is wheelchair not listed here?!?!?	5/31/2016 9:04 AM
2	Need to make crossing West Howard safer with bike curbs and a road diet and make crossing the train track a Atlanta Ave. Safer and new lights. and slow down the traffic	5/30/2016 10:27 PM
3	scooter (Small motorcycle)	5/30/2016 10:08 AM
4	Can't walk or ride if dressed nicely so stop punishing drivers by reducing car lanes and parking options	5/30/2016 7:04 AM
5	I would like to use a golf cart instead of a vehicle.	5/28/2016 2:33 PM
6	Electric vehicles- scooters, carts, etc	5/26/2016 4:08 PM
7	I live too far out of Decatur Square to do anything but drive, then walk around	5/25/2016 6:33 PM
8	Leading question, even for stated preference.	5/24/2016 11:21 PM
9	Don't need any improvements in these areas.	5/24/2016 4:52 PM
10	I would love to have a walkable park near us.	5/24/2016 10:48 AM
11	Based on where I live now for Oakhurst question.	5/24/2016 7:50 AM
12	Don't feel safe crossing college on bike or competing with downtown traffic on bike.	5/24/2016 5:44 AM
13	If my kids are with me, I sometimes take a vehicle because the paths aren't ideal	5/23/2016 11:35 AM
14	Please fix roads as first priority.	5/23/2016 8:18 AM
15	Golf cart	5/22/2016 10:09 PM
16	a shuttle to downtown from oakhurst village!!! I would use it, so would my kids...avoid parking issues and blocked traffic at mcdonough/church	5/21/2016 9:00 PM
17	I definitely take marta and uber to downtown decatur.	5/21/2016 5:32 PM
18	Walking or driving has more to do with weather, what I'm going to be doing there (carrying things?) and time of day	5/21/2016 1:46 PM
19	I do not live in the city but frequent it often.	5/21/2016 1:01 PM
20	note- I live downtown	5/21/2016 7:01 AM
21	supermarket: walk, bike	5/20/2016 2:54 PM
22	Painted bike lanes are not "infrastructure." The starting point for both sidewalks and bicycle infrastructure: Would I feel safe and comfortable with my 10-year-old daughter or my 75-year-old mother using this? If not, then you are not building a "live-able" community.	5/20/2016 2:24 PM

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23	I would continue to use MARTA, and probably also drive downtown, but would bike more often than I do now since the current route is not bike-friendly.	5/20/2016 2:00 PM
24	Scooter	5/19/2016 1:05 PM
25	need to drive to Marta cuz I'm carrying stuff for work.	5/19/2016 1:03 PM
26	Bus/shuttle would be more attractive if there were some Express bus routes; it's hard to balance need for access and many stops with speed/reduced travel time as an incentive	5/14/2016 10:41 AM
27	Businesses on College (Sam's Street and E Decatur Station). Would like to walk to bike to these locations from Glenwood area.	5/6/2016 6:32 PM
28	Because of railroad tracks I always drive to oakhurst	4/22/2016 10:18 AM
29	Who wants to walk or ride bike home from library with lots of books?	4/20/2016 6:56 PM
30	Get OFF the bicycle kick. It's not efficient and few users.	4/19/2016 3:25 PM
31	Need more lighting on the south side of Decatur, darker over here when walking at night, Candler etc.	4/19/2016 2:22 PM
32	Large grocery store... Walk	4/19/2016 7:39 AM
33	Ohe often has bags to carry of they shop and there are many people over 50 who do not bike for transportation!	4/17/2016 2:25 PM
34	Emory commons - I'd bike there	4/14/2016 8:30 PM
35	It would still be over a mile from my house to the library. Please consider those hoes across Scott boulevard	4/14/2016 8:19 AM
36	As I said, I a last house in city limits, it is too far to walk on a regualr basis to any of thes. I have at times walked to the end of city closest to post office.I would love to walk to a park if there was one near me.	4/13/2016 9:38 PM
37	I've just heard of other small cities cost-sharing w Uber of Lyft to encourage local rides and ride-sharing and reduce private cars	4/13/2016 12:09 AM
38	What green space?	4/9/2016 10:23 AM
39	Weather is a factor in the choice too	3/20/2016 10:36 AM
40	Shuttle bus	3/18/2016 11:43 PM

Q22 Greenspace can represent both active uses (sports fields/courts, playgrounds, dog parks) and passive uses (nature trails, ponds, meadows, general open space). Should greenspace in the City of Decatur (can be existing spaces or new acquisitions) lean more toward active or passive use?

Answered: 962 Skipped: 90



Answer Choices	Responses	
I prefer more greenspace with opportunities for active uses.	10.60%	102
I prefer more greenspace with opportunities for passive uses.	28.69%	276
I prefer balanced opportunities for active and passive uses.	60.71%	584
Total		962

Q23 Please indicate your desired location and use of additional greenspace.

Answered: 514 Skipped: 538

#	Responses	Date
1	That's tough to answer not knowing the real estate that's available, but any space where it would be considered an improvement for usable passive or active space.	5/31/2016 9:58 PM
2	Son's lacrosse and Ultimate practice - Oakhurst	5/31/2016 9:56 PM
3	With both venitian and lake Claire having multiple year wait lists investing in a membership pool would make economic sense. I also believe oakhurst park is do for a major upgrade	5/31/2016 8:56 PM
4	greenspace that fronts West Howard.(active) Adair Park (active) Corley Commons (passive)	5/31/2016 7:54 PM
5	Lot across from FAVE turned into a park where church demolished, park improvements at 4th and oakview	5/31/2016 7:43 PM
6	More, or bigger dog parks. More places to walk, curb a dog to e pose to and enjoy our wonderful downtown areas.	5/31/2016 5:51 PM
7	all where is possible	5/31/2016 4:19 PM
8	Downtown, other areas, bicycling walking, relaxation,	5/31/2016 4:14 PM
9	Somewhere along Kirk road of there is space. I'm sure a basketball court would be appreciated	5/31/2016 2:41 PM
10	Land next to the courthouse	5/31/2016 2:30 PM
11	Downtown near the city center.	5/31/2016 2:15 PM
12	Need one north of RR tracks and one south.	5/31/2016 1:26 PM
13	More continuous smooth solid surface wide paths that can be used by bikes and pedestrians off the main roads. Winding through neighborhoods with benches, trash cans and water re-fill stations.	5/31/2016 12:00 PM
14	Unknown at this time.	5/31/2016 9:35 AM
15	Wherever possible. Cheapest land and most acreage?	5/31/2016 6:36 AM
16	Downtown...the area around the Old Courthouse is the closest thing to greensspace in downtown. How about closing Ponce at Church and Clairemont (like what occurs for festivals) and make this a pedestrian oasis for walking to shops & businesses. Yes, that means giving up the limited parking but other nearby parking options exist.	5/30/2016 11:39 PM
17	Downtown in the parking lots off Commerce- please build a splash pad!	5/30/2016 10:53 PM
18	Anywhere along the creeks and at the End of Melrose Ave.	5/30/2016 10:29 PM
19	Commerce Ave	5/30/2016 8:17 PM
20	Scott and Clairmont	5/30/2016 6:22 PM
21	Unsure	5/30/2016 3:59 PM
22	East lake Drive	5/30/2016 2:53 PM
23	Oakhurst. Need splashpad	5/30/2016 2:09 PM
24	Downtown Decatur	5/30/2016 1:44 PM
25	East Decatur station	5/30/2016 1:32 PM
26	Deedene is great! If it was bigger with a closed off area for soccer or a swimming hole it would be fantastic!	5/30/2016 12:53 PM
27	downtown Decatur, dedicated paths to link parks with bicycle policing for safety	5/30/2016 11:16 AM
28	Scott and Clairmont	5/30/2016 7:05 AM
29	Downtown needs more greenspace.	5/29/2016 9:36 PM
30	.???	5/29/2016 7:03 PM

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31	Within the 4 sq miles? Mini parks in mixed use developments and neighborhoods. Sports fields where parking is not an issue- maybe something unusual needs to be considered - replacing a flat business area, courts on top of a parking deck, etc.	5/29/2016 6:53 PM
32	along stream corridors	5/29/2016 5:50 PM
33	Northeast quadrant of City (Open space, ponds).	5/29/2016 11:57 AM
34	Open area across from the high school	5/28/2016 8:45 PM
35	The current McDonalds.	5/28/2016 8:11 PM
36	Close to downtown i	5/28/2016 4:20 PM
37	Downtown business district - possibly corner of Clairemont and Commerce where podiatrist office and McDonald's are located because both are eyesores (location). Passive (use)	5/27/2016 9:59 PM
38	Greenspace in the city center would be nice but I'm open to anywhere	5/27/2016 11:50 AM
39	Not ANY PARTICULAR PLACE AT THIS POINT	5/27/2016 11:40 AM
40	Don't know	5/27/2016 11:36 AM
41	The most desirable location presently is the site of the ugliest building in Decatur.....the white elephant of the "new" courthouse across from city hall. Please tear down this monstrosity and don't build anything in its space. Build a park there as a concert arena and book only Traditional Country Music Acts to perform. And have a different act booked every week during the Spring, Summer and Fall. This will be a boon for Decatur's businesses and will change the "STUFFY" character of the city.	5/27/2016 9:48 AM
42	I think the City has a good amount of green space	5/27/2016 9:02 AM
43	Greenspace should be spread around the town, preferably in the downtown area, and it should be a place for relaxation and recreation.	5/27/2016 8:22 AM
44	pocket parks throughout	5/27/2016 6:31 AM
45	We need a park in Downtown Decatur to serve the rapidly growing population and to be an additional draw for visitors, thus increasing appeal to businesses.	5/27/2016 12:47 AM
46	Why would I support more parks when I live on Glenlake Park and within walking distance of the cemetery	5/26/2016 10:04 PM
47	Downtown desperately needs more green space. What we have in green space-or potential green space-- is being sold to or reserved for development--the park on the Calloway site, the Housing Authority site, the BofA lots, the park where the Hampton Inn is going. Of course, some of these are privately owned and can't be purchased in the current hot RE market but we should be more aggressive in creating landscaped open space where surface lots exist.	5/26/2016 9:47 PM
48	downtown	5/26/2016 9:30 PM
49	Downtown park	5/26/2016 7:10 PM
50	I think in the city center would be nice especially when there are free concerts but I know that's probably asking a lot.	5/26/2016 5:34 PM
51	Pocket parks within residential neighborhoods	5/26/2016 5:28 PM
52	Pocket parks	5/26/2016 5:02 PM
53	The green space next to the RR tracks on Howard could become an active park (with fencing for safety near the train). There is a gully at the end of Melrose Avenue in Lenox Place that could become a passive greenspace.	5/26/2016 3:42 PM
54	Decatur business district, Oakhurst, along S Candler	5/26/2016 2:27 PM
55	Trinity and Commerce. I would love it if that could stay a green space park.	5/26/2016 11:53 AM
56	Frisbee golf course in Dearborn Park	5/26/2016 10:50 AM
57	I support increased intown density but I would like to see this balanced with more pocket parks where possible.	5/26/2016 10:46 AM
58	South of downtown, Agnes Scott / Oakhurst area	5/26/2016 10:17 AM
59	Downtown	5/26/2016 9:28 AM
60	Decatur and Sycamore Heights. We literally have no parks for kids. Kids have to walk over a mile to find a swingset. As mentioned, a boardwalk over GlenCreek to GlenLake would connect many of us to an active park. Other than that, making GlenCreek Nature Preserve a balanced park with active uses (playground) would benefit the MANY families with kids in these neighborhoods. Besides that, I recommend looking actively to find and expand green space throughout the city especially where paths can connect the spaces.	5/26/2016 8:36 AM

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61	small, beautifully tree-d property by Mariott Hotel on Clairemont. Where ever else there's a space that hasn't been newly build on!	5/25/2016 10:51 PM
62	Parking lots, esp. the bank of america and adjacent.	5/25/2016 10:04 PM
63	Playground in Corley Commons off Adair st	5/25/2016 9:48 PM
64	Forest along Katie Kerr owned by Methodist home	5/25/2016 8:46 PM
65	Downtown	5/25/2016 7:26 PM
66	Active = outside of the square/memorial Dr updates; Passive = around bike/walking paths	5/25/2016 6:36 PM
67	There are numerous undeveloped parcels throughout the city neighborhoods that could be purchased for passive greenspace. I would like to see the city acquire obsolete commercial/church buildings for active uses.	5/25/2016 4:29 PM
68	The Oakhurst Dog Park and adjoining triangle. The Jones Boys & Girls Club to merge with the park.	5/25/2016 3:42 PM
69	Close Ponce between Church and Commerce and make it passive green space. Bike paths throughout Decatur connecting existing parks and green spaces, including Columbia Seminary, Agnes Scott, Cemetery, Woodlands.	5/25/2016 2:06 PM
70	I'm hopeful that Hidden Cove Park development can happen sooner rather than later. I would also like to see the City put its money where its regulations lie and purchase more conservation easements for bundled, contiguous parcels of tree areas.	5/25/2016 1:58 PM
71	Locate greenspace anywhere, and they will come.	5/25/2016 1:01 PM
72	Along Howard next to train tracks. Perfect spot for linear park like there is along Ponce.	5/25/2016 12:59 PM
73	Near oakhurst village	5/25/2016 11:06 AM
74	Playgrounds, especially those accommodating both younger and older children. Decatur needs more playgrounds for older (age 10-12) children. Also natural space where kids can explore, climb trees, etc	5/25/2016 9:01 AM
75	Anywhere you can fit it	5/25/2016 8:59 AM
76	I do enjoy the dog park, but downtown needs more open parks.	5/25/2016 8:02 AM
77	Downtown	5/24/2016 11:28 PM
78	I'd like to see extension of the trail along Green St. to the SE to approx. Midway Rd. and continuation to the Midway trail through Dearborn Park.	5/24/2016 11:25 PM
79	I would like more of our greenspace to be available more often (Ebster for instance should never be padlocked shut)	5/24/2016 11:14 PM
80	OMG, how about ceasing all of the development in and around city of Decatur (e.g., Church & N. Decatur; Clairmont Road)--all of the greenspace is being razed. It's very sad.	5/24/2016 9:10 PM
81	I'm not sure of any land in Decatur that would be available for such activities, every square inch has been developed.	5/24/2016 8:56 PM
82	Well this is selfish, but we live on the south side of Decatur so would prefer something in that area.	5/24/2016 8:45 PM
83	near downtown area to help calm the infill atmosphere that is overwhelming	5/24/2016 7:00 PM
84	Small pocket parks downtown.	5/24/2016 6:16 PM
85	Glenlake Park is great!!!!!! I'd love to see a dedicated bike lane and/or pedestrian path from it up to Ponce de Leon Avenue BELOW the cemetery	5/24/2016 5:02 PM
86	Like downtown at McDonald's.	5/24/2016 4:54 PM
87	Downtown -- greenspace for sitting, relaxing, pond?, walking trails.	5/24/2016 4:46 PM
88	In/near downtown Decatur business district.	5/24/2016 4:39 PM
89	Splash pad	5/24/2016 4:00 PM
90	Bank of America parking lot	5/24/2016 3:31 PM
91	Nature preserves of just a few acres can be a great community asset. An example is Mary Scott Park in Dekalb County. Something similar in Winnona Park would be wonderful!	5/24/2016 3:18 PM
92	The area east of Columbia Drive...pond and dog park. As an alternative, the area in Winnona Park between Hilldale and Winnona Park (between the dirt road and the creek) belongs to the homeowners along Shadowmoor but is, of course unusable by them. They could have a conservation easement and tax break by donating that land for a dog park. The trees could remain just as they are. All of the (mostly exotic species) underbrush could be cleared out. And Winnona Park residents could finally have a place to let their dogs run off leash.	5/24/2016 2:25 PM

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93	East Decatur station area	5/24/2016 1:51 PM
94	No preference	5/24/2016 1:32 PM
95	close to downtown	5/24/2016 1:07 PM
96	Active Park Downtown. Dedicated outdoor farmers market downtown	5/24/2016 1:01 PM
97	ANYTHING near East Decatur Station PLEASE.	5/24/2016 10:50 AM
98	Nature trails within city limits	5/24/2016 10:30 AM
99	I'm actually really satisfied with the greenspace options.	5/24/2016 10:23 AM
100	downtown	5/24/2016 10:03 AM
101	I think there is an abundance of active uses around my home in Lenox Place, so I would favor additional passive uses, though I appreciate a balance of both.	5/24/2016 9:59 AM
102	Probably have enough	5/24/2016 7:53 AM
103	Knock down the townhouses. Green space there??	5/24/2016 7:32 AM
104	Downtown	5/24/2016 12:35 AM
105	it would be great to have a park with a large pond. I'd like to see more ducks.	5/23/2016 11:21 PM
106	The largest parcels the City can acquire to dedicate in perpetuity, including flood zones to protect habitat and use for education.	5/23/2016 10:50 PM
107	Downtown	5/23/2016 10:22 PM
108	Need more field space for soccer, tennis, football, baseball, lacross	5/23/2016 9:54 PM
109	Corner of Trinity and Commerce, more greenspace south of the tracks.	5/23/2016 8:58 PM
110	I'm not sure we need additional greenspace in Decatur - just enhancements to what we have	5/23/2016 8:24 PM
111	I'd like to see more places that are friendly for teenagers to hang out, and also more passive greenspace used as buffers around waterways and wildlife habitat.	5/23/2016 7:57 PM
112	The Smith Hardware property (or nearby) would be great. Would love trails/paths, a pond, and something to encourage wildlife, like birds, etc.	5/23/2016 7:18 PM
113	A downtown garden would be nice.	5/23/2016 6:09 PM
114	Melrose Avenue dead end has land on a creek that would be great for a community garden	5/23/2016 5:44 PM
115	Downtown needs more green space.	5/23/2016 5:24 PM
116	Winnona Park, Wylde Center and Agnes Scott campus	5/23/2016 4:50 PM
117	Greenspace between W. Howard and CSX tracks could be passive park with more plantings (a la Olmstead Linear Parks)	5/23/2016 4:35 PM
118	Anywhere, especially downtown. Aesthetics, serenity, place to sit, trees to admire, shade, place to walk dogs.	5/23/2016 4:20 PM
119	We need more soccer fields!	5/23/2016 4:14 PM
120	Adair park.	5/23/2016 4:14 PM
121	I would like the greenspace on corner of Trinity and Commerce to stay undeveloped	5/23/2016 4:04 PM
122	In Trinity near the courthouse	5/23/2016 3:57 PM
123	Downtown	5/23/2016 3:51 PM
124	No dog parks please ! Have had children playing nearby who were attacked by them and the owners did nothing.	5/23/2016 3:45 PM
125	Wish we could do something about the railroad tracks that makes them safer and greenspace usable	5/23/2016 3:16 PM
126	Near downtown; East Decatur Station should have additional greenspace if CSD is going to locate a school nearby.	5/23/2016 3:11 PM
127	along streams	5/23/2016 1:10 PM
128	Decatur Heights neighborhood (no current park with green space & playground). Decatur Heights Baptist Church would serve as a great space for a park if the land could be acquired and church relocated.	5/23/2016 12:32 PM
129	I have heard rumors about free space in the Bank of America parking lot and would love to see his come to pass.	5/23/2016 12:32 PM

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130	Downtown Decatur needs more green space!	5/23/2016 11:46 AM
131	Oakhurst	5/23/2016 11:36 AM
132	Greenspace should be context-dependent, smaller with a greater focus on design details downtown becoming larger and more conducive to sports or activities as you move outward.	5/23/2016 10:47 AM
133	downtown	5/23/2016 10:18 AM
134	balanced near oakhurst	5/23/2016 9:52 AM
135	oakhurst	5/23/2016 9:09 AM
136	South of College Ave.	5/23/2016 8:58 AM
137	Downtown greenspace interspersed with buildings.	5/23/2016 8:55 AM
138	North of Ponce and/or East of Commerce	5/23/2016 8:51 AM
139	Downtown for relaxing, reading books, kids can play, concerts, festivals... Think Piedmont Park for Decatur Something by Winona Park neighborhood. The school lot isn't available during the day sure to recess and there are no parks really walking distance for families.	5/23/2016 8:47 AM
140	Downtown. Have some green spaces interspersed with the buildings.	5/23/2016 8:47 AM
141	I'm concerned about our down town development. Would really like to see some green spaces mixed into the development.	5/23/2016 8:36 AM
142	Park in our near downtown Decatur for Passive use	5/23/2016 8:25 AM
143	Every neighborhood should have passive green space with the ability to organize events in the space - i.e. festivals, either art or music, or community affairs events.	5/23/2016 8:21 AM
144	I prefer greenspace away from traffic noise.	5/23/2016 8:19 AM
145	McKoy Park. Would love to have use of the baseball fields in off-times.	5/23/2016 8:18 AM
146	Not sure.	5/23/2016 7:45 AM
147	It would be nice to have a park with wooded trails near Ponce/Sycamore intersection.	5/23/2016 7:26 AM
148	Soccer field behind Beacon Hill Arts Center should be opened up and not locked. That way people can have games, see the city view, watch sunsets and full moons.	5/23/2016 12:00 AM
149	Near Bank of America and Commerce. A small green square with a fountain in the middle would be wonderful for the community.	5/22/2016 11:26 PM
150	Downtown. Passive use. Central point of city. Destination.	5/22/2016 11:14 PM
151	Current Methodist Children's Home property	5/22/2016 10:22 PM
152	Dog park or split park for small dogs	5/22/2016 10:21 PM
153	Unsure	5/22/2016 9:24 PM
154	S Candler	5/22/2016 8:40 PM
155	Near square	5/22/2016 8:31 PM
156	I think we have a nice amount of green space. If you want to buy something, buy Wylde Center or Woodland Gardens.	5/22/2016 8:22 PM
157	Downtown Decatur	5/22/2016 7:28 PM
158	We need a park space in the downtown area. EX: think about walking outside with a book - there is NO place to sit in a passive space and read.	5/22/2016 6:05 PM
159	Bank of America location along Commerce between Clairemont Ave and Church Street	5/22/2016 6:05 PM
160	1. Sugar creek field. Restore stream to natural zone, plant 500 trees and build a wooden boardwalk from 3rd to Eastlake. 2. turn Boys and girls club into Dec city park. Can still use BGC for original purpose during their hours and City park and rec center the rest of the time	5/22/2016 2:38 PM
161	Oakhurst	5/22/2016 2:36 PM
162	City is small enough...I'd be open to location	5/22/2016 2:07 PM
163	Downtown	5/22/2016 1:58 PM

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164	Clairemont was an old Cherokee highway. Perhaps some spaces that highlight the cultural significance of this route.	5/22/2016 9:27 AM
165	Everywhere. Stop building so much high density housing and give us some parks. No new parks have been created. Save some land for parks	5/21/2016 11:59 PM
166	oakhurst village, downtown	5/21/2016 9:01 PM
167	Downtown decatur, plus more passive free space in Oakhurst	5/21/2016 8:50 PM
168	Callanwold building, McDonalds on Commerce, adjacent to Avondale MARTA stn	5/21/2016 8:27 PM
169	In town	5/21/2016 5:43 PM
170	Please don't cut down many more trees! There is so much construction! I would love to have walking trails in the city. Please consider the next time you consider high rise building.	5/21/2016 5:34 PM
171	Downtown Decatur	5/21/2016 5:04 PM
172	We desperately need to have a little green space in downtown	5/21/2016 4:43 PM
173	Communal farm..vacant lots in neighborhoods	5/21/2016 3:52 PM
174	Oakhurst	5/21/2016 3:29 PM
175	Beltline type access	5/21/2016 3:26 PM
176	Wherever u can find it to retain for public use.	5/21/2016 3:06 PM
177	inside city limits	5/21/2016 1:21 PM
178	Someplace near or in Winnona Park	5/21/2016 12:20 PM
179	I feel like we have a good amount of greenspace. I wish that there was a better use of the floodplain areas around Oakhurst rather than an open concrete culvert. I also wish that the train tracks was not such a bisecting element dividing the city. Look at the orange line greenway in Jamaica Plain in Boston. Or the railroad park in Birmingham. What if that was a celebrated aspect of the city instead of a wall of weeds?	5/21/2016 11:56 AM
180	Bike polo courts	5/21/2016 11:46 AM
181	It would be nice to have some open space with walking trails, kind of like the Avondale lake/park. The cemetery is lovely and nice for walking, but a cemetery is not really a place where I would want to bring my family for a hike/picnic outing.	5/21/2016 11:42 AM
182	Walkable/bikeable from Oakhurst/downtown; that big lot at the corner of McDonough and where that white McMansion is (the overgrown lot); near streams in Decatur	5/21/2016 10:59 AM
183	Winnona Park doesn't have many public walkable trails.	5/21/2016 9:37 AM
184	downtown could use a park. Also, Winnona Park doesn't actually have a park--how ironic. The elementary school's field is the only space we have and most of the time (during school hours) it's closed to the public (as it should be). but that means if you want to walk or walk your dog, you have no where to go.	5/21/2016 9:26 AM
185	Not sure	5/21/2016 9:21 AM
186	I would love a splashpad in downtown Decatur or Oakhurst	5/21/2016 8:44 AM
187	Surface parking lot at church and commerce. Surface parking lot at Bank of America.	5/21/2016 8:09 AM
188	passive use- floodplain between 2nd & 3rd aves active use- turf & lights on Ebster field please!	5/21/2016 8:03 AM
189	Oakhurst	5/21/2016 7:49 AM
190	Downtown, passive, Oakhurst (anywhere) active.	5/21/2016 7:41 AM
191	Mixed use downtown green space would be an excellent addition.	5/21/2016 7:38 AM
192	Please provide more greenspace in Decatur! It's vital to a thriving community and would immensely enhance our city. A downtown space like the old Bank of America space would be wonderful. A splash pad would be a huge draw to downtown for non-residents also. I would also love nice nature trails for walking/jogging/biking like the one from Mason Mill to Medlock park.	5/21/2016 7:33 AM
193	downtown pocket parks for sitting and visiting with neighbors	5/21/2016 7:02 AM
194	Prefer multiple small areas along sidewalks and ways between buildings. Opportunities for walkers to cut through between buildings greatly improve walk ability, especially if green.	5/21/2016 5:56 AM
195	Downtown park	5/21/2016 12:45 AM

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196	downtown next to Marriott; purchase the Methodist Childrens Home and make it a park	5/20/2016 11:24 PM
197	Would love to see some beautiful garden- based projects in the city, including pollinator friendly parks, community gardens, etc.	5/20/2016 10:53 PM
198	Need to connect bike trail from Green Street (near Oakhurst Community/Wylde Center) to Buchanan Terrace and Dearborn Park. We were told by a neighbor that funding was approved for this years ago. He donated some of his personal property to the city to allow for a bike trail to be continued through this space. It would be a great asset to the community.	5/20/2016 10:38 PM
199	Oakhurst	5/20/2016 10:34 PM
200	The Dearborn park area.	5/20/2016 9:57 PM
201	Unbuildable flood plains repurposed similar to old fourth ward park	5/20/2016 9:28 PM
202	none	5/20/2016 9:02 PM
203	We do not have space since it's all going to million dollar houses.	5/20/2016 8:33 PM
204	Park along tracks or path leading out of Decatur and around downtown with plants and art	5/20/2016 8:28 PM
205	Oakhurst and downtown.	5/20/2016 8:23 PM
206	Decatur needs more parks and green spaces all over.	5/20/2016 8:08 PM
207	Feel the current distribution of greenspace is good	5/20/2016 7:48 PM
208	Talley Street at S Columbia Drive idea for water retention pond park (similar to Old Fourth award Park) would be great. turns essentially trash, kudzu land into a pretty park.	5/20/2016 7:29 PM
209	Central downtown Decatur. Playspace similar to Old 4th ward park/playground or Mason Mill	5/20/2016 6:34 PM
210	I think Decatur has some good greenspace. I think the connectivity (and safety of) are what is lacking.	5/20/2016 6:28 PM
211	Boys and girls club in oakhurst	5/20/2016 6:23 PM
212	The corner of 5th and Oakview, the BOA lot on Church, McKoy Park (could that hill with the walking path be leveled or made more "general running/playing friendly"? There's not a lot of space anywhere near to play soccer, throw a football, etc.	5/20/2016 4:58 PM
213	trails along creeks, like Depdene on Ponce de Leon	5/20/2016 4:41 PM
214	More tennis courts, something that is geared towards teens (sand volleyball, ninja type obstacle course, basketball courts, close to high school and middle school)	5/20/2016 4:33 PM
215	Columbia Dr - near the children's home?	5/20/2016 4:27 PM
216	Not sure there is any unused land at this point...	5/20/2016 4:08 PM
217	I would like to see the greenspace expanded around our schools, especially the elementary schools. This way the school kids could use it as well as the community.	5/20/2016 3:55 PM
218	Would love to see more greenspace in downtown Decatur	5/20/2016 3:25 PM
219	Replacing existing surface parking lots with parking placed underground.	5/20/2016 3:12 PM
220	community gardens, walking	5/20/2016 3:08 PM
221	a park downtown, please. one that is peaceful, green, and amazing and easily accessible to everyone in decatur. spaces of green and less concrete downtown would be great.	5/20/2016 3:02 PM
222	Between Howard and College Ave, just west of Atlanta Rd. It's, like, 10 acres of un/underutilized park space, as is a bunch of the other rail right-of-way.	5/20/2016 2:26 PM
223	Easy Decatur greenway connection to Avondale to Path,	5/20/2016 2:19 PM
224	Downtown Decatur	5/20/2016 2:09 PM
225	Oakhurst community	5/20/2016 1:16 PM
226	don't know	5/20/2016 1:13 PM
227	There is no public park in the Winnona Park area. Winnona School has so many restrictions on when you can access their playground that it is sometimes not an option.	5/20/2016 12:37 PM

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228	Spaces like the green area across from Agnes Scott College on College gets used for impromptu games and a gathering spot for 4th of July fireworks. A few more spaces that size with a bit of landscaping and fountains would be lovely.	5/20/2016 12:01 PM
229	close to downtown	5/20/2016 11:19 AM
230	Cglna area	5/20/2016 11:13 AM
231	In the southern half of the city, or in the center of the business district	5/20/2016 10:51 AM
232	More passive green space around 4/5 academy	5/20/2016 10:28 AM
233	Where there are now major thoroughfares.	5/20/2016 10:20 AM
234	Central downtown area, near Ponce.	5/20/2016 10:20 AM
235	Oakhurst - majority of green space is active.	5/20/2016 10:16 AM
236	Sports fields and basketball courts.	5/20/2016 10:14 AM
237	Before spending money and adding new green spaces, enhance what already exists. Update playground equipment and landscape (Glenlake)	5/20/2016 10:06 AM
238	South, west part of Oakhurst	5/20/2016 9:42 AM
239	connect glenlake park with greenspace to downtown	5/20/2016 9:38 AM
240	Connect Glenlake park to downtown with a continual green space.	5/20/2016 9:23 AM
241	City center Old Conway building / parking lot would be great	5/20/2016 9:07 AM
242	Decatur's downtown area	5/20/2016 9:05 AM
243	The United Methodist Children's Home. Make a walking/biking trail around hte lake and hiking/biking trails in the woods. Standard playground 'stuff' and a BMX track.	5/20/2016 8:59 AM
244	Downtown Decatur area - let's get rid of some old parking lots	5/20/2016 8:53 AM
245	I think Decatur should be on cutting edge with a Senior Outdoor Playground. Church & Commerce or beside Marriot, or beside Ebner. Encourage thru location to use businesses.	5/20/2016 8:43 AM
246	Anywhere we can afford it. Preferably at or South of Ponce.	5/20/2016 8:32 AM
247	Lot on trinity & commerce.	5/20/2016 8:29 AM
248	The already deserted parking lot/building areas in the town square area - commerce/church, etc.	5/20/2016 8:28 AM
249	linear greenspace from S Candler into downtown. E Decatur area	5/20/2016 8:13 AM
250	No idea	5/20/2016 8:04 AM
251	Oakhurst	5/20/2016 8:03 AM
252	Just south of Agnes Scott	5/20/2016 8:02 AM
253	Downtown area-I feel like we keep building all this retail space that can't possibly get filled. Look how Corrbody, a thriving entity, was unable to remain in the City. A boutique gym like that was the perfect fit & we need more of that-less Walmart/LA Fitness. Sadly, our rapid growth may be our demise.	5/20/2016 8:00 AM
254	1) downtown as "pocket parks" 2) as connectors between neighborhoods 3) around watersheds and other unbuildable terrain	5/20/2016 8:00 AM
255	Winona Park needs a park.	5/20/2016 7:58 AM
256	There is an undeveloped tract of land almost under the marta track near the new apartment development on Trinity that would make a good park area	5/20/2016 7:55 AM
257	E. College/Talley Street/S. Columbia area; passive	5/20/2016 7:46 AM
258	Oakhurst	5/20/2016 7:32 AM
259	Location: I have no idea what's being considered actively or potentially. Use: walking, biking, picnicking, live music and other performance events.	5/20/2016 7:31 AM
260	space toward Avondale Estates East Lake MARTA station area (the parking lot is NEVER full, would love to see some grass/mulch and benches and flowers)	5/20/2016 7:13 AM
261	Unsure	5/20/2016 7:02 AM

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262	Any green space that is left in downtown Decatur should be kept that way. No more apartments. Even if it is just a small area to put benches and flowers.	5/20/2016 6:43 AM
263	Redo McCoy...remodel pool and pavilion. Level the big hump in the grass to accommodate more activities.	5/20/2016 6:37 AM
264	I think we have enough fields for playing in and playgrounds, but it would be nice to have what you call "passive".	5/20/2016 6:19 AM
265	I think it would be a great ideal to do a loop around downtown Decatur on ponce/church that connects down Howard to McDonough or Mead or Adair that is a lane for walkers/cyclists that has a partition up that acts as a barrier so cars can't cross over and it would be a safe route for everyone to exercise and move about our city freely and safely.	5/20/2016 6:13 AM
266	Need a playground closer to the MAK district.	5/20/2016 5:58 AM
267	Church St	5/20/2016 5:48 AM
268	the overgrown creek at the bottom of Olympic Place would be a nice greenspace	5/20/2016 5:38 AM
269	Any place that is possible to retain green space! Be more strict on the 60/40 rule of new construction and removal of trees. Contractors seem to be able to over build and remove all trees on a property and just ask for forgiveness.	5/20/2016 4:20 AM
270	A green field with small playground by the 4/5 academy since cottages will take away half the playground field. 9-11 year old kids need more space to burn off their energy.	5/20/2016 3:20 AM
271	Commerce and Claremont on the north side; Oakhurst on the south side	5/20/2016 2:48 AM
272	Would love mixed use green space near square. Love art/sculptures as playground equipment. Walking trail. Fountain for water play.	5/20/2016 12:00 AM
273	Near Oakhurst	5/19/2016 11:41 PM
274	Baseball fields	5/19/2016 11:11 PM
275	Close to downtown Decatur	5/19/2016 10:40 PM
276	Winnona Park, FAVE, Renfroe - A Track, Baseball/Softball Fields	5/19/2016 10:34 PM
277	Downtown passive options & active options that connect to beltline.	5/19/2016 10:15 PM
278	Corner next to Housing authority	5/19/2016 10:15 PM
279	Downtown	5/19/2016 10:10 PM
280	I would like it to see the city have an outdoor track, preferably near downtown, WP, or OAK.	5/19/2016 10:10 PM
281	I'm fine	5/19/2016 10:00 PM
282	Methodist Home property on Columbia. Has the city ever considered offering to purchase all or a portion of the property?	5/19/2016 9:55 PM
283	I would love to see a downtown park.	5/19/2016 9:54 PM
284	Greenspace downtown, green space by the train tracks--could expand business district area, green space close to Winona Park elementary--further encouraging kids to play outdoors, improve that big green lot by the court house	5/19/2016 9:43 PM
285	expand existing spaces all around	5/19/2016 9:37 PM
286	Southside of tracks, city pocket park	5/19/2016 9:14 PM
287	Clairemont, between Marriott Hotel and Ponce de Leon.	5/19/2016 9:07 PM
288	Anywhere near the square--replace some of the open lots and/or abandoned buildings with greenspace.	5/19/2016 9:01 PM
289	Winnona park needs a park. Downtown does not.	5/19/2016 8:50 PM
290	around agnes acott.....lot of property there scooped up college.....needs to be taxed...eminent domain....unhappy with ASC as lord of greenspace	5/19/2016 8:27 PM
291	corner of church and commerce in the vacant lot	5/19/2016 6:23 PM
292	on Garland Ave!	5/19/2016 6:03 PM
293	within 1 mile of the courthouse	5/19/2016 5:38 PM
294	Downtown. Walking, meeting neighbors, resting, There are no green parks with grass, trees and walking paths in downtown. The next question has no meaning.	5/19/2016 5:31 PM
295	Downtown passive use for all those people you are pouring into this area with all its concrete.	5/19/2016 5:31 PM

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296	I don't know. There are lots of dogs in Decatur. More places should accept dogs.	5/19/2016 5:30 PM
297	Downtown Decatur	5/19/2016 5:11 PM
298	I think we have a good amount of free space given the size of our city. I favor encouraging or perhaps requiring that large commercial developments along major streets have green space and/or small pocket park fronting the main street.	5/19/2016 4:59 PM
299	Dearborn Park and nature trail behind E Pharr/Chevelle Rd. Downtown also needs a greenspace added.	5/19/2016 4:51 PM
300	Winnona Park neighborhood needs a park, as does downtown.	5/19/2016 4:23 PM
301	Within downtown area of Decatur	5/19/2016 4:18 PM
302	Where it makes sense. Downtown could use more. There needs to be some connectivity to existing centers of gathering or population. A park isolated from the flow of people could create issues	5/19/2016 4:16 PM
303	More green parks where you can play sports on grass area. Corner of church st and clairmont. Where Bank of America is and the parking lot.	5/19/2016 3:59 PM
304	Downtown Decatur	5/19/2016 3:56 PM
305	Downtown Decatur, active use If there is additional undeveloped land available anywhere in Decatur, passive use	5/19/2016 3:43 PM
306	RR right of way College Ave	5/19/2016 3:17 PM
307	Anyplace possible. Could just be more active use of passive spaces. Minimal available land I admit.	5/19/2016 2:25 PM
308	Any additional greenspace, even small pocket parks, is welcome. The Wylde Center locations and Woodlands Gardens are excellent additions to Decatur since I have lived here. Why not require private developers to include more public green space as a condition of their permitting?	5/19/2016 2:22 PM
309	McCoy park	5/19/2016 2:14 PM
310	Winnona Park area. There are no green spaces other than the area behind the elementary school. And its public use is restricted to non-school hours.	5/19/2016 2:05 PM
311	I wish the softball fields at the Oakhurst park were not locked. Kids could run in them when games not underway.	5/19/2016 1:49 PM
312	We need more nature trails	5/19/2016 1:47 PM
313	Downtown	5/19/2016 1:46 PM
314	I think the city has suitable greenspace.	5/19/2016 1:32 PM
315	Oakview rd	5/19/2016 1:28 PM
316	Outdoor running path with marked mileage	5/19/2016 1:16 PM
317	Stream corridors.	5/19/2016 1:11 PM
318	Need more free space downtown. I live in Oakhurst and feel good about my proximity to green space in the neighborhood.	5/19/2016 1:07 PM
319	I look forward to retiring and moving to downtown Decatur, as do many residents. Downtown needs nearby greenspace that is easy for seniors to walk to.	5/19/2016 1:05 PM
320	Downtown	5/19/2016 1:05 PM
321	Downtown	5/19/2016 1:04 PM
322	Southeast quadrant of Decatur	5/19/2016 1:01 PM
323	Green space - passive amphitheater near public housing off commerce	5/19/2016 11:02 AM
324	Downtown. The city will soon be overdeveloped and we will need the green space for balance	5/19/2016 10:47 AM
325	Downtown	5/19/2016 10:36 AM
326	what about playground and dog park space close or combined? I have a dog and a toddler, and both want to enjoy the outdoors! Location: oakhurst	5/19/2016 8:14 AM
327	Downtown Decatur for a central meeting point. Along the railroad...plenty of area for linear parks.	5/19/2016 5:47 AM
328	N	5/18/2016 11:42 PM
329	Oakhurst, walking trails.	5/18/2016 11:35 PM

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330	Natural trails, gardens, and bird sanctuaries, instead of cutting down trees for someone's development profit	5/18/2016 11:19 PM
331	The square and Oakhurst village	5/18/2016 11:16 PM
332	Former housing authority space (currently for sale) at corner of commerce and trinity. Long shot... Used for organized recreational activities. Also would like nature trail behind Mt. Vernon Drive connecting Sycamore Ridge to Glenlake Park.	5/18/2016 3:12 PM
333	Anywhere! It would be cool for greenspace downtown.	5/15/2016 8:55 AM
334	Scott Blvd area/Nelson Ferry'ish neighborhoods need play areas. We need a soccer field, but I know there's been efforts between Decatur Y and DeKalb. More community gardens will always be welcome, but since we are blessed with several existing, I'd prioritize more bike and transportation	5/14/2016 10:50 AM
335	Connect Rec. Center, Library, and Square (including acquiring parking lot across from Rec. Center).	5/13/2016 4:46 PM
336	In the downtown area-obtain the Post Office property and the Marley property. Sell off the PO for affordable housing and develop the part along the stream as a park.	5/13/2016 11:08 AM
337	We have adequate green space now	5/12/2016 9:07 PM
338	Anywhere we can still get it! Downtown, neighborhoods, you name it.	5/12/2016 3:43 PM
339	S. Columbia children's school.	5/11/2016 11:20 AM
340	Right now I'm happy with the locations. I don't oppose a downtown park but I think the square can fulfill that purpose.	5/11/2016 8:14 AM
341	United Methodist Children's Home- multiple use; Boys/Girls Club facility/land - soccer field/ swimming; Winnona Park - passive; DHA cross DHS/CSD- multiple; pocket parks throughout city; Ryan Gainey conservation preservation	5/10/2016 12:06 PM
342	more unpaved trails near downtown with nature (can be a thin strip, but somewhere I don't see/hear traffic; bonus if it has water); adult outdoor exercise circuit near downtown, maybe in Adair Park (obstacles for bodyweight exercising sized for adults, not children, similar to Richmond, Virginia's Byrd Park or Duke Forest in Durham, NC)	5/8/2016 11:08 AM
343	Downtown	5/7/2016 9:58 PM
344	We use green space near Deerborn park	5/6/2016 8:52 PM
345	Anywhere	5/6/2016 7:40 PM
346	Passive uses...located along streams	5/6/2016 6:26 PM
347	Green space, which produces no property tax income should replace other entities that produce no tax income. Perhaps the USPS motor pool could move out. Perhaps some of the church property could be put to better use. The Decatur Toy Park is an excellent example of how churches can put their property to good use.	5/6/2016 4:16 PM
348	City wide as opportunities present themselves	5/6/2016 3:52 PM
349	Linear parks that connect neighborhoods and 'shortcut' roads. E.g. along the Shoal Creek and Peavine Creek corridors, along other creeks, Connecting the Glen Creek Nature Preserve with Glenlake Park, etc.	5/6/2016 3:39 PM
350	Trinity Street (where the old housing project used to be) would be perfect as a park.	5/6/2016 3:28 PM
351	Dog park,etc.near downtown.	5/6/2016 3:13 PM
352	A short walk from apartments, condos, and homes on or near West Ponce de Leon Ave.	5/5/2016 1:33 PM
353	I don't have ideas at this time	5/3/2016 2:37 PM
354	parking lot downtown near BAnk of america, other odd lots; part of the dekalb building complex that eventually will go to Decatur. maintainn existing space like near the cemetary.	5/2/2016 11:51 AM
355	Near the CSD central office	5/2/2016 2:32 AM
356	Complete paths around additional parks such as the Glen Creek nature preserve.	4/29/2016 12:22 PM
357	Increase greenspace north of tracks.	4/29/2016 10:18 AM
358	More connectivity between green spaces that will make walking or biking between them easier and more pleasant.	4/28/2016 11:35 PM
359	everywhere!	4/28/2016 7:04 PM
360	Safety improvements & increased patrolling of cemetery would increase use. Additional green space adjacent to school yards. Streetscape improvements. Improve S McDonough with trees, street parking and trails.	4/28/2016 5:56 PM
361	Walking, benches, etc. in area open enough to feel safe when alone - the one on Scott Blvd. is too woodsy & enclosed to feel safe going there alone	4/26/2016 4:51 PM

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362	Make use of existing green space. Don't spend tax payer money to acquire more.	4/26/2016 12:04 AM
363	I know that there is a general thought that Decatur does not have enough green spaces, but I'm not sure that this is completely accurate. Perhaps we can improve our green spaces such as the ones along the CSX corridor.	4/25/2016 4:32 PM
364	Trinity and Commerce - that de facto park at the corner.	4/25/2016 2:28 PM
365	Downtown Decatur. Land diagonal to court house in Trinity. Used to be government housing	4/25/2016 2:19 PM
366	Full turnover of Dearborn Park to CoD for better maintenance, patrolling etc.	4/25/2016 1:41 PM
367	Create greenspace corridors with multi-use paths, following creeks or by using other right-of-way areas. Some residents might grumble, as people did about the beltline, but ultimately doing so will be celebrated.	4/25/2016 12:21 PM
368	passive parks, even small one lot aread with a bench and grass	4/24/2016 8:37 PM
369	I like the suggestion of downtown Greenspace near BoA property.	4/22/2016 10:03 PM
370	Winnona park school yard. Wish we had a real park, not the school yard. Active use. We go to Clyde Shepard, Emory's Lullwater on weekends, plus walking on trail at Medlock park.	4/22/2016 6:15 PM
371	Church/Forkner/Sycamore area	4/22/2016 3:20 PM
372	Mostly concerned with keeping trees and tree cover.	4/22/2016 10:19 AM
373	Medlock park	4/22/2016 9:57 AM
374	Wherever you can find space. Its upsetting that so much of the greenspace has been built on. In particular there is a patch of greenspace across from the new apartments on Candler that could be a smail park.	4/21/2016 10:20 PM
375	Somewhere with high density next too it so that whether it's active or passive, it will at least be in demand.	4/21/2016 8:12 PM
376	the parking lot behind Bank of America	4/21/2016 12:00 PM
377	room for park behind the fire station? reclaim that acre of tennis courts and ask folks to play tennis at the tennis center.	4/21/2016 10:38 AM
378	I wish there was an arboretum or a pond, which you could walk around. And not a cheesy pond with a fountain shooting out of it that screams office park. Like, a nice, spring pond. I lived in Jamaica plain in Boston and there was a pond and an arboretum. Both made such a nice escape and walking areas for the community. Not sure if pond or small lake is possible to create, but it would be nice! I know one was created in Austin, Texas from a spring and its loved - especially with Atlanta heat!	4/21/2016 5:37 AM
379	Bank of America parking lot.	4/20/2016 10:44 PM
380	I've recently seen a lacrosse field on top of a parking deck at the Univ. of California in Berkeley. I have taken several photos. It's easy. Put fields on top of DHS or City parking decks! Please tear down the McDonalds and other aging structures around it and make a welcoming park. Either there AND/OR the Bank of America building and parking lot. Also, next to the new Ebster Building, leave this green and create a well-needed sports field for the High School or Rec Center to use.	4/20/2016 7:27 PM
381	If active use, remember its very noisy for houses surrounding the area so I don't think you have room for any more of this. Its very noisy around the parks. Woodland Gardens would be a great additional greenspace for Decatur - but isn't it already?	4/20/2016 6:58 PM
382	Build parks or amusement parks, in this area there is no type of entertainment for the kids.	4/20/2016 6:44 PM
383	Ukd Bank of America space would be great	4/20/2016 5:58 PM
384	Bank of America parking lot	4/20/2016 4:03 PM
385	South Decatur	4/20/2016 2:30 PM
386	between Decatur and Avondale	4/20/2016 2:30 PM
387	Too much of our parks are already carved out and used by organized sports. All green space at Oakhurst Park, for example, is either locked up or consumed by baseball/softball/tennis/basketball facilities. An empty grassy field would be nice.	4/20/2016 2:08 PM
388	Unsure	4/20/2016 12:22 PM
389	Any kind of nature trail accessible by walking from the Decatur Heights or Glennwood neighborhoods would be wonderful.	4/20/2016 11:21 AM
390	Anywhere around East Decatur Station. This area desperately needs more greenspace. A park would be great, especially if it replaced the ATT service building.	4/20/2016 11:07 AM

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391	Replace surface parking lot on Church St. next to Victory/Raging Burrito with park space (underground parking or additional parking deck elsewhere) Park space for Bank of America lot.	4/20/2016 10:45 AM
392	Downtown Decatur could use more greenspace.	4/20/2016 10:41 AM
393	Dog Park next to Boys&Girls Club on east lake.	4/20/2016 10:40 AM
394	Downtown. Passive	4/20/2016 10:32 AM
395	no opinion	4/20/2016 10:23 AM
396	There should be more greenspace in the downtown business district.	4/20/2016 10:06 AM
397	Developers should be encouraged to include pocket parks or outdoor spot when redeveloping a larger scale commercial property. Existing parks locations more than adequately serve four square mile city. Folks want a walkable greenspace, but don't want to walk .5 miles to get to one? Downtown residents have a very valid point that it needs to be safe for all park goers to be able to cross the street to get to a park. Address the crosswalk safety issues, and gain the safe crossing to get to Glenlake Park. Not sure what the disconnect is in recognizing what a true gem Scott Park is-- shade and picnic seating and a paved walking track under full mature tree canopy with the coolest garden adjoining it. The kid's play area is just right. The rec center programs don't interfere with anyone's enjoyment of it.	4/20/2016 8:55 AM
398	downtown	4/20/2016 8:49 AM
399	I do not know what is available.	4/20/2016 8:47 AM
400	Central business district - any sort of greenspace	4/20/2016 7:55 AM
401	Downtown	4/19/2016 10:59 PM
402	Downtown Decatur	4/19/2016 9:59 PM
403	NA	4/19/2016 9:55 PM
404	any land that would create a linear path thru the city	4/19/2016 9:43 PM
405	Downtown!!!	4/19/2016 7:53 PM
406	in place of the thousands of condos and apartments currently being built in Decatur.	4/19/2016 7:52 PM
407	It would be nice to see the green space where the apartments used to be on Trinity used as a park. It's so close to the central business district that it would offer easy access to a wide variety of people.	4/19/2016 4:13 PM
408	Hoping the green space at corner Commerce and Trinity will remain. Just need more green spaces, not necessarily huge ones.	4/19/2016 3:59 PM
409	Downtown park	4/19/2016 2:37 PM
410	Love the dog park.	4/19/2016 2:27 PM
411	I would like to walk safely on a trail somewhere among shade and trees. or make an activity area but out of green products, like a porous bocce area, etc. We end up playing at the schools a lot but there is not neighborhood area with a track, soccer/lacrosse/football field	4/19/2016 2:25 PM
412	The patch of land going through the heart of decatur along the rail tracks could be turned into a linear park. I've heard it called "The Dequator" and it could really be Decatur's version of the Beltline if we committed to making it special.	4/19/2016 2:16 PM
413	Can we utilize the corridor of greenspace along the traintracks?	4/19/2016 1:36 PM
414	Around 218 Trinity pl	4/19/2016 1:35 PM
415	oakhurst	4/19/2016 1:24 PM
416	Oakhurst dog park, Boys and Girls Club, and privately held triangle lot behind Oakhurst dog park	4/19/2016 1:15 PM
417	Downtown Decatur.	4/19/2016 1:10 PM
418	We desperately need more athletic fields--perhaps consider options just outside the city--perhaps along Scott blvd.	4/19/2016 1:01 PM
419	the corner of trinity and commerce where the public housing was torn down should be a large park. Benches, keep the big oaks. to be passive space except for special events like concerts, festivals, etc	4/19/2016 1:00 PM
420	Corner of Commerce and Trinity, where the Beacon Center is and across from the Maloof Bldg. I support the location in the Bank of America parking lot.	4/19/2016 11:58 AM
421	Maybe a dog park closer to downtown	4/19/2016 11:45 AM
422	Trinity Street Park - the old location of the torn down housing	4/19/2016 11:31 AM

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423	Downtown	4/19/2016 10:58 AM
424	downtown	4/19/2016 10:57 AM
425	near the high school to give those kids something to do after school besides do drugs	4/19/2016 8:36 AM
426	The proposed downtown park	4/19/2016 7:53 AM
427	Need some green space created in or near downtown Decatur	4/19/2016 7:40 AM
428	We need more passive greenspace and more trees.	4/19/2016 7:39 AM
429	A downtown park for children would be great -especially one with a splash pad and a fenced in play area like the toy park.	4/19/2016 7:17 AM
430	We need something in downtown Decatur.	4/19/2016 4:01 AM
431	Downtown. On individual lots, concerned about too much lot maximization.	4/18/2016 10:15 PM
432	Ample greenspace in my neighborhood.	4/18/2016 10:12 PM
433	The parking lot behind Bank of America would be an excellent spot with a small playground, benches and picnic tables	4/18/2016 10:09 PM
434	Near downtown	4/18/2016 9:56 PM
435	Need some more green space in the business district.	4/18/2016 9:44 PM
436	Downtown	4/18/2016 8:58 PM
437	Downtown	4/18/2016 7:00 PM
438	Downtown	4/18/2016 5:51 PM
439	Bank of America	4/18/2016 4:37 PM
440	Down town	4/18/2016 3:42 PM
441	Trinity St. near McDonough St Clairemont Ave near intersection of Ponce de Leon	4/18/2016 3:20 PM
442	Something near the central business district would be nice.	4/18/2016 3:13 PM
443	As close as possible to downtown Decatur.	4/18/2016 3:10 PM
444	Green space currently in existence (and COD owned) at SW corner of Trinity and Commerce. If this is an option, it would be wonderful to preserve this as a passive green space, for picnics, concerts, viewing fireworks, etc. As of mother of two, who lives in downtown Decatur, I can attest to the more than adequate, wonderful selection of playgrounds.	4/18/2016 3:04 PM
445	There are soon to be thousands of downtown residents with no dog park (real dog park w fence) within a 10 minute walk (Glenlake too far). A downtown greenspace could catalyze a larger pedestrian/retail zone.	4/18/2016 2:26 PM
446	?	4/18/2016 12:22 PM
447	Where current apartment buildings are!	4/18/2016 12:14 PM
448	We need greenspace downtown to balance out the high density development. We are becoming a concrete environment. Individual single family homeowners are penalized by impervious use limits while you give apartment developers carte Blanche. We need green space set backs and greenspace as part of large commercial developments. This is a change to our plan that needs to be made to our development plan.	4/18/2016 11:58 AM
449	Clairemont, Grat Lakes	4/18/2016 11:15 AM
450	Downtown Decatur----near the center of the city	4/18/2016 10:57 AM
451	Downtown Decatur	4/18/2016 10:37 AM
452	Near Columbia Seminary	4/18/2016 9:43 AM
453	Near Downtown	4/16/2016 2:05 PM
454	Youth soccer fields	4/16/2016 9:05 AM
455	Methodist Childrens Home space Woodland Garden space	4/15/2016 10:06 AM
456	Area with trees next to Marriott Hotel.	4/14/2016 8:31 PM
457	Callaway parking lot	4/14/2016 5:02 PM
458	downtown town play park, skate park for teens	4/14/2016 3:37 PM

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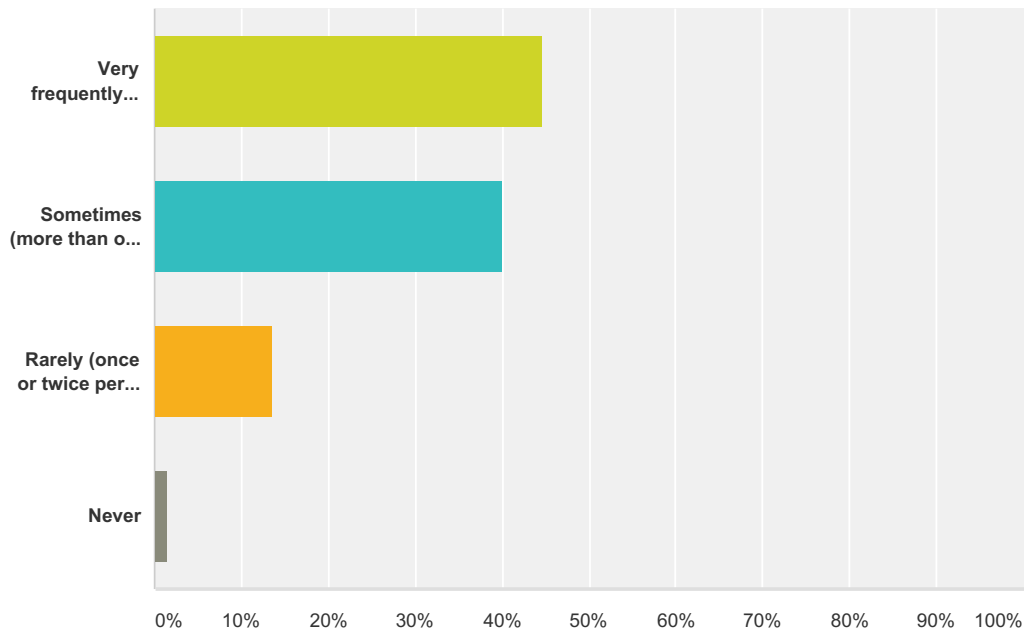
459	How about the corner of Trinity and Commerce? It's a perfect location for a passive park maybe with a walking path around it and a few benches.	4/14/2016 11:37 AM
460	Hidden Cove Park	4/14/2016 10:23 AM
461	The green space along Westchester Dr. is lovely but drainage is an issue. It will be a breeding space for mosquitoes soon and must be addressed	4/14/2016 8:22 AM
462	Since the city has kicked Dekalb County out, why don't you put a park in place of the Callaway building	4/13/2016 10:49 PM
463	I would like a neighborhood green space.	4/13/2016 9:40 PM
464	more fields near te schools.	4/13/2016 9:07 PM
465	I'd like to see the city link our neighborhoods through a safe, off street walkable greenspace similar to the beltline. It would be nice to have a few more sports fields as I know we are short on space but it's not my number one priority. I'd like to mainly see people get out of their cars more and be linked through walking and the ability to jump on a shuttle to go home after they are done.	4/13/2016 8:30 PM
466	I would like to see current map of greenspace and potential spaces for greenspace development. Woodlands Park is a new addition (though I guess "private". A very high priority should be to try to connect greenspace and bike paths to the Beltline.	4/13/2016 12:12 AM
467	downtown, adjacent and within neighborhoods/homes	4/12/2016 7:58 PM
468	The area between church st and claremont behind Bank of America	4/12/2016 2:29 PM
469	W.Ponce if possible somewhere	4/12/2016 10:28 AM
470	n/a	4/11/2016 2:32 PM
471	Downtown Decatur	4/10/2016 8:44 PM
472	Trinity and Commerce Dr	4/10/2016 5:34 PM
473	Downtown	4/9/2016 10:25 AM
474	Acquire as much as possible. I see that a park was proposed in the mid-2000s @ Methodist Children's Home -- why hasn't action been taken on that, the land looks amazing ... Also the greenspace trail proposed linking Winona Park to Dearborn Park makes so much sense -- it's a horrible bike ride now and about 5x longer than the direct route, please add that !!	4/5/2016 10:14 PM
475	We need more IN downtown Decatur. Most green spaces are in residential neighborhoods but really none designated IN downtown for those who live in downtown.	4/4/2016 11:11 PM
476	I think there should be a playground or more climbing structures in the square	4/4/2016 12:02 PM
477	East Decatur station should have a greenspace.	3/29/2016 2:44 PM
478	None of the options. We have enough green space for a city our size	3/27/2016 12:41 PM
479	we need a master plan for downtown decatur parks, please. more green areas and park space is needed before we become completely paved over (buildings, parking lots). Plan now for the next generation to enjoy!	3/24/2016 2:58 PM
480	1. vacant lots near Bank of America 2. vacant lots on east side of Commerce, north of East Ponce	3/24/2016 11:46 AM
481	Downtown needs more greenspace for both active and passive uses	3/24/2016 11:20 AM
482	There are green spaces in the center of some "blocks" that no one can access because of lack of trails. These should be open to the public.	3/22/2016 8:38 PM
483	Bank of America property	3/22/2016 8:30 AM
484	Downtown	3/22/2016 6:40 AM
485	The large field in front of the new municipal buildings - is it planned for a park or is someone developing that?	3/21/2016 3:19 PM
486	Bank of America site Area between old courthouse on east and businesses on west now used for metered parking	3/21/2016 3:17 PM
487	More trails for trail running	3/21/2016 12:43 PM
488	I don't think we necessarily need more--we have great green spaces and I have easy access to two of the best in the city.	3/21/2016 9:11 AM
489	Downtown Decatur: open green space with benches, bench-swings	3/20/2016 10:18 PM
490	Adjacent to Bank of America parking lot.	3/20/2016 6:07 PM

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491	More green space near downtown is optimal. The addition of green space on Trinity is a step in the right direction but it is not optimally used now. Further the rapid expansion of apartment housing has limited possible greenspace options and made the city feel much more like a concrete jungle.	3/20/2016 4:04 PM
492	Downtown	3/20/2016 1:15 PM
493	Building seems to be eating up greenspace opportunities. There are many active use parks. I'd like to see places to escape the increased city noise we have now. The "park" I visit regularly is the Decatur cemetery.	3/20/2016 10:40 AM
494	downtown	3/20/2016 7:04 AM
495	It would be great if there were some place close to the city of town if possible.	3/20/2016 12:03 AM
496	Bank of America Or Parking spaces off the square	3/19/2016 9:54 PM
497	CBD, definitely	3/19/2016 7:26 PM
498	In the downtown area-beef up tree ordinance so a developer is required to save certain species and numbers of trees. Especially our large magnolias, oaks, ginko's.	3/19/2016 5:12 PM
499	Anywhere!!!! I like walking paths best, but like sports fields for the kids. Can the elementary playgrounds double as city park space when school not in session?	3/19/2016 4:42 PM
500	Every three city blocks	3/19/2016 4:13 PM
501	anywhere you can find a spot	3/19/2016 4:08 PM
502	Bank of America lot	3/19/2016 3:31 PM
503	Any small pocket of space in downtown.	3/18/2016 5:27 PM
504	downtown Decatur - we're quickly running out of possibilities - as a general use "grassy" park with some trees for shade. Somewhere (other than the cemetery) to just chill, have a picnic, throw a ball or Frisbee.	3/18/2016 4:32 PM
505	Downtown between Clairemont and Church	3/18/2016 4:21 PM
506	Downtown Decatur	3/18/2016 3:28 PM
507	Instead of any more apartments, please use these locations for additional greenspace. The number of apartments going up and planned is insane.	3/18/2016 9:41 AM
508	Methodist Children's Home, nature trails	3/18/2016 1:02 AM
509	Boardwalk connecting Glenlake Park to Glen Creek Nature Preserve.	3/17/2016 5:56 PM
510	As much as you can possibly get--Decatur is woefully lacking in greenspace and public space of any kind.	3/17/2016 11:02 AM
511	all around Commerce. Land by cemetery, land by Bank of America, land by Baptist Church by Clairemont/Commerce and more. We need open space.	3/16/2016 4:36 PM
512	Somewhere between W Ponce de Leon/Scott Blvd/Clairemont borders.	3/16/2016 4:33 PM
513	Is there any way the greenspace on either side of the railroad tracks along Howard and College can be accessed and beautified -Public art, benches, paths, wild flowers?	3/16/2016 4:33 PM
514	East Decatur Station	3/16/2016 4:29 PM

Q24 How often do you visit the public parks in the City of Decatur?

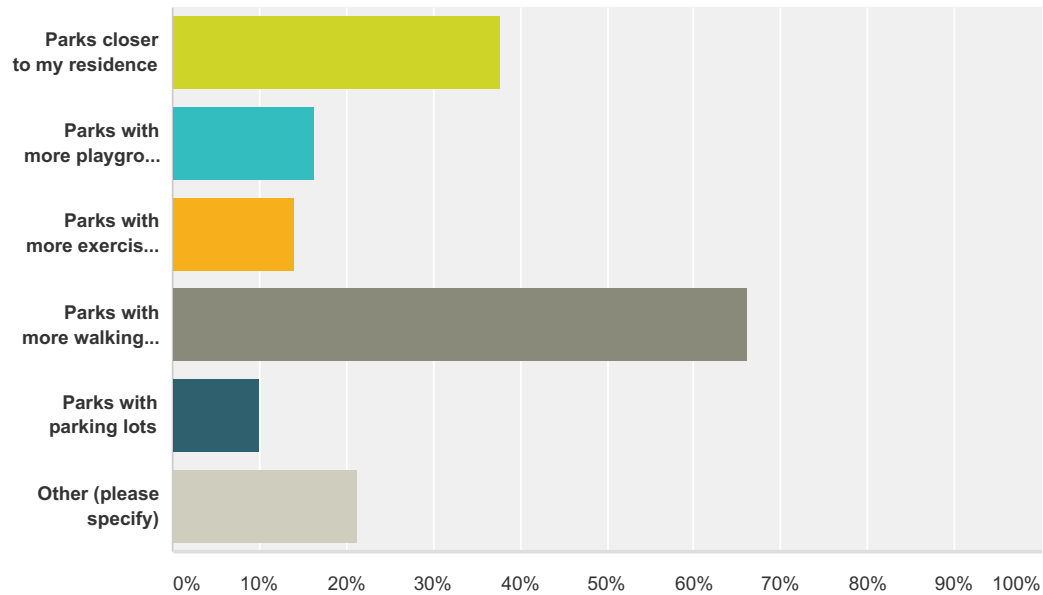
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Very frequently (more than once per week)	44.78%	433
Sometimes (more than once per month)	40.02%	387
Rarely (once or twice per year)	13.65%	132
Never	1.55%	15
Total		967

Q25 What change(s) would encourage or enable you to visit the parks more often? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 870 Skipped: 182



Answer Choices	Responses
Parks closer to my residence	37.82% 329
Parks with more playground equipment	16.32% 142
Parks with more exercise equipment	13.91% 121
Parks with more walking paths	66.09% 575
Parks with parking lots	10.00% 87
Other (please specify)	21.26% 185
Total Respondents: 870	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	bicycle paths	5/31/2016 4:14 PM
2	School playgrounds are not parks in my opinion	5/31/2016 1:26 PM
3	More free time - the parks in Decatur are wonderful.	5/31/2016 9:35 AM
4	handicap access!!!!	5/31/2016 9:04 AM
5	And a skate park on the north end of town	5/30/2016 10:29 PM
6	Over past couple years, there have been noisy large groups who've sort of taken over parks on nice days. The use pavilion play music set up jumpy castles and make like they own the place	5/30/2016 6:22 PM
7	Restrooms always open	5/30/2016 1:44 PM
8	More shade	5/30/2016 1:32 PM
9	More plantings of flowers, vegetation, community gardens	5/30/2016 11:16 AM

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10	Parks with clean open restrooms.	5/30/2016 10:09 AM
11	Too many loud groups take over parks on weekends pushing regular users out	5/30/2016 7:05 AM
12	Ability to bike there and back safely.	5/29/2016 7:23 PM
13	My main issue is mobility. Have to drive.	5/29/2016 6:53 PM
14	dog friendly spaces	5/29/2016 11:58 AM
15	bathrooms -- hey, I'm a peri-menopausal mom...	5/27/2016 12:57 PM
16	Just too lazy.	5/27/2016 11:36 AM
17	Build a running/walking track around them with bleachers and water fountains and an EMT unit station.	5/27/2016 9:48 AM
18	community gardens, public food forest	5/27/2016 6:31 AM
19	We need a park in Downtown Decatur to serve as a meeting and relaxation space for all of the current and new residents living downtown.	5/27/2016 12:47 AM
20	No addition parks. How many does a small city like Decatur need?	5/26/2016 10:04 PM
21	Shade, restrooms, doggie bags	5/26/2016 9:47 PM
22	None of the above	5/26/2016 9:13 PM
23	Retirement! No time.	5/26/2016 7:29 PM
24	Parks w/ swings!	5/26/2016 5:34 PM
25	More varied activities- pools, etc	5/26/2016 4:09 PM
26	Parks with adequate lighting and trash/recycling facilities	5/26/2016 2:27 PM
27	A downtown park (Trinity and Commerce) would be great!	5/26/2016 11:53 AM
28	Frisbee Golf course	5/26/2016 10:50 AM
29	Parks with more bike racks and safer pedestrian and bicycle access	5/26/2016 9:28 AM
30	Paths to the parks (like a boardwalk over the easement on the GlenCreek to GlenLake Park).	5/26/2016 8:36 AM
31	I live in Lenox Place and we could use more active uses in adair park	5/25/2016 4:29 PM
32	I live very close & am a daily user.	5/24/2016 8:56 PM
33	I don't think it's a city park, but Winnona Park is our neighborhood, so we use the school playground very regularly.	5/24/2016 8:45 PM
34	More time off work - talk to my boss!	5/24/2016 6:16 PM
35	More sitting space	5/24/2016 4:46 PM
36	field space (for kicking soccer balls, etc)	5/24/2016 4:39 PM
37	I would like the parks to all be closed by gate - My grandson has autism and is a runner.	5/24/2016 3:24 PM
38	Routine police patrols, especially in the evenings	5/24/2016 1:32 PM
39	More urban/downtown spaces	5/24/2016 1:01 PM
40	Woods trails.	5/24/2016 10:50 AM
41	just make it where i can walk there	5/24/2016 9:20 AM
42	marked nature trail, pond, places to sit and read	5/24/2016 8:44 AM
43	I just need more time in my schedule. I think there are plenty of parks. The existing ones could have more seating options though. I love the oversize chairs on the square	5/24/2016 8:26 AM
44	Restrooms & water fountains. Mostly restrooms	5/24/2016 5:45 AM
45	Make city parks friendlier to COD residents and not just another Dekalb park or you pay a few extra bucks to use facilities we paid for.	5/23/2016 10:50 PM
46	parks with open grass spaces for various activities	5/23/2016 9:54 PM
47	Just more parks	5/23/2016 7:57 PM
48	More shaded walking paths	5/23/2016 7:18 PM

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49	really more jogging paths. There aren't many places to run continuously for at least 3 miles without a) running on streets/through neighborhoods b) getting creative with routes or doing lots of loops of the same route c) driving to the beltline or stone mountain	5/23/2016 4:52 PM
50	Nothing. My yard is like a private park.	5/23/2016 4:27 PM
51	parks with bathrooms	5/23/2016 3:45 PM
52	Soccer fields	5/23/2016 1:52 PM
53	We love parks!	5/23/2016 11:46 AM
54	more tennis courts	5/23/2016 11:34 AM
55	Available seating: benches, tables	5/23/2016 10:27 AM
56	more nature	5/23/2016 9:49 AM
57	make sure they are patrolled by piluce and bathrooms are unlocked.	5/23/2016 8:55 AM
58	Adult playground (fitness) equipment!	5/23/2016 8:21 AM
59	Parks that have flatter paths for easier walking and away from traffic noise	5/23/2016 8:19 AM
60	Dog park	5/23/2016 8:07 AM
61	After living many years in Europe and New York, I feel a fountain or lake provides a center to a park.	5/22/2016 11:26 PM
62	Parks with art, benches, water features.	5/22/2016 11:14 PM
63	We visit a variety of city parks at least three, and often four, times per week. We mostly go for the playground, but it would be great to have more walking/running options. Walking so I can explore with my kids/running so I can have access to terrific places for exercise.	5/22/2016 9:24 PM
64	open space parks for relaxation/multi use	5/22/2016 6:05 PM
65	dogs allowed	5/22/2016 12:27 PM
66	Parks and nature preserves are important	5/21/2016 11:59 PM
67	greenway (or at least bike path) connections among parks	5/21/2016 8:27 PM
68	More time	5/21/2016 3:52 PM
69	inviting places to sit comfortably	5/21/2016 1:47 PM
70	N/a	5/21/2016 1:18 PM
71	More tennis courts	5/21/2016 12:20 PM
72	For it to be safer to do so; see above responses related to said teenagers/hoodlums making it unsafe for taxpayers to enjoy what we pay for	5/21/2016 10:59 AM
73	More safety, better lighting, more connectivity to activated areas	5/21/2016 9:21 AM
74	adding a backstop for pickup sports games	5/21/2016 8:03 AM
75	Better marketing.	5/21/2016 7:41 AM
76	It would be nice to have access to a track for walking or running	5/21/2016 7:38 AM
77	Access ability by foot via short cuts to avoid walking all around to an entrance.	5/21/2016 5:56 AM
78	Bike paths to parks.	5/20/2016 10:35 PM
79	Like the new kids park in stone mountain	5/20/2016 8:33 PM
80	More parks.	5/20/2016 7:29 PM
81	Parks with Astro turf and splash pad	5/20/2016 6:34 PM
82	Park with more open green space to play soccer/football/frisbee	5/20/2016 4:58 PM
83	More tennis courts with decent bathroom facilities	5/20/2016 3:25 PM
84	a beautiful "showpiece" park more conveniently located to downtown	5/20/2016 3:02 PM
85	Connectivity to a destination. My husband bikes to work and can take the beltline for some of it - LOVE that.	5/20/2016 2:56 PM

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86	More flowers and trees	5/20/2016 2:45 PM
87	Better walking and biking connectivity among areas of town to visit these other areas and parks.	5/20/2016 2:26 PM
88	Open Bathrooms because without them it's hard for parent with young children	5/20/2016 2:20 PM
89	parks that are easy to walk to or ride bike to	5/20/2016 1:55 PM
90	better ways to walk or ride bikes to parks	5/20/2016 1:28 PM
91	feel safer being there	5/20/2016 1:17 PM
92	See replies above. We might try to eventually make Decatur the greenest City in the USA.	5/20/2016 10:20 AM
93	Parks with more passive uses	5/20/2016 10:16 AM
94	Basketball courts and fields. Also better rims and surface on the court at Glenlake.	5/20/2016 10:14 AM
95	every neighborhood should have a small park available to residents.	5/20/2016 9:38 AM
96	every neighborhood should have a small park available to residents.	5/20/2016 9:23 AM
97	BMX track, bike jumps, fix up McKoy skate park	5/20/2016 8:59 AM
98	A Senior Outdoor Playground would be a great addition.	5/20/2016 8:43 AM
99	more interesting - art installations, features	5/20/2016 8:13 AM
100	I work out every day, just not at parks.	5/20/2016 8:04 AM
101	None of the above, my own time restrictions limit me from enjoying the parks more	5/20/2016 8:00 AM
102	other preserves for nature (e.g. native plant gardens, new ponds, "wild" spaces, etc.)	5/20/2016 8:00 AM
103	increased security at parks	5/20/2016 7:55 AM
104	Oakhurst Park is a haven for pot smoking teens. The park is 10 years overdue for a makeover. It's a sad park and the portapotties are gross. The tennis courts need at least one new light pole and the trees on the back corner are ruining the courts. The park is not well-maintained at all.	5/20/2016 7:13 AM
105	Not ugly and trash strewn.	5/20/2016 6:37 AM
106	Well, I visited the parks more when my kids were playground age. But I live near Winnona Park playground which is not a CoD park and that's the greenspace I visit several times a week.	5/20/2016 6:19 AM
107	More free time	5/20/2016 5:48 AM
108	Parks with bathrooms that can be easily accessed. I know vandalism is the reason they are locked, but can't we use technology to overcome that obstacle. Thinking outside the box--have the ability to open it with your own personal code, smart phone, etc. so you would be responsible for damages under your use.	5/20/2016 3:20 AM
109	I don't think exercise equipment is a great attractant to parks.	5/19/2016 9:55 PM
110	Efforts to naturally reduce mosquitoes and to keep them clean	5/19/2016 9:43 PM
111	Green, quiet space with shade and places to walk and relax and enjoy being out of city hustle	5/19/2016 7:53 PM
112	quitting my job	5/19/2016 6:03 PM
113	dog accessible	5/19/2016 5:30 PM
114	Public transportation to more distant parks	5/19/2016 4:58 PM
115	Garden like setting. Place to meditate or gather with friends - adults	5/19/2016 4:16 PM
116	More safety in parks	5/19/2016 4:04 PM
117	Green grass area where you can play sports	5/19/2016 3:59 PM
118	Currently I visit parks mostly to entertain my kids. However, if there were more "adult-friendly" options available in our parks, I might visit even more frequently.	5/19/2016 3:43 PM
119	retirement?	5/19/2016 3:17 PM
120	More downtown green space.	5/19/2016 2:22 PM
121	I can already do everything I want without needing to visit a park: exercise, enjoy the outdoors, socialize, etc.	5/19/2016 1:32 PM
122	Parks with fences to keep in young children and keep out predators	5/19/2016 1:20 PM

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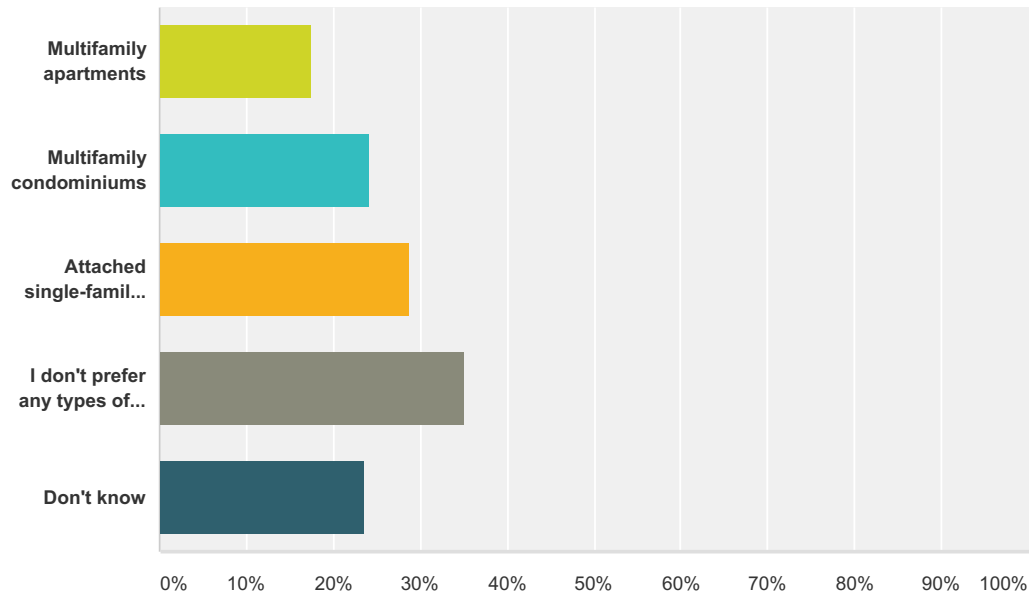
123	McKoy is looking pretty shabby. Would love a reno.	5/19/2016 1:04 PM
124	Park benches, covered seating areas, water fountains.	5/19/2016 10:47 AM
125	More time in life	5/19/2016 6:44 AM
126	Safe	5/18/2016 11:16 PM
127	dog parks, parks with equipment for older children (8+)	5/18/2016 3:12 PM
128	Parks safer to get to on bike - Glenwood tennis would be more accessible to our kids if I felt they could bike there safely	5/14/2016 10:50 AM
129	Bike paths that children can use.	5/13/2016 4:46 PM
130	Just need more time to enjoy, busy life	5/6/2016 3:52 PM
131	I need to retire to have the time	5/6/2016 3:13 PM
132	flowers, grass, benches, water, sun, shade....!	5/5/2016 1:33 PM
133	I used to use the parks almost everyday. Now my children are young adults and I don't go to them anymore	5/3/2016 4:27 PM
134	In general I love our parks. more shade would be nice at McKoy playground and mosquito issue to bad at Dearborne	5/3/2016 2:37 PM
135	exercising more	5/2/2016 11:51 AM
136	Please fix the swings at Adair park. Our kiddos are so sad. We don't use the park as much because of it. We used to go 3-4 times a month and now rarely go.	5/2/2016 2:32 AM
137	Better connectivity that allows easier access on foot or by bicycle	4/28/2016 11:35 PM
138	My backyard is like a park.	4/28/2016 9:46 PM
139	I am already near a park - very lucky. But others are not so lucky.	4/28/2016 7:04 PM
140	Decatur is just too small for much park space	4/26/2016 4:51 PM
141	I am satisfied with Decatur's parks.	4/25/2016 4:32 PM
142	Safer walking/cycling routes to parks.	4/25/2016 12:21 PM
143	Impending retirement	4/24/2016 9:28 PM
144	Longer paths, too.	4/22/2016 6:15 PM
145	bathroom accessible	4/21/2016 12:00 PM
146	MORE PARKS! See this website about the science of green space... http://www.boweryboogie.com/2015/10/science-friday-radio-show-investigates-how-the-bowery-whole-foods-and-east-houston-reconstruction-project-affect-our-behavior/	4/20/2016 7:27 PM
147	good lighting and safe	4/20/2016 4:03 PM
148	Parks with simple open spaces.	4/20/2016 2:08 PM
149	Rather than rely on the City to put a park closer to Decatur Heights, neighbors and The Church at Decatur Heights have created our own in the church's backyard. It makes it so that anyone can easily pop by and enjoy. Would like to see the City encourage other neighborhoods to do the same as it promotes community building and goodwill between residents and institutions . (It'd be nice if the City would support "unofficial" parks with a litter can/dog cleanup station, but the City's opted not to.)	4/20/2016 8:55 AM
150	parks are not safe. Install cameras, police patrols	4/20/2016 8:47 AM
151	Better maintenance	4/19/2016 8:25 PM
152	n/a	4/19/2016 7:52 PM
153	places to sit and read. Do like benches near Dancing Goat and think there should be more of those around town, not a large cost and encourages people to walk about and sit for awhile.	4/19/2016 3:59 PM
154	open fields with maintained grass	4/19/2016 1:24 PM
155	upgrades, espec at Oakhurst Park	4/19/2016 1:01 PM
156	better maintained grass	4/19/2016 11:37 AM
157	The exercise equipment at parks is a disaster. Not safe for kids & adults don't use it. Total waste of money.	4/19/2016 7:39 AM

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158	Parks where playground equipment his fenced in	4/19/2016 7:17 AM
159	Maintenance! Erosion problems and heavy usage are slowly destroying the parks I visit.	4/18/2016 10:12 PM
160	Parks with benches and picnic tables	4/18/2016 3:20 PM
161	a park with a soccer field	4/18/2016 11:03 AM
162	Not as many dogs in the park	4/18/2016 10:57 AM
163	close Superior Ave to cut through traffic	4/17/2016 2:27 PM
164	SAFER CYCLING TO PARKS	4/15/2016 10:06 AM
165	Not sure I would, even with any of these.	4/14/2016 9:07 PM
166	we already use Hidden Cove and the Adair Dog Park frequently	4/14/2016 11:37 AM
167	Maintained paths and Benches!!	4/14/2016 10:23 AM
168	I am in Hidden Cove Park almost every day	4/14/2016 8:22 AM
169	If you reduced our taxes, so I didn't have to work as much, I could go to the park more	4/13/2016 10:49 PM
170	wooded spaces, hiking trails like Deepdene or the greenspace in medlock	4/13/2016 8:30 PM
171	There are no downtown parks	4/9/2016 10:25 AM
172	Add a disc golf course and more trails (not paved)	4/5/2016 10:14 PM
173	oragnized acitivites in the parks that were free and predictable.	4/1/2016 9:50 PM
174	MORE SHADE! both structures and trees	3/29/2016 12:01 PM
175	None of the choices. I visit a park every day sometimes several times a day.	3/27/2016 12:41 PM
176	The parks work fine for me now. I live on Drexel Ave	3/24/2016 11:20 AM
177	More trails connecting the greenspaces	3/22/2016 8:38 PM
178	Clean restrooms and water fountains	3/20/2016 10:18 PM
179	Parks with hiking trails. Peace and quiet.	3/20/2016 10:40 AM
180	Parks near other destinations, particularly CBD	3/19/2016 7:26 PM
181	the bad air is what usually interferes with my being outdoors.	3/19/2016 4:08 PM
182	NA	3/19/2016 11:47 AM
183	Additional tennis courts.	3/18/2016 5:27 PM
184	Better parks. The Square is all concrete. Scott Park isn't really a park (it's a playground behind a rec center). Ebster is all athletic facilities.	3/18/2016 4:21 PM
185	Benches and/or decks for sitting.	3/17/2016 5:56 PM

Q26 What type(s) of housing, if any, would you like to see in areas outside established residential areas? (Check all that apply)

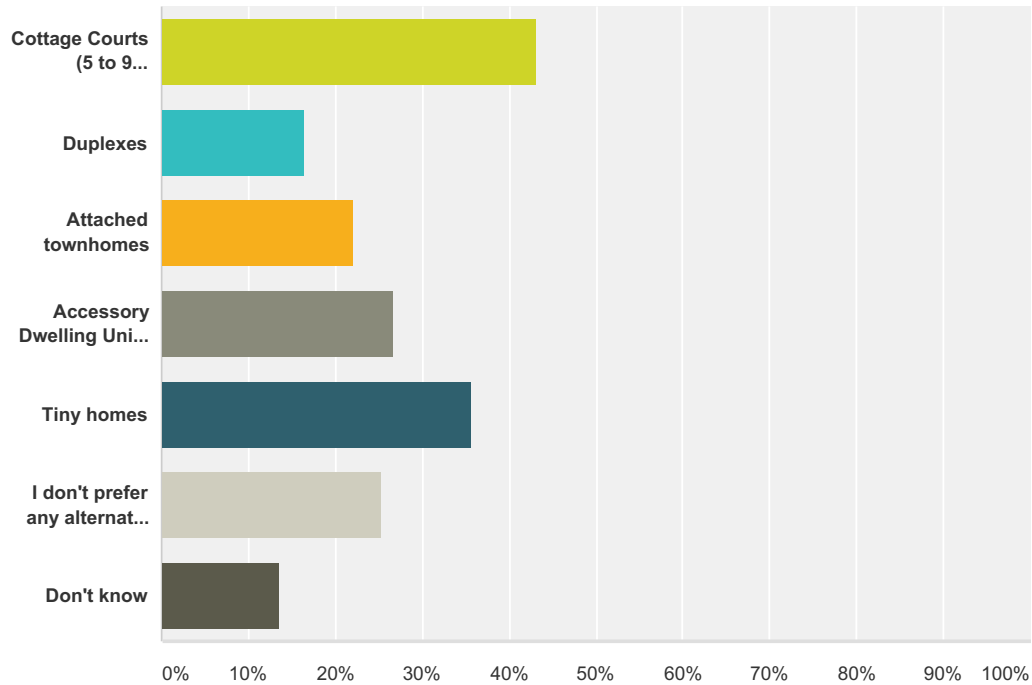
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Multifamily apartments	17.47%	164
Multifamily condominiums	24.17%	227
Attached single-family townhomes	28.86%	271
I don't prefer any types of housing outside established single-family residential areas	35.04%	329
Don't know	23.64%	222
Total Respondents: 939		

Q27 What alternative type(s) of housing, if any, would you like to see within established residential areas? (Check all that apply)

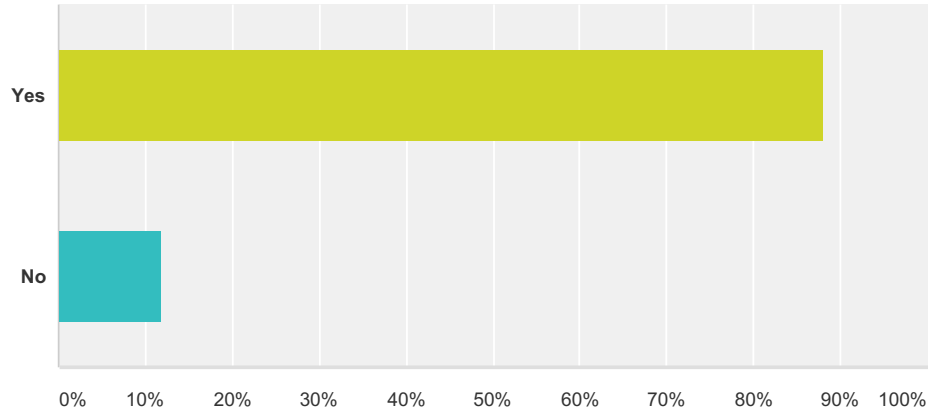
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Cottage Courts (5 to 9 detached dwelling units organized around a shared internal courtyard)	43.22%	411
Duplexes	16.40%	156
Attached townhomes	22.08%	210
Accessory Dwelling Units (small self-contained dwelling located on the same lot as a principal home but physically separated)	26.81%	255
Tiny homes	35.65%	339
I don't prefer any alternative housing types within established residential areas	25.34%	241
Don't know	13.56%	129
Total Respondents: 951		

Q28 Do you feel you have strong personal connections with your neighbors and to your neighborhood?

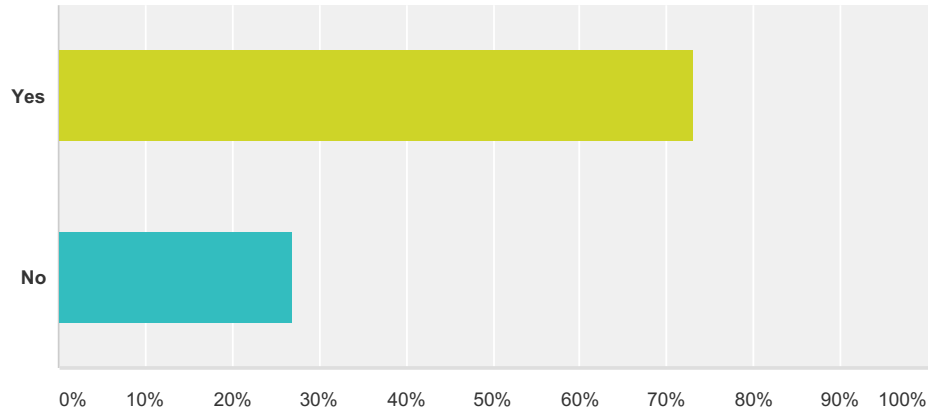
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	88.09%	843
No	11.91%	114
Total		957

Q29 Inclusionary zoning is a voluntary requirement that a specific percentage of new multi-family development projects should be affordable by people with modest incomes. Would you support mandatory inclusionary housing in future multi-family developments?

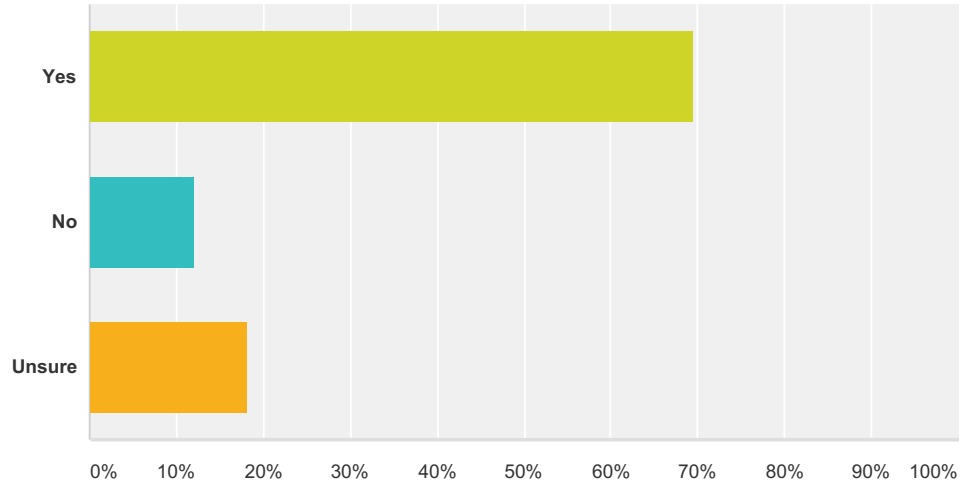
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	73.06%	689
No	26.94%	254
Total		943

Q30 Should Decatur pursue stricter infill housing design guidelines for the purpose of preserving compatibility of scale and maintaining the current variety of housing types and sizes?

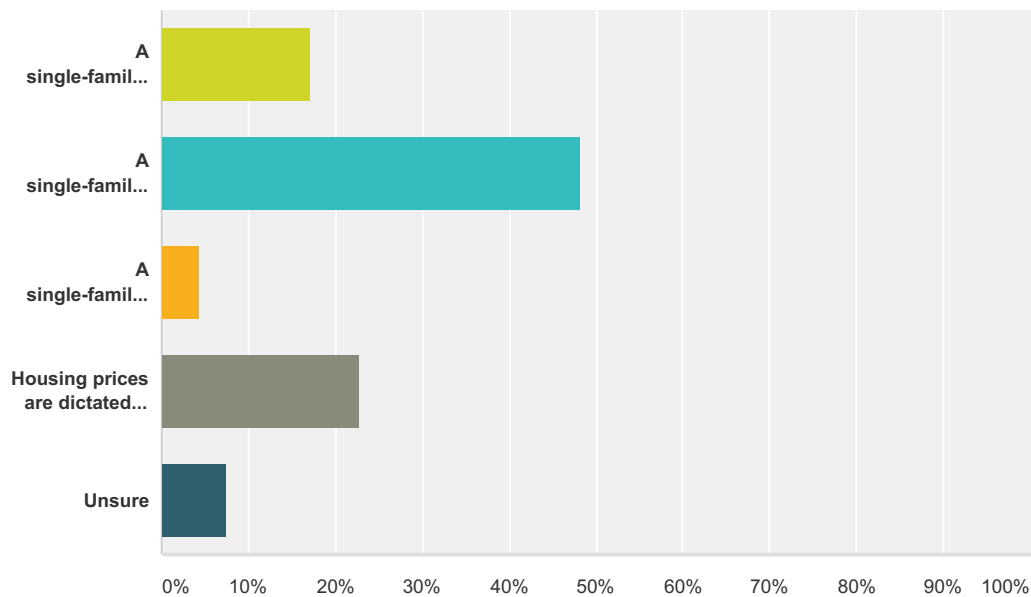
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	69.60%	657
No	12.18%	115
Unsure	18.22%	172
Total		944

Q31 The current average sales price of a single-family home in the City of Decatur is \$600,000. In order to purchase this home, household income would likely need to be at least \$138,000 annually. As an example, the average salary for a City of Decatur public safety employee between the ages of 25-34 is approximately \$44,000 and the average salary for a City of Decatur non-public safety employee between the ages of 25-34 is approximately \$42,000. If two City of Decatur average wage earners between 25-34 wanted to purchase a home in the City, their combined salaries would support a purchase of \$360,000. When you think of affordable housing for Decatur:

Answered: 943 Skipped: 109



Answer Choices	Responses	
A single-family detached house selling for \$360,000 meets my definition of affordable housing.	17.18%	162
A single-family detached house selling for \$360,000 exceeds my definition of affordable housing.	48.25%	455
A single-family detached house selling for \$360,000 is less than my definition of affordable housing.	4.35%	41
Housing prices are dictated by the market and whatever the market attracts defines what is affordable.	22.80%	215
Unsure	7.42%	70
Total		943

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Q32 Do you have any additional comments about affordable housing?

Answered: 379 Skipped: 673

#	Responses	Date
1	The answer options in #29 are oddly worded - so to be clear - I think 360K is a great deal of money for a home and is far greater an amount than what I would consider affordable.	5/31/2016 10:08 PM
2	The average you use takes a lot of factors into account. My house has 5 bedrooms and is priced higher than average but there are plenty of 3 bedroom houses under \$400k. The reason prices are high is because Decatur has done a great job of improving the school system and creating an environment where we can work, live and walk to establishments that improve our lives. I don't believe that government has a place for dictating what home values should be. The city's goal should be as desirable as possible. By nature, it will be more expensive but that should not be considered a bad thing.	5/31/2016 9:02 PM
3	So long as Decatur toots its horn about its schools (which are frankly distinguished largely by the wealth of students) and fails to rein in housing growth, it's headed for disaster.	5/31/2016 7:53 PM
4	Efforts should be made that are still flexible.	5/31/2016 4:24 PM
5	Any new housing should not be near Clairmont and Scott Boulevard areas which are severely congested due to multiple school and Emory traffic.	5/31/2016 2:34 PM
6	Why don't we build some affordable homes using the Habitat for Humanity (or similar) model. Individuals could donate land for a tax credit/exemption and citizens could build the homes. This would allow for more affordable housing. Start small and grow the program to build several homes per year. This could be used to build community connections between neighbors and neighborhoods.	5/31/2016 1:32 PM
7	Allowing the market to dictate home prices, and those who are able to buy these homes, has and will continue to promote a homogeneous populace that is the exact opposite of the diverse (racially, ethnically, socio-economically) citizenry that has, until recently, made living and growing up in Decatur such a wonderful experience. Decatur's teachers and other public servants, as well as the large population of young families who make well below what is necessary to buy even a modest home in Decatur, are being forced out of the city because they cannot find affordable housing. This is regrettable and everyone who is able should be looking to reverse this trend.	5/31/2016 9:46 AM
8	Historically people who could not afford a house used other Alternatives. Apartments or roommates. When did a single Family house become an entitlement?	5/31/2016 6:42 AM
9	Balanced means taking a realistic NOT idealistic view of cars. Do you really think all these young families in Oakhurst can get to downtown Decatur any way but a car? Or, if we want a nice meal, we want to dress in clothes for a bicycle? Or want to have fun shopping and lug it all home on a bicycle? Decatur should be bike and ped friendly while acknowledging that a majority of people will have to drive for one reason or another. So br realistic about this and don't make it so hard for cars - again, why on earth did you eliminate parking on N. McDonough	5/30/2016 6:27 PM
10	No	5/30/2016 4:02 PM
11	Senior citizens on fixed income will not be able to continue the increase in taxes due to such high prices of new infill homes.	5/30/2016 3:55 PM
12	Decatur should have more low income housing and it does not. Those of us who grew up in Decatur can not live here because the taxes are too high! Can't even afford to pay rent let alone purchase a house. It's really sad how we've been moved out. City of Decatur is once again racially divided!	5/30/2016 3:00 PM
13	Stop cutting down trees to put more houses in!!!!!!!! Stricter regulations on builders knocking down trees and all character	5/30/2016 2:11 PM
14	The more people tear down smaller, older houses rather than fixing them up and build up big craftsman homes it makes the area less and less affordable.	5/30/2016 12:57 PM
15	Affordable doesn't have to detached, but it does have to actually affordable. Required units in multifamily is good, and they should be kept anonymous to prevent discrimination from neighbors.	5/30/2016 11:59 AM
16	If there is a recession, Decatur could be in serious trouble. In addition, the tree canopy is being destroyed and that manifests into pollution issues with all the development surrounding the city. We need stronger leadership	5/30/2016 11:19 AM

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17	The benefits of affordable house are only going to the developers with no consideration for traffic, trees, or current/future residence.	5/30/2016 9:24 AM
18	No	5/30/2016 7:06 AM
19	set aside a percentage of new developments as affordable	5/29/2016 9:47 PM
20	We need to place residents being able to stay in place over private builder profit. McMansions raise everyone's taxes and do not support diversity.	5/29/2016 6:57 PM
21	I don't know who came up with \$360,000 for a two person income of \$86,000 annually, but considering the cost of taxes, insurance, and other living expenses, this is too much mortgage to take on. ALSO, it is discriminatory against SINGLE/DIVORCED/WIDOWED residents who can only rely on their own, modest income to make policy that only considers two income households.	5/29/2016 11:41 AM
22	The City of Decatur should not be in the business of manipulating housing options at all and particularly not by price. This is a private sector concern.	5/27/2016 10:07 PM
23	It should fit the needs of all peoples and their pocketbooks.	5/27/2016 11:42 AM
24	No more huge expensive houses in modest neighborhoods. Homes should remain compatible in residential pockets	5/27/2016 11:38 AM
25	The City of Decatur has become any "elitist" area in which to live; however, most people who live here have invested a lot of money in home in Decatur and "DO NOT" want affordable type homes next to them which will bring the value of their investment down. The City of Decatur should not be in the business of trying to satisfy everyone. We have a "market based" economy in America and when you try to "Mess with it" all you do is screw it up. "Just Don't Do It."	5/27/2016 9:57 AM
26	This survey is biased and only serves to promote the views of those in city government that favor more density and so called "smart growth". What A Scam!	5/26/2016 10:07 PM
27	need more of it	5/26/2016 9:32 PM
28	I completely support it and think it's key to Decatur's future vitality	5/26/2016 9:29 PM
29	Mixed income units with a percentage reserved for low income individuals with social programs offered in an onsite community center would be an added benefit that would allow low income earner the social support that is needed in an affluent community which would eliminate isolation felt by the low income earner.	5/26/2016 9:19 PM
30	Having attractive and abundant affordable housing is in keeping with the log-time spirit of a generous and concerned City of Decatur, ei. Hagar's House plus the affordable housing present. We need more!!	5/26/2016 5:39 PM
31	I really like the idea of tiny homes, I know it's a fad right now but I think Decatur is a great place for say a tiny home community IF there were land for it, but the cost would probably not afford most people to get one. Face the cost of living in Decatur is unattainable to many.	5/26/2016 5:37 PM
32	Don't understand what government employees salaries have to do with this definition. It's a leading and political question.	5/26/2016 4:12 PM
33	I'm grateful to own a home that I couldn't afford if I wanted to buy it today. A great investment. But I'm concerned about the lack of diversity that is increasing as smaller homes go away and every new home seems to sell for \$600 - \$800K. I hope Decatur doesn't become an enclave of only wealthy people so I'm for helping some housing stay affordable, without squelching the soaring prices of some properties, which is good for the city's economy.	5/26/2016 3:48 PM
34	Unless something changes drastically being "house poor" in Decatur will continue to be an issue. The taxes are becoming too much for the over \$360k home buyers you mentioned above, let alone our public workers (teachers, safety officers, etc) and seniors.	5/26/2016 2:58 PM
35	We need much more in Decatur.	5/26/2016 2:30 PM
36	I feel like we are rapidly losing our economic diversity, and that is sad.	5/26/2016 12:41 PM
37	It's a tough one to implement, but I feel we will all benefit more if there is housing affordable for those whose income is in the range cited above, say \$40-85K.	5/26/2016 11:57 AM
38	should be top priority	5/26/2016 11:04 AM
39	I think \$250,000 is affordable, but Decatur used to be great because of the diversity it encapsulated. With a \$600k median house price that has gone out the window. Even \$250k can be a big stretch for first time buyers.	5/26/2016 11:00 AM
40	Density must increase. Current home owners have vested interest in keeping housing supply low but Decatur's success is tied to increase density, and this should extend to multifamily housing within established detached home neighborhoods.	5/26/2016 10:49 AM

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41	Affordable housing should be a major priority of the city. Exploring co-housing, small/tiny home, and cheaper clustered or cooperative housing should be explored and enacted.	5/26/2016 9:30 AM
42	I really think it's a shame if city employees cannot live in the city they support. I think we should offer options for city employees by offering apartments in the Decatur Housing Authority (DHA) units at a sliding scale for city employees. As DHA is currently expanding the size of their housing facilities, apartments could be offered to city employees without taking units away from low income residents. Doing so would also improve economic diversity in the DHA projects as well as the city. Economic isolation in public housing hurts residents and Decatur would be a poorer place if only rich and poor people can live here. We need to make sure the middle class, especially those who work here, have options to live here.	5/26/2016 8:42 AM
43	The city has been talking about it for years and letting developers come in and throw up luxury condos/apts everywhere!. Stop it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	5/25/2016 10:53 PM
44	There is no affordable housing left in Decatur. The above calculation is not realistic and does not take into consideration taxes, downpayment, etc.	5/25/2016 10:09 PM
45	Older people must be considered too	5/25/2016 8:51 PM
46	I've lived here for 20 years. I would not be able to purchase a house on my income now. I think its a shame that teachers, police officers, fire fighters in Decatur can't afford housing here.	5/25/2016 7:29 PM
47	Decatur is surrounded by single family homes just coming out of recession and generally <150-200k. There is no need at this point to supersaturate a market where loyal long term residents that have yet to gain back the equity in their homes. Decatur Sq may not be affordable, but within 4 miles of any side of the square there is very affordable housing. Spend the money developing infrastructure and/or services that are inclusive of all Decatur - not just the square.	5/25/2016 6:44 PM
48	Unfortunately the cost of real estate will continue to increase due to factors outside the City's control. I hope the City does what it can to assist those earning less than 6 figures but I understand that this is a national problem that requires state and federal solutions.	5/25/2016 4:33 PM
49	Community Land Trust for Affordable Housing is a much more worthwhile, affordable and continued bang for buck investment for the city, over self-developing cottage courts. Also, city should be negotiating potential profit on any land purchased in contemplation of future sale to developer (Calloway)- those profits could be invested in Community Land Trust for Affordable Housing and other city-wide initiatives.	5/25/2016 2:02 PM
50	It is critical for the city to maintain or increase income diversity in order to maintain its unique character. I know many of us in Decatur have been and are concerned that the high housing cost is changing our community into a neighborhood of wealthy fsmilies and that is not the type of diverse community many of us want. I would strongly support policies to make it easier for public safety, education, and other city employees to purchase homes in Decatur.	5/25/2016 9:10 AM
51	Affordable housing keeps our cost of living low because we have available staff to work at our businesses. This needs to be a priority.	5/25/2016 8:07 AM
52	Yes. Require the developers to build one affordable unit as payment for every single tree you let them cut down.	5/25/2016 3:00 AM
53	Decatur City schools are already extended, and growth in the size of the student population is a known issue. Any attempts to increase affordable housing in Decatur should keep in mind issues regarding rapid growth of the Decatur school population, and sustainability of the quality of Decatur schools in light of this growth. Also, why does everyone need a single family home? How many people in New York City have single family homes? A New York sized home in Decatur is still affordable. The \$600,000 average reflects the 5,000 and 6,000 sq ft homes being built and sold.	5/25/2016 12:53 AM
54	median home price in Decatur is way less than \$600k and there are increasing opportunities to rent. Decatur is roughly 4.2 square mostly built out miles in area in a large metro area, there are other options available. We can do our bit but keep it in perspective. what is regionally affordable and accessible? we should attempt to at least match that criteria, otherwise possibly City of Decatur should raise their wages? I live in a non-detached townhome that I'd feel lucky to get \$360K for.	5/24/2016 11:42 PM

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55	Does that calculation factor in taxes (both property and income) and any other living expenses? I can't imagine \$138k covering a \$600k mortgage. We moved to Decatur from another intown area (Shallowford/N.Briarcliff where we were renting) to buy a house in a good school district. We considered other areas, but other great schools were very far outside of the city. We didn't want to commute that far. We were also under the delusion that intown would mean more diverse - racial, economic, cultural, etc. than moving to the suburbs. It may be slightly more diverse here, but it certainly isn't that diverse. The home prices in our neighborhood have soared making it so that there is 0 economic diversity in our neighborhood. And I am complaining without having great solutions. In theory I would say that you should enforce zoning regarding home size and lot coverage. I know there are many ordinances in place, but I have yet to see a builder have trouble getting enormous housing through. But the reality is that I don't really want someone telling me what I can/can't do with my own property. Keeping costs down artificially or otherwise interfering with the market generally has unintended consequences. The city has great schools, short commutes for people working in town, good access to public transit, . . . it would be great if those opportunities were available to people of all income levels.	5/24/2016 9:06 PM
56	a sliding scale for city taxes	5/24/2016 7:05 PM
57	I would love to keep our older residents in our neighborhood (MAK/Oakhurst). I think every City of Decatur employee should be able to live in the city if he or she wants.	5/24/2016 6:20 PM
58	Need more options for affordable housing coupled with better public transportation and employment opportunities.	5/24/2016 5:05 PM
59	The greatest threat to affordability in Decatur is taxes, not home prices.	5/24/2016 4:49 PM
60	I'm not sure what the solution is in this market-driven economy with private property rights, etc. But it's depressing to see the incredible spike in home prices and the diminishing diversity (income, race, etc.) in the city... all the things that attracted us to the city in the first place.	5/24/2016 4:43 PM
61	City employees should get subsidized housing. It is not fair that they work here but cannot afford to live here	5/24/2016 4:37 PM
62	Two employees making \$42-44K combining their salaries does not satisfy the \$138K needed. Even if they took in a 3rd person, they would be short. \$360k is not what I call affordable housing.	5/24/2016 3:38 PM
63	Affordability is a function of supply and demand. Our housing prices have increased because the demand is outpacing supply in the City of Decatur. While inclusionary zoning and other policy tools can be part of an affordability solution, increasing supply of housing and lowering barriers (administrative, regulatory, design controls, etc) to providing housing should be the primary tool for helping to achieve some level of affordability.	5/24/2016 2:39 PM
64	Decatur Housing Authority should build infill properties that can be rented to civil servants if that is the concern. Otherwise, I'm not sure there a lot of good answers...perhaps make that a part of large projects.	5/24/2016 2:34 PM
65	Affordable housing is a primary driver of a functional society. I'm a strong believer and advocate for mixed income density and true diversity. I would happily take the Paris model of wealthy executives living next door/above/below trades-person, small business owner, college student, and working class family. Isolating the wealthy from the poor only serves to divide us, reduces empathy, normalizes criminal behavior, and homogenizes neighborhoods. The current focus on affordable housing in Atlanta will be a net positive in the next 20 years as other cities becoming aware of the negative impacts of their oversight. Decatur is steadily becoming an enclave of wealth and quickly losing the income diversity that made it great; but it's not too late to fix it. #Bernie2016	5/24/2016 2:07 PM
66	There needs to be a variety, and while the definition of "affordable" housing may change over time and depending on the locale, we need our teachers and police and small business owners to live inside the City limits.	5/24/2016 1:38 PM
67	I would not support the city government to get involved in affordable housing. This should be dictated by the market and should not be controlled by the government.	5/24/2016 1:10 PM
68	If it is done it should not be done in bulk - it should be sprinkled within many developments and all over the city so as not to create an area where the resident will be considered less than the residents in the rest of the city.	5/24/2016 12:40 PM
69	There is plenty of affordable housing all over DeKalb County. We pay a premium price in the City limits to help support our schools and public service. I don't believe we should cheapen our city real estate market by flooding it with low-income housing.	5/24/2016 10:53 AM
70	There should be more housing in the 200-250K range.	5/24/2016 10:32 AM
71	I am a DeKalb County employee, Decatur High graduate, with children attending Decatur schools. I am only able to afford to live in the area because I live with my parents. I would love more affordable housing options, including tiny houses, or more housing available from the Decatur Housing Authority.	5/24/2016 10:27 AM
72	Would like to see priority for affordable housing given to families displaced from Beacon Hill neighborhood during "urban renewal" years (1970s?) and then to city employees.	5/24/2016 10:11 AM
73	We should have if not affordable housing for our police, fire and teachers, then at least program in place to help them purchase a home in Decatur.	5/24/2016 10:09 AM

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74	I have mixed feelings about my answer to #26. While I greatly appreciate Decatur's existing strict design guidelines in order to maintain character and scale, they can often be overbearing for existing homeowners looking for modest renovations or additions to accommodate a growing family. I think stricter policies should target developers and brand new homeowners who are tearing down and rebuilding. While I benefit from the high home values, and I understand they support the school system, I do believe we are experiencing a bubble relative to current real estate values, and I am concerned about the long term community effects of housing being affordable only for the very wealthy. I like density and I like affordable and multifamily options, but I worry about the strain on our school system and increased property taxes to support the large influx of students that can result from apartments and condos.	5/24/2016 10:07 AM
75	Decatur is in the driver's seat with respect to multifamily development. We can live without it and should not cave to developers who naturally want to avoid affordability requirements. When they say the deal doesn't pencil they are lying. We can wait them out.	5/24/2016 8:47 AM
76	Give preferential affordable housing to City of Decatur employees and teachers	5/24/2016 8:22 AM
77	We need affordable apartments and condos in order to attract younger singles and keep older seniors.	5/24/2016 8:10 AM
78	It's the schools and the activity that drive the prices. School tax is unrealistic for most people.	5/24/2016 7:58 AM
79	I believe that the people who work in the city should be able to live here. Right now it's beginning to look like a dormitory for yuppie children.	5/23/2016 11:25 PM
80	Question 29 is oddly worded and appears to be attempting manipulation but will only cause confusion. What are you expecting to conclude from the responses? In some markets \$360K is affordable; in others, it is not. In Decatur it would be considered extremely affordable, but you won't find a livable move-in ready house at that price. That is probably your point, but the couple in your example could find dozens of nice houses in that range a couple of miles away in Kirkwood. What is the point of Question 29? To legislate worker housing? It's not a clear question, and you should strike the responses from the results.	5/23/2016 11:02 PM
81	The city leadership has failed to address affordable housing within the city of decatur. Instead of embracing developers, city leaders should have been looking at boulder colorado and austin texas creative solutions to development.	5/23/2016 10:02 PM
82	The city needs to stop allowing construction of multi family condos and apartments until the schools catch up. The schools cannot support the influx of multi family housing and the building of such may very well lead to a decline in the schools and then a reduction in property values and tax income for the city.	5/23/2016 9:02 PM
83	We desperately need to preserve the economic diversity of Decatur by having affordable housing in our city.	5/23/2016 8:41 PM
84	It seems to me that mandating a certain proportion of genuinely affordable (i.e. low cost) housing is vital to retaining a diverse community. I support the tax relief for seniors for the same reason.	5/23/2016 8:27 PM
85	I think Decatur needs a combination of increased density of housing and subsidized or controlled rent in order to have a diverse population in terms of race and class.	5/23/2016 8:00 PM
86	Not sure how much can be done about this problem now.	5/23/2016 7:22 PM
87	Is there a way to help make housing more affordable for city employees such as policemen/women?	5/23/2016 6:18 PM
88	The lack of affordable housing is threatening the diversity of the community and not sustainable. I want to downsize when I retire but would have to move out of Decatur to do so.	5/23/2016 5:47 PM
89	If I had to purchase my home again in Decatur, I could not afford it.	5/23/2016 5:11 PM
90	Options, such as apartments or condominiums, should be available for incomes in the combined \$80K range in Decatur city. is that not the benefit of mixed use options?	5/23/2016 4:54 PM
91	More of it. Creative ways to maintain existing affordable housing.	5/23/2016 3:44 PM
92	Not sure I understand Q30 what "exceeds" and "less than" meant. 360K sounds like too much for affordable.	5/23/2016 3:19 PM
93	It is unclear what "exceeds" and "is less than" is referring to in question 30. I can read "exceeds" as meaning that I define a single-family detached house costing \$500,000 (only as an example) to be affordable and so, \$360,000 is more than affordable, therefore, it exceeds my definition. I can also read it to mean that I think a \$250,000 house is affordable and because \$360,000 is higher than \$250,000, the \$360,000 price exceeds my definition. That being said, I have a hard time considering a \$360,000 detached single-family house as "affordable" housing.	5/23/2016 3:16 PM
94	My husband and I make \$110,000 annually and we still can't afford buying a house in the city.	5/23/2016 12:14 PM
95	We need to STOP the insanity! Please pause all this massive home construction!	5/23/2016 11:50 AM

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96	I think realtors/builders are taking advantage of the current market to make top dollar on properties rather than complementing the current homes/neighborhoods. They are pricing out many of the families that have helped establish our community. I think it's sad and greedy.	5/23/2016 11:41 AM
97	Rather than debating the definition of "affordable," the city should focus on where demand is not being well met: housing (single family, duplex, four-plex, etc) within neighborhoods for under \$300K.	5/23/2016 10:51 AM
98	with the recent influx in expensive homes being sold in Decatur, this might be an opportunity to lower the tax burden on the citizens. Taxes are what make most housing unattainable in Decatur.	5/23/2016 10:24 AM
99	Decatur is known for getting rid of low-income families by taxing them out of the area.	5/23/2016 9:36 AM
100	Decatur seems to be aggressively destroying diversity by allowing larger and larger homes. These homes also destroy the character of the city--not just the aesthetic, but the amount of resources that these homes use to build and to maintain. Decatur is becoming more and more of a joke to the rest of the state; it is no longer known as a progressive city with great schools. It has become Buckhead Junior. Abundant affordable housing is crucial not only to regaining some of the city's diversity, it is crucial to regaining some of the city's soul.	5/23/2016 8:59 AM
101	Socio economic diversity is very important.	5/23/2016 8:56 AM
102	Atlanta is an enormous city with plenty of housing options. This continued focus on our small town not being adorable is ridiculous. You can go a few houses down from me and get a house for like half the price. I pay huge taxes for the school district and I don't feel a need to cover that for other people. Additionally, continuing to build condos, apts and townhomes that increase the number of people per square foot is only contributing to the over crowding of our schools. And while we're taking about it, there is a reality that areas that have done these adorable housing programs where you split properties and force non market changes to the market have seen reduced home values. I also don't want to see the school district affected. Just stop trying to fix something that is a natural change due to the market. You're risk changing what makes Decatur attractive.	5/23/2016 8:52 AM
103	I think socio economic diversity should be a priority.	5/23/2016 8:49 AM
104	I would really like to see a way to encourage economic diversity in our community.	5/23/2016 8:39 AM
105	Nothing except the bursting of the current housing bubble is going to solve this problem.	5/23/2016 8:33 AM
106	Quit tearing down the arts & craft homes just to rebuild a gigantic Gwinnett county knock off!!! Strongly encourage remodeling of existing homes. Establish mandatory substantial fees for tearing down an existing house (in good shape) just to rebuild a new gigantic monster of a house. A substantial fee for tearing down an existing house should start at \$50,000.	5/23/2016 8:33 AM
107	Decatur's taxes create a significant barrier to affordability in the City making home ownership less attractive and less accessible to modest incomes.	5/23/2016 8:27 AM
108	City of Decatur notoriously has the highest taxes in the region, and I don't know why. It's not that services or leadership, or pay for safety, or school personnel is higher. A \$360,000 home would be affordable if the taxes were not so high.	5/23/2016 8:26 AM
109	Do not do anything to lower the value of our homes in Decatur.	5/23/2016 8:21 AM
110	The in-fill is creating congestion that cannot be sustained. Even in my small neighborhood of Oakhurst, the main intersection at E. Lake is a nightmare. Kids, strollers, dogs, bikes. I sit at Steinbecks and watch 90% of folks roll through stop signs. Someone is going to get hurt.	5/23/2016 8:20 AM
111	Perhaps some defeated housing costs for residents with civil service jobs within the city.	5/23/2016 7:48 AM
112	Before allowing a lot of new housing like apartments and condos, we should ensure the infrastructure can support the additional burden, i.e., streets that can support the additional traffic, water, sewer, etc.	5/23/2016 7:29 AM
113	Please curb the year downs and developers building enormous \$1million homes.	5/23/2016 6:36 AM
114	we desperately need it	5/22/2016 11:20 PM
115	Not everyone is meant to own a single family detached home.	5/22/2016 11:18 PM

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116	Stop allowing contractors to build gigantic homes in Decatur!!! We own an older, smaller home and have recently experienced flooding issues on our property, including standing water in the basement, which was not a problem for this home before. We were told by multiple professionals consulting on resolving our issues that the large homes on either side of ours were putting huge amounts of pressure on the earth below and forcing excess water to lower-lying properties. The City requires these huge homes be built on higher ground than the older homes around them, exacerbating the problem even more. These communities (and the ground on which they exist) are not meant to have McMansions built on top of them as well. And, apart from helping out owners of older homes whose properties are experiencing damage, if you stop letting these giant homes be built, you wouldn't even have to put out a survey asking about reasonable housing prices (\$600,000 average home cost????!! There's a problem there - you're allowing entire socioeconomic demographics - as well as, unfortunately, whole racial groups - to be pushed out of Decatur.) You can control this. Stop letting people live so exorbitantly.	5/22/2016 9:37 PM
117	With all the new housing and town homes, Decatur needs to address the school load issues. I did not move to Decatur to have my kids go to school in large classes in trailers. If it continues, I should move to Avondale and put my kids in private school. Likewise, without bike lanes on Church (north of square) it is getting unsafe to bike to the square and if I have to get in my car, the square will not be my destination.	5/22/2016 8:37 PM
118	I do not believe that public safety or education employees need to live in the city of Decatur, there is affordable housing very close to the city. I do support their children having access to schools, which gives them ties to the city and is a huge perk of recruitment of staff, and in my experience, a much better recruitment and retention tool than telling people where to live or subsidizing their rent. I do not at all agree with selling people forced developer low income housing.	5/22/2016 8:35 PM
119	No incentives ofr apartments if No affordable housing, including all the variances they want.	5/22/2016 6:08 PM
120	Thanks for addressing this topic. Decatur has certainly lost its way in terms of affordability...	5/22/2016 11:14 AM
121	Affordable housing is one of my main concerns. The economic diversity of even 10 years ago has declined. My neighborhood used to have modest cottages owned/rented by Comcast employee, CDC worker, professor, teachers, medical techs. retired folks. Now I live in a house that is the size of my neighbor's garage and almost everyone on the street is a lawyer or business owner. The divide between rich and poor is very wide in Decatur and those of us with modest incomes can't afford to live here anymore. I feel pressure to sell my house for a large sum so a developer can tear it down, tear down the trees and build a McMansion.	5/22/2016 10:52 AM
122	We need to keep affordable housing in Decatur for working families, running the gamut from those who are middle class to those who are economically poor.	5/21/2016 8:53 PM
123	movement is toward rental housing. That too must be affordable for QUALITY housing. Oppose ticky-tack construction of any kind, whether condos, townhomes, or apts	5/21/2016 8:30 PM
124	I am blessed that I am able to afford my home, but the housing is very expensive in Decatur. I struggle with this issue and I don't know what the answer is.	5/21/2016 5:38 PM
125	Don't build more dense housing downtown.	5/21/2016 5:07 PM
126	We need more! The current market is ridiculous.	5/21/2016 3:55 PM
127	I think housing could be both affordable AND senior-friendly if we had options that included single-level patio homes (little to no grass to mow, but a patio outdoor space). These homes would be under 2000 sq ft.	5/21/2016 3:43 PM
128	We need more affordable housing for diversity.	5/21/2016 3:30 PM
129	City taxes should not be used to subsidize housing.	5/21/2016 3:27 PM
130	City of Decatur will suffer in the long-term if the only people who can afford to live here earn very high incomes. The workers who make the city run should be able to live here or at least close.	5/21/2016 2:51 PM
131	Inclusion of townhomes is a good way of building more affordable housing, and such projects should take priority over converting old apartment complexes to single family homes (as Arlene Dean did on 2nd Ave south of Oakview)	5/21/2016 2:31 PM
132	All multi family developments in this city should have a portion of homes set aside for people making less than \$75k to retain residents Just out of school or young families early in their careers.	5/21/2016 2:28 PM
133	Answers to previous question are poorly worded. A variety of housing options, at various pricepoints is needed.	5/21/2016 1:36 PM
134	consider ADA requirements	5/21/2016 1:04 PM
135	I strongly support finding ways for city workers to be residents and part of the community they serve. I also strongly oppose the infill and the McMansion explosions currently happening.	5/21/2016 12:22 PM
136	Kudos to Decatur's Housing Authority for increasing the number of affordable units in the city. Let's keep it up... as our tax base increases, there's no reason not to increase affordability alongside.	5/21/2016 11:59 AM

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137	I think the city should make an effort to provide affordable housing opportunities to residents based on income to help maintain diversity.	5/21/2016 11:45 AM
138	The costs here are ridiculous; we have two huge incomes and cannot afford to stay here or buy another house here; it's getting the reputation of being snobby, and only for privileged people with tons of children	5/21/2016 11:02 AM
139	I think the large homes in our community are horrible and are pushing people out of the community. We are pushing out older residents and are ending up with only families which puts great pressure on our schools. The more we have high income earners where both parents have to slave to pay their mortgage, the less time they have to be involved in the community. You can imagine the ripple effect.	5/21/2016 9:37 AM
140	They should weaved in with other houses	5/21/2016 9:26 AM
141	we really do need stricter infill requirements. the current model of raze-the-bungalow/replace-with-mcmansion has destroyed the multicultural nature of my neighborhood (oakhurst) since I moved here in 1996 and is one of the main reasons i'm looking to move (possibly to clarkston)	5/21/2016 9:00 AM
142	My husband and I are both teachers and could not afford to buy in Decatur if we were moving here today. We are a family of four living in a two bedroom; luckily we bought our home eight years ago when prices were still somewhat affordable	5/21/2016 8:47 AM
143	Continue to support building multi-family housing with small square footage.	5/21/2016 7:43 AM
144	need more - to keep the city diversified	5/21/2016 7:05 AM
145	Decatur must not become even more exclusionary than it already is.	5/21/2016 6:00 AM
146	Our diversity is is at risk.	5/21/2016 12:58 AM
147	The market dictates prices but there is a pattern of unsustainable real estate bubbles in the metro area. Decatur prices are definitely on the bubble and in the long run unsustainable.	5/21/2016 12:50 AM
148	it seems like decatur still has some "affordable" housing left but it keeps getting torn down by developers. I wish we could have kept the old affordable "cottages."	5/21/2016 12:19 AM
149	I don't consider a single-family detached house to be an essential component of affordable housing. They're an inefficient use of resources.	5/20/2016 10:42 PM
150	No	5/20/2016 9:07 PM
151	The entire community benefits from a diverse population, both in SES and ethnicity.	5/20/2016 8:56 PM
152	We need reassessment for ALL properties in cod. I know a bunch of people that live in houses worth \$600,000+ and they are paying taxes for a \$200k equivalent property. This is simply not right. We keep increasing taxes when we should be focusing on reassessing. I bet we will have enough money if we do so.	5/20/2016 8:40 PM
153	poor people and retirees are being displaced.	5/20/2016 8:33 PM
154	I would like to see more small scale developments that look tasteful and would like to see the city enforce. Similar to Greenville, Columbia sc and Charlestown where buildings must look similar to the historic downtown existing buildings	5/20/2016 8:32 PM
155	Not sure we can control housing prices. Nice idea though. You can control the size, appearance and compatibility of what's being built however. Most of what is being built is absolutely appalling.	5/20/2016 7:32 PM
156	Buy affordable houses outside of Decatur. It is what it is. Let the market drive it.	5/20/2016 6:27 PM
157	This is a tough question. I think our housing market is absurd, but it sure is nice for my own resale value. And, I do t know how you fix that. It would be great for city employees to be able to live here, but that would mean prices come down by \$300,000. So - that seems unrealistic. Perhaps some subsidies or something? I don't have great answers for this, but I appreciate the conversation.	5/20/2016 5:09 PM
158	Less tear down and more restoration. No more builders buying older homes!!! Let some of the moderate income folks buy some older houses to fix up.	5/20/2016 5:09 PM
159	We definitely need more of it, particularly for low-income families with children.	5/20/2016 4:45 PM
160	Single parents with children should be able to afford to purchase some kind of quality housing in Decatur. Very few single people could purchase a \$360,000 house on their own.	5/20/2016 4:30 PM
161	I don't feel that Decatur needs to insure that its employees can afford to live here. I can't afford to live where I work either and I don't feel that it is the community responsibility to make that happen.	5/20/2016 4:01 PM
162	We should make if affordable for residents to remain in their home (freeze tax rate)	5/20/2016 3:50 PM
163	Would love to see subsidized house for low to mid income city employees	5/20/2016 3:26 PM

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164	1111 Oakview redevelopment is a good step in the right direction.	5/20/2016 3:11 PM
165	Stop building \$900,000 mega houses in these historic neighborhoods. They raise everyone's taxes and take up green space that could be used for something else.	5/20/2016 3:01 PM
166	Decatur has great schools and amenities, and should have housing opportunities for all to take advantage of these amenities.	5/20/2016 2:58 PM
167	Please consider more dense housing options for affordability. Especially with good access to public transit (bus stops and the downtown MARTA station).	5/20/2016 2:47 PM
168	At least have opportunities for people who meet certain criteria to help get a home 360,000+	5/20/2016 2:25 PM
169	While gentrification of Decatur is understandable, it should not be permitted to totally displace the lower socio-economic community.	5/20/2016 2:19 PM
170	Single family homes don't need to be the standard for affordable housing. There should be fewer of them. More moderately sized condos and multi-family homes can more easily meet affordability goals and contribute to more sustainable levels of density, though measures are necessary to ensure new developments are not only targeted to the "luxury" segment of the market.	5/20/2016 2:06 PM
171	We need affordable homes in and around Decatur. The above scenario is ridiculous, 360,000 dollars is NOT affordable.	5/20/2016 1:51 PM
172	prices for rent of apartments and housing prices are out of control since everyone wants to be in City schools. Until that changes prices will get worse even with no stock coming on line	5/20/2016 1:19 PM
173	As a senior citizen, I would like to see some options for detached homes with a bit of garden area and one floor only design. The only ones available are in the burbs. Cottage Court will only have 5-7 homes. What about purchasing some of the beautiful land around the Methodist Children's Home and building some senior focused housing . They have fabulous trees. Retain them. The children are no longer housed there, so perhaps they could use the revenue to continue their service to children.	5/20/2016 12:43 PM
174	I think it's a good benchmark to say that people who work for and in the city of Decatur should be able to purchase a home in Decatur on their salaries.	5/20/2016 12:11 PM
175	Hoping we don't lose the diversity of the hood with the steep rise in housing prices. Right now Decatur can only be had by rich folks. Love that you are giving thought to how to preserve some diversity here.	5/20/2016 11:52 AM
176	I am concerned that the diversity of the city will suffer with the lack of affordable housing. At the same time, I am concerned with the crowding of the schools and want to be sure that there are not families simply renting an apartment to get an address in Decatur in order to send their children to the schools.	5/20/2016 11:25 AM
177	In no uncertain terms: \$360,000 is not affordable.	5/20/2016 11:24 AM
178	I hope Decatur remains an affordable place for my family to live. I am afraid I will not be able to afford the high level of property taxes once I retire. I doubt I will be able to remain in Decatur if high end housing trends continue to drive prices up.	5/20/2016 11:22 AM
179	No more apartments!	5/20/2016 11:22 AM
180	Infill house building has gotten completely out of hand, and has made it impossible for families with median incomes to move even within the city limits.	5/20/2016 10:55 AM
181	I don't know how or if you can enforce limits on the size of houses being built as the older smaller houses are being razed by developers. I wish you could but not sure it's possible. Theses 4+ massive houses are changing the demographics of Decatur and pricing out so many people. We moved in 15 years ago and it seemed expensive then, but there is no way we could move in now. Though the doubling of our tax bill twice in last 5 years has made it unlikely we will stay once our kids finish school. Paying +\$10K in taxes is not something we could justify without kids in school.	5/20/2016 10:38 AM
182	Condos, apartments, and town homes are affordable housing options. We shouldn't attempt to dictate housing prices.	5/20/2016 10:30 AM
183	I think affordable housing would be preferable to rental apartments.	5/20/2016 10:24 AM
184	Multiple unit complexes offer more affordable options.	5/20/2016 10:23 AM
185	I currently make \$44,000 but live in a deteriorating duplex apartment in Oakhurst - Decatur. I am currently looking for a condo to buy for \$120-140,000 to stay close to work, however it is simply not possible with the expensive City of Decatur housing market.	5/20/2016 10:20 AM
186	Please, please stop letting people build giant, out-of-character homes on small lots. What happened to the lot coverage limits? It seems like builders don't have to comply.	5/20/2016 10:17 AM

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187	Stop allowing 3/1s to be replaced by 5/4s that take up the whole property and infringe on neighbor's boundaries, block the sun, change erosion patterns, and deplete a once luscious tree canopy in CoD.	5/20/2016 10:11 AM
188	Although cottage courts sounded good, the prices quoted were out of line with the concept of affordable housing.	5/20/2016 9:11 AM
189	put a moratorium on all new apartment and condos in the city	5/20/2016 9:11 AM
190	Yes, force those piece of sh\$t companies Thrive and Stony River to leave or play in a way that promotes the holistic wellbeing of our city (i.e., not lead to increased prop taxes, less diversity, overcrowded schools; ugly houses)	5/20/2016 9:01 AM
191	Question #29 is confusing. \$360,000 does not seem affordable to me for a household with 2 earners making \$44k each. Not sure which answer for #29 would capture my opinion.	5/20/2016 8:57 AM
192	Measures to preserve existing small residences housing seniors need to be encouraged to try to manage school growth and superb standards that make us a great city.	5/20/2016 8:52 AM
193	Build less! Fewer condos! Fix the zoning so builders can't throw up the 5/6 houses either.	5/20/2016 8:31 AM
194	CoD is very small. Affordable housing is just a couple of miles from CoD. I don't think Decatur needs to push too hard for affordable housing. Vouchers and living outside city limits are great alternatives in CoD particular case.	5/20/2016 8:18 AM
195	I'm not sure much can be done about the rising cost of homes, other than keeping options diverse. Affordable free standing houses are ideal but we clearly need alternatives.	5/20/2016 8:15 AM
196	We need to try a little bit of everything to encourage affordable housing	5/20/2016 8:12 AM
197	Strongly support workforce (city employee) housing subsidies. Would support this through increased taxes.	5/20/2016 8:07 AM
198	I'd like to see the city encourage more senior housing options. Our population explosion is led by families with young children, at the expense of our senior population. I'd like to see the city work toward encouraging development of dedicated senior (or senior friendly) housing within the city limits.	5/20/2016 8:05 AM
199	No	5/20/2016 8:04 AM
200	There need to be more options for lower-income families. Because of the current home prices, Decatur seems now to be all white, upper-class.	5/20/2016 7:58 AM
201	I support the city's efforts to promote this. However, those efforts have not been successful so far. The new apartments are not affordable, and the cottage court demonstration project is not affordable either. (Perhaps by Decatur standards, but not for the populations described in question 29.	5/20/2016 7:49 AM
202	Stop allowing loopholes for until for builders who can get around the refs and just pass the cost on to the buyer.	5/20/2016 7:29 AM
203	I am concerned about traffic congestion from multi resident housing options.	5/20/2016 7:06 AM
204	This is a serious problem, in my view. We are no longer a diverse community in many respects (age, race, income) because of the cost of housing, and while I am in the higher income bracket, we are considering leaving because of the lack of diversity. Kirkwood is calling.	5/20/2016 7:00 AM
205	Well, if developers stopped buying and tearing down smaller, older homes and replacing them with big homes to make a profit, then there will be more affordable homes.	5/20/2016 6:23 AM
206	Regarding question 23, I do not want to see any more dense housing with limited green space. However to allow for affordable house housing (which I am in support of), condo and town homes would be acceptable if these are affordable housing situations required a reasonable green space to accompany them. Why can't the 60/40 rule apply to these structures?	5/20/2016 4:32 AM
207	Just that it needs to be a priority in any plans for future development.	5/20/2016 2:51 AM
208	We need to have affordable housing.	5/19/2016 10:43 PM
209	We keep tearing down apartments that are affordable. We build expensive condos. Decatur is losing its charm, it's diversity, and it's seniors. Bring back affordable apartments for one.	5/19/2016 10:23 PM
210	360k is a huge amount of money for a home! I would strongly support some type of subsidy for Decatur employees, esp. Police, fire fighters and teachers	5/19/2016 10:22 PM
211	Should have more rules around the style of houses. Paint colors should be restricted. No pink, no teal, etc.	5/19/2016 10:17 PM
212	Please make sure we have affordable housing. It's all about a good mix.	5/19/2016 10:03 PM
213	Without the subsidized housing, Decatur would be Marietta	5/19/2016 10:02 PM
214	I think diversity is what has made Decatur so unique, and we are losing some of that - especially economic diversity - as the result of rising house prices. I think affordable units are important.	5/19/2016 9:58 PM

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215	Atlanta has a great deal of adorable housing options within the city limits and surrounding towns. We paid high tax rates and a high home price for what Decatur had to offer. It doesn't not benefit us to lower the price of the Decatur market. The market dictates value and inserting unnatural changes to that process has repercussions. Tired of hearing this and fully don't support it.	5/19/2016 9:48 PM
216	Please put restrictions in place to stop builders from buying smaller homes, tearing them down, and building large million dollar homes in their place.	5/19/2016 9:04 PM
217	stop the infill.....it amounts to confiscating property but we need smaller homes.....the senior school exemption is not the answer because it shifts tax burdenalso it is NOT cheaper for schools to keep seniors in homes.....cost of educating kids of infill house not all local money....give incentives to people who buy dirt for 315,000 to fix up that home and keep it at 450,000.....say they buy home from owner for 350,000. Is there a way to get renovation incentive/tax incentive to add new kitchen and modernize?	5/19/2016 8:35 PM
218	Cluster housing or cottage type housing preferable to giant apt units overwhelming city and changing small town feel. Need more quiet and green space. Beginning to feel like Buckhead around here. All peace downtown is eroding.	5/19/2016 7:58 PM
219	Something needs to be done. It is getting out of control.	5/19/2016 7:58 PM
220	there needs to be more affordable housing for people dearing under \$50,000 a year.	5/19/2016 6:28 PM
221	I think it's the most important issue currently for Decatur to consider.	5/19/2016 6:20 PM
222	\$600,000...what's there to say	5/19/2016 6:09 PM
223	I think people should have to earn the money to pay for the house. That way they are more likely to take care of it.	5/19/2016 6:08 PM
224	I think affordable housing also includes rentals. I work in the city and if housing was not provided by my employer, I would be unable to live here.	5/19/2016 5:36 PM
225	Atlanta has a requirement for affordable housing in all new development. Decatur should do the same with guidelines to assure that the people who need this housing will get in and not people who really don't need it. Proof of income.	5/19/2016 5:33 PM
226	Atlanta has a requirement for a percentage in new development. Decatur should absolutely have that with ways to assure that the people who need it will get it rather than allowing others not so needy a way to get in.	5/19/2016 5:14 PM
227	I see in my community low cost houses being torn down and replaced with \$800,000+ houses. I don't like where this is going! Perhaps incentives to rehab old houses rather than tearing them down would help.	5/19/2016 5:12 PM
228	I would support offering loan subsidies to city employees so that, for example, the city covers x% of the cost of a home up to \$y, but then is entitled to a refund of that amount when the home ultimately sells.	5/19/2016 4:31 PM
229	Affordable housing also includes applicable HOA fees, taxes, etc.	5/19/2016 4:22 PM
230	The requirements for accessory dwellings (not that they are followed). Requires the dwelling be in the middle of the yard because of side yard set backs. Yet we allow people to put them nearly on the rear property line. This does not make sense. So the only people building them are folks creating a mother in law suite. It does not encourage rentable structures. So it does not help encourage diversity in housing size and price	5/19/2016 4:20 PM
231	I like that the City is considering this so that we can continue to be an inclusive community for citizens of all income levels.	5/19/2016 3:46 PM
232	It should not be a priority of the city.	5/19/2016 3:38 PM
233	Retain small home availability that is being developed out of Decatur. Stop licensing high residency apartments in the downtown area. Create a district for the arts including artist studios at affordable prices and performance space, with green space, locations for food trucks and pop up business and "festivals", of which Decatur is producing an excessive amount on the square. The area at the corner of Church and Commerce would have been perfect for this, right between the downtown and the Cemetery... Very walkable. But now... more condos, "lofts" and fixed retail development. Not good utilization of an extremely valuable piece of land for the residents of Decatur... population density has exceeded enjoyable capacity within the reputation of Decatur. Don't make us into Buckhead!	5/19/2016 3:26 PM
234	I would love to see serious regulations prohibiting purchase and demolition of perfectly adequate homes for the purpose of tearing them down and building very expensive housing, either single-family or apartments/townhouses/condos. Tax structure should not cater to such by raising taxes on remaining houses in the area, thereby forcing those with lower incomes to sell to the developers.	5/19/2016 3:12 PM
235	There are way too many new, big expensive homes in Decatur already. We missed an opportunity to levy a surtax on developers that could have gone towards affordable housing	5/19/2016 2:28 PM
236	The market has been growing much faster than income. It is a problem for the entire country not just Decatur. I would guess many residents do not work in the city limits of Decatur. Affordable housing should be sufficient for a household income of \$50,000 or less...not \$85,000.	5/19/2016 2:28 PM

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237	I could no longer afford my own home!	5/19/2016 1:53 PM
238	Yeah, thug life. Drugs, weapons, bad behavior. How's DPD staffing?	5/19/2016 1:38 PM
239	The school system sets a large part of that housing price. Constrain the school's performance and the housing market will stabilize. But artificially controlling housing markets without controlling the school system budget (and ultimately its performance) will not make housing more affordable. It will result in even higher prices for the uncontrolled housing stock. The housing market is merely reflecting the market to be in the city, not setting the market for those wanting to be in the city.	5/19/2016 1:37 PM
240	These home prices are ridiculous. The home sizes are ridiculous. The infill housing design should continue to limit the size of homes, at least by the proportion of the property on which structures are built. Partly this will maintain some more modest home size and price options. But perhaps more importantly, it will help to maintain land available for plants and animals, thereby enabling humans to continue to breathe (the oxygen provided by the plants). Otherwise this housing market is doing a disservice not only to the financial situation/demands for living here, but also to the future of our planet. (It would also help if people made their own choice to limit themselves to two children per family at most, but you're not asking about that.) Finally, the phrasing of the question above is a challenge (Q 29). What does it mean to exceed the definition - that \$360k is still too much money to pay for a home, or that \$360k is cheap enough to more than satisfy me that we are providing affordable homes? I answered unsure because of this issue. I think making sure that we have a good number of homes that cost \$360k or LESS is just barely meeting the definition of affordable housing. We should strive for even less, thereby enabling some people to have at least one parent work part-time, maintaining some time at home with children and/or contributing effectively as volunteers in the community.	5/19/2016 1:34 PM
241	Don't need it. Let the market decide.	5/19/2016 1:29 PM
242	Allowing more smaller homes and tiny homes and accessory dwellings might help.	5/19/2016 1:18 PM
243	Would love to see less emphasis on single family and more on apartments & condos as in other urban areas. Need to get away from the idea that a family MUST live in single family.	5/19/2016 1:05 PM
244	Although I have benefited from the rising average cost of homes in the FMV of my home, the diversity of my neighborhood (Oakhurst) has suffered. I consider this a loss and would prefer a lower FMV of my home.	5/19/2016 12:41 PM
245	no subsidies	5/19/2016 10:38 AM
246	Quit allowing GREEDY developers dictate the housing price/style in the city. The character of Oakhurst has changed dramatically in the 15 years that I have lived here. The charm of the bungalow type housing has almost been obliterated. The reason that many of us moved here in the first place is disappearing quickly. If people want large houses, there are options without tearing down the normal sized housing. if you want to create a playground for the rich, you are well on the way. When the economy tanks again, as it eventually will, those oversized McMansions are going to be nearly worthless chopped into run down apartments.	5/19/2016 9:54 AM
247	Housing prices are very high here. Would love to see surrounding neighborhoods become a more viable option (i.e., improved schools and safety), which would bring demand down in Decatur. Also wish fewer older homes were being demolished and replaced with mac mansions. These large houses impact flood zones as well and drive up prices. I like diversity and would like to see Decatur preserve economic diversity	5/19/2016 8:19 AM
248	Good schools drive housing prices up; it is actually okay to have expensive housing	5/19/2016 5:50 AM
249	We've outpriced most people with \$600K average.	5/19/2016 5:41 AM
250	I love being a Decatur resident, but the lack of middle class housing deflates that enthusiasm. We are a family of four featuring two well-educated professionals (a combined 6 degrees). Our healthy annual income of \$125K leaves us with virtually NO options for upgrading from our two bedroom townhouse to a modest single-family residence in our lovely neighborhood. Those with the privilege generational wealth can afford a housing stock that boasts a median value of \$600K. Those who rely on government subsidies can take advantage of affordable housing in multifamily developments. But where are the options for folks like me who are making strides towards the former, but simply aren't quite there yet? WE ARE THE MISSING MIDDLE.	5/18/2016 10:12 PM
251	I am a homeowner here. I love Decatur, but really only want to continue to live work and play here if there is DIVERSITY of economics. Please ensure affordable housing. Apartments, rentals, condos, senior housing, whatever it takes. COD will change for the worse if it's all unaffordable!	5/15/2016 8:59 AM
252	I feel strongly we need to set the example for MIXED INCOME neighborhoods. 20% affordable housing requirement with high quality design, subsidized by city grants if necessary. Let's be the example. Greater Atlanta Home Builders say they can do it (well, they say 10%), with a requirement for property managers to partner with City School Decatur for after school on-property programs..	5/14/2016 10:55 AM

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253	Instead of restricting multifamily developments to one- and two-bedroom units, the city should explore three-to-four bedroom upscale (not necessarily "luxury") condos (e.g., the "Classic Six/Seven" that was common in NYC at one time) that could provide a more affordable alternative to middle class families. The increased tax revenue from the higher valuations (higher than traditional apartments and small condos) would offset the costs to the education budget.	5/13/2016 4:54 PM
254	Make it happen!	5/13/2016 11:11 AM
255	We need to incentivize it!	5/12/2016 3:46 PM
256	Find the balance of affordable housing and tax revenue from expensive homes to keep the schools great is the biggest challenge.	5/11/2016 11:24 AM
257	Price to entry will always determine affordability and can't be controlled completely through all the market cycles. Taxes (which I think are necessary and ok by me) shouldn't be able to fluctuate wildly with the market making someone's house affordable one year and push them out the next.	5/11/2016 8:17 AM
258	Definite need for smaller houses at lower cost (\$250,000 range); consider alternatives such as density bonus to add affordable units	5/10/2016 12:09 PM
259	I think diversity is important and available housing for people at a variety of income levels is important.	5/6/2016 8:52 PM
260	Decatur city employees and teachers should be able to afford to live here.	5/6/2016 6:35 PM
261	1. The city should consider subsidize housing for city employees. 2. To slow gentrification home owners should be able to defer taxes due to appreciation until a house is sold. When sold the taxes deferred could be collected with interest. 3. Affordable housing by fiat may not be feasible given the scarcity of land within the city.	5/6/2016 4:24 PM
262	You need to get creative and work with developers to address this	5/6/2016 3:55 PM
263	There is a delicate balance on affordability around property taxes and school expenses. Using policies along the lines of 'rent control' unfairly shifts the burden of paying for public schooling,.	5/6/2016 3:42 PM
264	We DO need it! I think it would be great if the City could subsidize housing costs for all employees, particularly police, fire fighters, and teachers.	5/5/2016 2:09 PM
265	I do not think the city of Decatur should build anymore lower income housing or put tax dollars towards low income housing at this time	5/3/2016 2:41 PM
266	Affordable housing should include tax relief for elderly residents, especially long term residents. Extra tax relief could possibly include provisions for some compensation when these homes are sold.	5/3/2016 10:15 AM
267	yes. reduce lot size and allow for cluster homes. I have requested for years as aging people may prefer smaller lots but still have a single family smaller home. the way it is now one has to maintain big lots, not really sustainable for an urban area over the long haul. Anyway consider cluster homes and preserving existing lower cost housing such as some of the cheaper apt complexes and older townhomes. provide incentives for owners not to tear down and replace with high end townhomes or condos.	5/2/2016 11:55 AM
268	I do think it's wise to do something to ensure affordable housing. My parents would like to move close to me but they are not sure if they can afford Decatur on their retirement income. We have extended their search to include North DeKalb. I also disagree with the estimate above. I think that a more prudent limit for a couple with an \$86,000 income would be a \$258,000 home. I would hate to see Decatur become a bubble area like Tampa, Florida - my sister is still stuck with a high priced, low value home she purchased there about 10 years ago. She's had to rent it for 7 years. It creates an imbalance of residents with too many absentee, unwilling landlords. I am not sure what can be done to hold the prices reasonable though. Thank you for considering what the city can do to help this situation. I would like our young city employees to be my neighbors.	4/29/2016 12:33 PM
269	I am glad I moved to Decatur when I did because I could not afford to live here now and that is sad. Given the median household income in GA is ~ \$47,000 and \$55,000 in Atlanta that Decatur is not affordable to the majority and is becoming a community only the wealthy can afford. I moved her because it was affordable and a heterogeneous community but sadly it is not any more.	4/29/2016 10:39 AM
270	Diversity of population is imperative. The retention of bungalows and starter homes is necessary to insure that young couples who produce the children who fill up the schools continue to move to Decatur. Tax incentives reducing ad valorem school taxes is also imperative to retaining older members of the community whose fixed incomes are driving them out.	4/29/2016 10:29 AM
271	Any developer building multi-family unit housing should be required to provide a certain percentage of units for affordable housing. Those units should be under strict control by the city so they will continue to be affordable even if sold to another family. And maybe a program could be started so teachers could actually afford to live in the district in which they teach.	4/29/2016 9:00 AM

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272	Ideally affordable housing would not require two incomes to stay in the home as that would put a lot of pressure on the family in the event one member lost their job or wanted to stay home to take care of a child.	4/28/2016 11:41 PM
273	I am particularly disturbed by the amount and type of infill housing in our neighborhoods. Decatur neighborhoods have always been unique and are becoming less so. We are becoming overrun with apartments, condos, cluster housing, etc. There is way too much tree loss. The corner of Church and Forker is an example. This land was raped of trees and it is not pretty.	4/28/2016 9:53 PM
274	I support cottage courts and town homes downtown and on the edges of Decatur's established SF neighborhoods but I do not support tearing down SF homes for higher density housing within neighborhoods.	4/28/2016 6:09 PM
275	Housing costs - price PLUS taxes - are out of control. I want to move away, partly due to the high taxes. Decatur's main issue with housing is its tiny size - annexing other areas to spread the tax burden around would help with housing costs and taxes. Over the years, as Decatur has added more & more high-density housing units, I keep waiting for taxes to reflect the somewhat larger tax base, but it never happens	4/26/2016 4:56 PM
276	The cost of housing in Decatur is completely out of control. Please consider zoning changes that might lead to the creation of dwellings for various incomes. That 70% of Decatur is zoned for single-family homes is problematic. The free-market is only one part of the housing problem in Decatur. Zoning is a form of free-market control and the city should re-evaluate its single-family zoning ordinances as single-family zoning is partially to blame for the very high home prices.	4/25/2016 4:43 PM
277	We should raise salaries for teachers so they can afford to live in Decatur.	4/25/2016 2:30 PM
278	I am all for inclusion, however, we need to be vigilant on what we allow, as this may only drive businesses and money away from the area. We can't compromise either quality of our schools and neighborhood for inclusion. I believe we have enough inclusion with the government housing across the street from the high school	4/25/2016 2:23 PM
279	I wish there was more of it.	4/25/2016 1:16 PM
280	city employees are obviously not assured of being able to live in the city where they work. But, CoD loses out when so few employees live within Cod. Decatur would benefit from more employees having the user experience of living in Decatur, and being part of the community that employs them.	4/22/2016 10:06 PM
281	Need lots more. City is way to yuppified. Not enough diversity.	4/22/2016 6:18 PM
282	Revise Unified Commercial Code and Tree Canopy Preservation Ordinance to eliminate or at least minimize the bias in favor of developers and builders	4/22/2016 3:24 PM
283	I believe there should be a moratorium on high density housing. the city can not sustain the current growth at the moment.	4/21/2016 10:23 PM
284	A combination of more rental housing, more mid-density developments in existing residential neighborhoods, and inclusionary zoning will help. Putting more restrictions on development will not help.	4/21/2016 8:14 PM
285	Construction of smaller homes (1200 sf) would allow for a lower costs making it more affordable for first time buyers and seniors..	4/21/2016 5:28 PM
286	Not totally sure that I understood the answer choices above - \$360,000 is more than one should pay for "affordable" housing.	4/21/2016 1:25 PM
287	I strongly disagree with the large home being built presently and building 2 homes on what was previously 1 home/lot	4/21/2016 12:03 PM
288	it is not the government's job to ensure that everyone can afford a home in Decatur.	4/21/2016 10:40 AM
289	We need to slow down on the apartments. We could end up with lots of empty units if the economy turns.	4/21/2016 9:43 AM
290	If you are funding education from property tax revenues, affordable housing becomes a multi-faceted topic. Affordable housing is likely to lead to much higher education system costs but also leads to less revenue to support these additional costs. So then, the home owners who are already stretching to pay excessive property taxes are going to be called on to pay more. I think we have plenty of affordable housing options in the apartments and I don't think its the government's role to get involved in somehow trying to manipulate housing prices. Decatur is so small that our public safety employees can live down the street from me and be outside the City and presumably pay less for housing. Houses are selling for \$400,000 and being knocked down. I don't see how the government has any appropriate role in dictating housing prices. How about trying to decrease our tax burden? That's what I think the government role should be.	4/20/2016 7:11 PM
291	Right now Decatur is mostly white people, I would like to see it be more diverse, that is not going to happen with these ridiculous house amounts.	4/20/2016 6:47 PM
292	I think it is a shame that many police and fire personnel cannot afford to live in city limits. Either their salaries should be raised or we should provide housing for them	4/20/2016 6:01 PM

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293	some housing could be dedicated for below market to help for diversity, however, part of the resurgence of Decatur is the result of the school system and the livability and vibrancy of the downtown area. Letting the market determine the pricing shows this improvement	4/20/2016 5:07 PM
294	I realize that pricing is market driven but it is getting too expensive for me and I may have to move	4/20/2016 4:05 PM
295	people are too selfish to solve housing problems by themselves; city government needs to take a strong leadership position	4/20/2016 2:20 PM
296	We certainly need more of it in City of Decatur!	4/20/2016 1:14 PM
297	No	4/20/2016 12:24 PM
298	It is extremely disheartening to me that, as an average middle-class wage earner, I cannot even afford a single family home in the community that I love so much. There is a lot of talk about affordable house, but those programs typically only help low-income persons. While these programs are desperately needed, it still does nothing for moderate wage earners. Even with those programs in place, the only people that could afford to live in Decatur are the high wage earners and the low wage earners. The middle class is quickly become excluded.	4/20/2016 11:30 AM
299	The above choice "Housing prices are dictated by the market..." is a false conjunction. The first part is true and the second part is false. I believe that "affordable housing" is desirable but there is no obvious way to achieve it.	4/20/2016 10:42 AM
300	It's sad to see what is happening to this area and the fact that it is becoming reserved only for a select population	4/20/2016 10:35 AM
301	no	4/20/2016 10:25 AM
302	It's an unfortunate fact that many longtime homeowners would not be able to afford to buy our homes today. However, it would mean that I would need to either look at what would be available within my price range to buy (perhaps an older condo or townhome) or expand my search to outside of the city limits. What can't happen is for another "would be nice" program to be added onto taxpayers already struggling to stay. I'd be all for the City seeking out grants/ownership programs that would enable a public safety employee to own a home.	4/20/2016 9:11 AM
303	The city already has subsidized, non market housing. No further action necessary. The city should not be in the real estate speculation business.	4/20/2016 8:50 AM
304	The City of Decatur should think VERY strongly before choosing winners and losers in the real estate market	4/20/2016 7:56 AM
305	Currently, you have families that are trying to live in comfortably and are not able to do so because the housing properties are outrageously high. We have single parents that live in the area and would like to stay but don't see a breakthrough. You have prior students that went off to college and would love to come back to live in the city however it's not affordable. Families are in need of assistance, it would be nice to have some of the new condos or apartment homes available and affordable for single parent families.	4/19/2016 10:02 PM
306	We already pay enough taxes	4/19/2016 10:02 PM
307	I STRONGLY believe that we need to put a SERIOUS halt to new construction. There are WAY TOO many huge homes that DO NOT FIT w the character of the neighborhoods. The character of the city is changing way too fast. We need to provide realistic housing options for our city employees, seniors and hardworking citizens!	4/19/2016 7:58 PM
308	none of the new apartments are affordable. nothing is affordable.	4/19/2016 7:54 PM
309	I'm sad to see all the high rise buildings in Decatur. It takes away from the small town image we used to have. I think something must be done about affordable housing. Otherwise we are going to be too much of the same thing.	4/19/2016 4:05 PM
310	I am not opposed to big and expensive homes, I just hope there are options for many types of people and do not want people to lose their homes.	4/19/2016 2:30 PM
311	You blew it. You allowed housing values to rise and did nothing to prevent middle class families from living in Decatur.	4/19/2016 2:29 PM
312	I don't think a home has to be a single family for 360,000 to be affordable. My first house was a townhome in that price range in Washington DC. Our area is becoming more desirable and expectations also need to become realigned.	4/19/2016 2:03 PM
313	Part of the problem is with the way you worded the question, if my families income was only \$138k I wouldn't dream of trying to get a \$600k mortgage. Compared to other parts of the country this is very affordable housing, I think that it's terrible that some of my older neighbors and folks that made Decatur what it is today are being forced out due to taxes, but that's a different issue and one you can fix easily if you have the courage to shift the tax burden to those of us who put our kids in the schools in this market and have the means to pay it...	4/19/2016 1:42 PM
314	No	4/19/2016 1:37 PM

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315	Higher housing prices help all COD residents. Doing things to intentionally suppress housing prices in COD is counter-productive and not the direct responsibility of City government. There are numerous homes within a mile or two of COD that are priced in the \$100k - \$200k range. People can easily walk, bike or MARTA to Decatur from these locations without having to "create" affordable housing right in the city limits. We have plenty of that already, and lots of new apartments that most families can afford.	4/19/2016 1:05 PM
316	I do believe we need to have affordable housing options, but I don't support continued building	4/19/2016 1:03 PM
317	Yes. There isn't any in the City of Decatur.	4/19/2016 12:02 PM
318	I think the apartment boom with high rentals is blocking many people from living in the city.	4/19/2016 11:47 AM
319	Recently my sister and two sons decided to move to Decatur. She's going through a divorce and wants to be closer to me and my family so we can all help each other. She makes a nice living in the low 50s, which is normal everywhere else. Houses are unaffordable. The only rentals apartments are public housing, semi-dumpy old apartments and condos and the bright shiny new apartments with a starting rent of \$1800 for a studio. And forget renting a house--- Someone in my neighborhood is renting their tiny 2b that is really a one bedroom for \$2200.) Of course, real estate is what the market bears, but unless there is some middle ground, let's not pretend that Decatur is this great welcoming multi-income community. It's not. And luckily my sister and her sons found one of the little dumpy apartments. It's a 2b, in our neighborhood for \$1300. And that was a bargain. Decatur needs to either accept that it's a great community with great schools if a) you can afford it or b) were here long enough ago to get into it when it was much less expensive. There needs to be some kind of middle ground.	4/19/2016 8:05 AM
320	We need to encourage smaller houses to be built. That will add diversity & prevent so many of the huge, awful new homes being built.	4/19/2016 7:44 AM
321	We may have acted too late	4/18/2016 11:08 PM
322	Affordability must be actively supported by the community with subsidies. Also allowing lot maximization encourages unaffordability, so put restrictions maximizing lot by charging impact fees for going beyond a minimum footprint.	4/18/2016 10:20 PM
323	Unfortunately if you can afford to live in a place you can. Otherwise you seek housing elsewhere so the property values of owners do not decrease by less expensive homes being built nearby	4/18/2016 10:13 PM
324	There is currently a shortage of condominiums available for purchase. In "downsizing" we wanted to stay in Decatur in a condo (townhouses have multiple floors and we wanted something on one level). It was very difficult to do find one - condos in which we were interested often sold before they ever hit the market or we were "outbid". There has been too much emphasis on building apartments resulting in a "glut" (three in downtown Decatur and two massive ones just outside the city limits). When I was a young adult, we were not expecting to own our own homes - we were just starting out and apartment living was the expected beginning - not single-family detached homes. There are other ownership opportunities for the 25-34 age group including condos and townhomes - oops, not in Decatur because it is all about apartments. If you want to attract people of this age you should be exploring quality condo/townhome opportunities.	4/18/2016 3:55 PM
325	In many cities city employees are not required to live within the bounds of the city	4/18/2016 3:45 PM
326	New multi-family construction lacks aesthetics. Require greater offset on the lot(s) and preserved green space. If current building trends continue, downtown will be nothing more than a concrete jungle.	4/18/2016 3:16 PM
327	If economically sound (?), it would also be nice to set affordable housing guidelines for new developments, where a certain percentage of new homes built by developers would have to be 3-4 bedrooms, instead of 5-6 bedrooms, and therefore have more quality, updated housing stock within the \$550,000 - \$750,000 range, within all neighborhoods throughout Decatur.	4/18/2016 3:11 PM
328	Yes I am really concerned about the skyrocketing home prices. My husband and I make well over the example above of city employees and yet find it difficult to afford the home we have because the taxes keep going up along with the rising prices. I am also concerned not just about myself but about the impact on Decatur's culture -- all the money coming in its starting to feel more like Buckhead than the charming town we moved to originally. It also makes the gap between the classes even more stark -- \$800K homes v. projects. I don't think it's good for the kids either. We tour ourselves for being racially diverse, yet so much of the income is still along racial lines -- is it really great to have a racially diverse community where so many of the white children are so so much wealthier than the children of color? This is a huge concern to me and I'm really worried about Decatur's future based on the current path. On the one hand, Decatur is great and people want to be here -- on the other, it feels like the developers are calling the shots -- which is not how we created the community feel we all want, and I think it needs to be scaled back. All the huge highrises going in everywhere too, it just isn't a neighborly feel as much. Not sure the answers, so thank you for listening! :-)	4/18/2016 3:10 PM
329	Stop getting in bed with apartment developers!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	4/18/2016 12:16 PM

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330	Taxes need to be reduced to encourage average families and seniors to live here. The tax bill is much more daunting than sales prices. We need housing that encourages singles as well as families. Right now, you have to be wealthy or in public housing to live on Decatur. Racial diversity is good, but the City has ignored the LGBT community which is part of the City's history.	4/18/2016 12:06 PM
331	No more apartments!	4/18/2016 11:07 AM
332	It feels like a "healthy" community needs to have affordable housing (defined as 1/3 of income spent on housing) for everyone whose work is necessary for that community to thrive.	4/18/2016 9:46 AM
333	Let's stop building \$900,000 homes in older, more established neighborhoods; they increase property values and taxes for everyone. One of the things that makes Decatur so special is the different styles of homes; they have an ambiance and style about them. These McMansions destroy that atmosphere. Let's be smart about building so much. All these new buildings take up needed open space, use up water and other resources and are out of reach financially to many residents. Don't build just for the sake of building.	4/15/2016 1:56 PM
334	As they stand, the current housing prices rule out diversity of age and income, and probably color. This upsets me. It also means that fewer and fewer people will be able to live out their lives in Decatur.	4/14/2016 9:12 PM
335	We bought our single-family detached house in Decatur in 2005 for \$350,000. We sold it in 2012 for about the same. It was small but sufficient for us, charming and within walking distance (1-2 miles) of church, school, shops, library, etc. Families don't need \$600,000 houses..... they may WANT \$600,000 houses, but don't need them.	4/14/2016 8:37 PM
336	The statement "Housing prices are dictated by the market and whatever the market attracts defines what is affordable" is inaccurate. I agree that in a free capitalist market, housing prices are dictated by the market. I do not agree that whatever the market attracts defines what is affordable.	4/14/2016 5:11 PM
337	There is no longer 'affordable' housing in Decatur. Subsidies will have to be in place to attract city workers.	4/14/2016 3:40 PM
338	I don't see any reason to change housing prices in Decatur because city employees can't afford a house here. It would make just as much sense to raise their salaries.	4/14/2016 1:37 PM
339	A certain percentage of new multifamily housing should be set aside to be more affordable.	4/14/2016 11:42 AM
340	I would like to see the cottage-type housing or attached small units available for senior citizens	4/14/2016 8:25 AM
341	The city of Decatur has prided itself on diversity for so long. If you don't mandate affordable housing, you will not have diversity.	4/13/2016 10:54 PM
342	I'm moving out because of lack of affordable housing- and I make more than double the average rate of pay.	4/13/2016 10:00 PM
343	Many of us would consider our housing affordable if our taxes were not so high for just a modest home. My taxes are close to what my payments were just a very few years ago.	4/13/2016 9:45 PM
344	We are becoming Alpharetta. I don't understand why we cannot control the size of houses being built in this city. The character of Decatur is being destroyed.	4/13/2016 8:32 PM
345	For this scenario, would be difficult to subsidize detached single family homes for this amount or for market value. But there are still plenty of homes for 300K in Decatur, and alternative housing should focus on townhomes and the other above-mentioned options	4/13/2016 12:17 AM
346	We need a city plan that addresses this issue.	4/9/2016 10:31 AM
347	I think there should be a good mix of affordable housing types available	4/5/2016 10:17 PM
348	Decatur City needs to develop a centralized access for established communities to work to develop these affordable options. I am president of an association and have been trying to get this info. bwjones.ga@gmail.com	4/1/2016 9:55 PM
349	\$250 max meets my definition of affordable housing for SF home	3/29/2016 12:03 PM
350	The more the government is involved, the problem will become worse.	3/27/2016 12:44 PM
351	I am not sure why you are focused on single family houses. A townhouse or condo is much more affordable and can easily house a family (as is the case in much of the rest of the world where people do not think they are entitled to a house with a yard). I also think that housing in some areas of Decatur (Oakhurst) in smaller homes is cheaper than the \$600,000 average stated.	3/24/2016 3:07 PM
352	Decatur should support the creation of a foundation that would allow residents to donate property or money to preserve the diverse socioeconomic character of the city. This foundation could also consider buying more land just outside the city that might later be annexed and used to build more affordable housing.	3/24/2016 11:57 AM
353	Perhaps single family is not an option in the city... or smaller units	3/23/2016 10:35 AM

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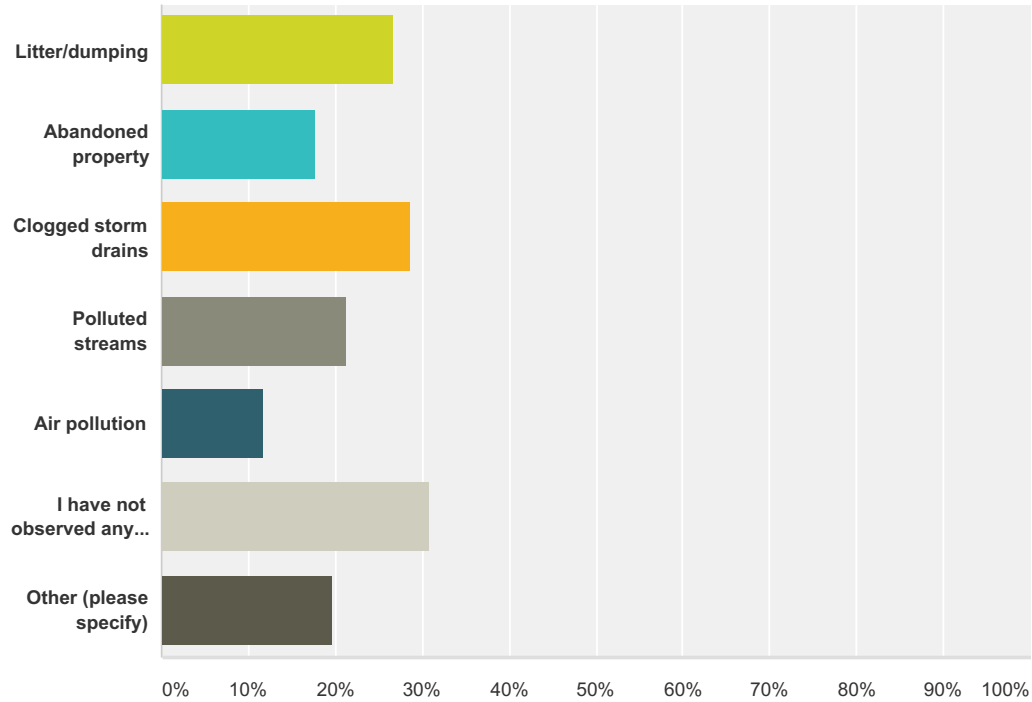
354	I don't understand the previous question....but there should be some housing that is affordable. The reality is that it will likely not be a single family detached house. It will be a duplex or town home or apartment. Promotion of affordable, less expensive (non-single family home) housing seems reasonable.	3/22/2016 8:44 PM
355	decatur school funding and development is based upon current housing (costs and associated taxes). The best restaurants and bar are in decatur because of the money that supports them. Change the income mix if decatur, change decatur. More chains like waffle house will open and we will start to lose top rated chefs with exceptional restaurants. We will also lose stores like Sq Ft and get another bong shop like the one that closed next to java monkey. Do not turn decatur into five points	3/21/2016 3:24 PM
356	Any new multi-family housing should require a percentage of affordable rental units (units that City of Decatur average wage earners could afford) - Multi-family housing built as rental units with grant monies should not be turned into condos after a certain amount of time	3/21/2016 3:23 PM
357	Decatur's real estate market is a product of success: high-income families want the benefits of the work and financial support residents have invested in schools, culture and City services and they are willing and able to pay more than the average young City of Decatur employee. And developers make more money investing in projects that cater to this demographic. For affordable housing to be a reality in Decatur, smaller homes and rental options need to be viable opportunities for developers.	3/21/2016 9:24 AM
358	I hope Decatur will continue to be a city where people of all different economic levels, races, ages, religions, ethnicities, stages of life, and other differences can all afford to live and feel welcomed!! I do not like the current trend toward a majority of residents being affluent white families with young children. I think it goes against what Decatur has always been about!	3/20/2016 10:22 PM
359	In general I believe housing prices should be market driven, though I might be in favor of a program targeted specifically towards public safety employees. Given Decatur's small area, we need the funds from our entire tax base. We already have public housing communities and many non profit owned properties, especially Agnes Scott. Perhaps there can be a partnership to offer affordable housing for public safety employees.	3/20/2016 10:01 PM
360	Affordable housing is very important and I think a more likely solution is attached houses (e.g. townhouses) or condominiums rather than single-family houses.	3/20/2016 6:14 PM
361	Currently we do not have any affordable housing whether owned or rental for the average wage earner or young person.	3/20/2016 1:26 PM
362	Affordable housing should not come at the expense of density/traffic/pollution/safety	3/20/2016 10:45 AM
363	I do not support any further house, condo or apartment building in The City of Decatur	3/20/2016 10:42 AM
364	Let's make it happen	3/20/2016 10:23 AM
365	\$360,000 is not affordable to many people - especially if we are really aiming for diversity	3/20/2016 7:07 AM
366	I am concerned about the number of elderly people who are or have been taxed out of their homes. The new exemptions will be helpful, but we need an ongoing program working with other agencies that help with repair of homes of seniors who have not been able to maintain due to rising taxes. MLK weekend is only a token program that, although helpful to a few, does not address the needs of many. It is an attempt to make the City look good when it has knowingly ignored the issues of the elderly and those of moderate income. Instead of such an emphasis on what we can do for business and meaningless bike lanes to win awards, let's focus on maintaining our diversity and helping people in meaningful ways.	3/20/2016 6:40 AM
367	We need it for workers to live close and so we don't become a town of all rich people We need and want diversity of age, income and ethnicity	3/19/2016 9:59 PM
368	What about Seniors and low to middle income individuals and families?	3/19/2016 9:36 PM
369	Make greater use of IRS code section 42 housing. Take a look at what Seattle is doing to provide housing for people who want to work.	3/19/2016 4:12 PM
370	There should be more	3/19/2016 3:34 PM
371	A difficult issue, but gentrifying Decatur by having "market" determine cost of housing (wealthy whites moving in) is NOT the answer. Subsidies, or publicly-founded affordable housing MUST be part of any development plan.	3/18/2016 5:30 PM
372	We must find ways for our teachers, fire fighters, police officers, our awesome city employees of all types to be able to live in our city if they so choose. It's obscene that the very people who serve the citizens of Decatur can't afford to live in the place they help make so great.	3/18/2016 4:37 PM
373	Government cannot regulate the cost of owner-occupied housing. Focus on rental. Partner with the Housing Authority.	3/18/2016 4:26 PM
374	Need more condos downtown - plenty of rentals available now.	3/18/2016 3:30 PM

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375	Some questions (23 and 24) on this survey are poorly written. I would like to make it clear that I do not want any more apartments, townhomes, condos or similar housing.	3/18/2016 9:41 AM
376	Yes! I think the \$138K calc is too high. I generally calculate affordable as 2x-2.5x (my go-to number is 2.2x) annual salary as the housing range. Decatur is very expensive. To comfortably afford a \$600K house a family should be making \$273K annually, for a \$360K house they should make \$164K. My house was \$365K and I found it very expensive relative to the size (1650sqft built 1930 with 3' of yard around it).	3/17/2016 6:03 PM
377	That last question is very leading and I object to it being part of this survey. For crying out loud, everyone here is smart enough to understand that housing prices are high in Decatur and it's hard to develop a plan for making housing more affordable	3/17/2016 11:04 AM
378	The market increase is running out a lot of long term residences that can no longer afford the increase in taxes. Infilling with \$600k-\$800K homes needs to be controlled to keep the variety in the residences -seniors, singles, first time home buyers, etc. that has made Decatur such a charming small town.	3/16/2016 4:41 PM
379	stop the mad, mad growth	3/16/2016 4:38 PM

Q33 Do you observe any environmental quality issues in the City that you would like to see addressed? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 906 Skipped: 146



Answer Choices	Responses
Litter/dumping	26.82% 243
Abandoned property	17.66% 160
Clogged storm drains	28.59% 259
Polluted streams	21.19% 192
Air pollution	11.70% 106
I have not observed any environmental quality issues in the City that need to be addressed.	30.91% 280
Other (please specify)	19.54% 177
Total Respondents: 906	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	It was upsetting that the DHS garden was turned into a parking lot. It would be good to refrain from those kinds of changes in the future.	5/31/2016 10:10 PM
2	dog poop on public sidewalks	5/31/2016 9:07 AM
3	Noise pollution. Many neighbors mean many leaf blowers. Hours.	5/31/2016 6:45 AM
4	Chicken coops being improperly managed...we are not a farming community and codes need to be updated for density in population and housing.	5/30/2016 1:47 PM

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5	Unkept property looking abandoned. Perhaps we raise the property taxes 10% each year for those property owners not maintaining property	5/30/2016 11:20 AM
6	Little publicity of sanitation options for people	5/30/2016 10:12 AM
7	Property not maintained by non-resident owners. There is such ahouse on Brower, possibly being held onto because a spouse was/is a magistrate.	5/29/2016 6:59 PM
8	City acknowledged storm drain at Lockwood Terrace and Fairview St. is not built to GA State code after 2010 watershed study, but enlargement/repair still has not been completed.	5/29/2016 12:19 PM
9	sewer odors	5/29/2016 12:04 PM
10	The home owner at 220 Fairview Ave Decatur GA 30030 has an abandoned Ford Taurus parked on the street with expired tag from 2007 - it's been reported to city and county and still there it sits. Hasn't moved in years.	5/29/2016 11:43 AM
11	Detention pond in Sycamore Ridge subdivision, flooding and sewer problems on Lockwood Terrace at Fairview	5/28/2016 8:14 PM
12	Owners must take care of their dogs'business.	5/27/2016 1:16 PM
13	Increased walkability and bike use in downtown district	5/27/2016 9:04 AM
14	Nothing I've seen deserves the attention of this survey.	5/26/2016 10:08 PM
15	More pervious pavement please	5/26/2016 7:14 PM
16	Make sure all our recycling programs continue, including glass	5/26/2016 5:40 PM
17	Generally pretty good, but on occasion, there is suspiciously bad looking water coming down the creek behind Lansdowne Avenue - maybe from the MARTA pumping pond?	5/26/2016 11:59 AM
18	I would like to see emphasis on green energy - e.g., cooperative solar arrangements	5/26/2016 10:50 AM
19	There's a tremendous amount of litter near the Chick-Fil-A and high school.	5/26/2016 10:38 AM
20	Better recycling and programs focused on making the city green and sustainable.	5/26/2016 9:31 AM
21	Too specific, but Leon's dumpsters leak and every morning pedestrians have to walk across their beer sludge in order to get to the MARTA station. It's disgusting and it's been going on for years and they need to fix it.	5/26/2016 8:44 AM
22	too much multi-unit construction within the city.	5/25/2016 10:54 PM
23	Sewer. Think all these apartments / restaurants can be managed by yesterday's sewers	5/25/2016 8:52 PM
24	The street cleaning in Lenox Place needs to be restarted to help with the storm drains.	5/25/2016 4:34 PM
25	Rental properties that are not maintained by owners.	5/25/2016 1:02 PM
26	kudzu and other invasive plant species	5/24/2016 11:44 PM
27	Loss of greenspace	5/24/2016 9:12 PM
28	concerned about the amount of clearcutting and tree removal for new properties.	5/24/2016 7:07 PM
29	I've called in sewage leaks in our creek at least four times in 15 years.	5/24/2016 6:20 PM
30	Maintenance of city trees	5/24/2016 4:50 PM
31	sidewalks in poor condition (falling risk for people, especially	5/24/2016 4:49 PM
32	Storm drains emptying into backyards. Storm drains on private property.	5/24/2016 2:35 PM
33	Corner of Ponce/Commerce and abandoned lots east on Commerce b/t Ponce and Cemetary	5/24/2016 1:04 PM
34	The ACE hardware on College Ave is littered with broken glass, the doors are unlocked, and the building is a hazard. There are abandoned cars/trucks with no tags are sitting as safety hazards in the parking lot along S.Columbia and Talley St. Frequently we see garbage and broken glass/liquor bottles thrown along the side of Talley Street between AT&T property and S. Columbia. A homeless man was living in that woods patch for a time. Really?	5/24/2016 10:57 AM
35	flooding in certain places pushes pedestrians further into the road where sidewalks are unavailable.	5/24/2016 10:13 AM
36	Pot Holes / Curb Sinking	5/24/2016 9:34 AM
37	Noise pollution	5/24/2016 7:35 AM
38	too many pets cats wander around endangering wildlife.	5/23/2016 11:28 PM
39	graffitti on East Lake drive	5/23/2016 10:04 PM

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40	Unkept sidewalks making it difficult to pass sometimes.	5/23/2016 7:23 PM
41	not sure given all the building I imagine there are issues that are going undetected or under reported	5/23/2016 5:48 PM
42	litter: cigarette butts and candy wrappers.	5/23/2016 3:19 PM
43	storm water infrastructure improvement needs	5/23/2016 11:59 AM
44	Neighbors not keeping tidy yards (rubble, etc piling up)	5/23/2016 11:51 AM
45	Not sure	5/23/2016 11:12 AM
46	Current efforts cover my concerns.	5/23/2016 10:52 AM
47	Clearing green space for people and displacing wildlife.	5/23/2016 9:37 AM
48	sewage overflow during storms	5/23/2016 8:57 AM
49	Way too much traffic these days. Stop building!!	5/23/2016 8:33 AM
50	Drainage issues from CSX railways near properties	5/23/2016 8:23 AM
51	Noise pollution from planes	5/22/2016 8:54 PM
52	failed tree ordinance and clear cutting of old trees like in the new Moda townhouses (Forkner and Church). it is horrible!	5/22/2016 8:39 PM
53	Cutting of all the overstory trees in buffer areas in downtown	5/22/2016 6:09 PM
54	Backed up sewer lines	5/22/2016 2:01 PM
55	DeKalb sewer system in constant disrepair	5/21/2016 8:31 PM
56	I hope the city stays aware of environmental quality issues. That is super important to me.	5/21/2016 6:03 PM
57	Could parents teach their kids who attend Fave not to litter on my front yard? So tired of picking up after these little angels.	5/21/2016 3:45 PM
58	Overflowing manholes	5/21/2016 3:29 PM
59	Home construction site silt screens are frequently shoddy, causing damaging dirt runoff. Also growing footprint of large houses on small lots seems to be cause more flash flooding on my street (5th Ave)	5/21/2016 2:53 PM
60	Poor grading, flooding streets and sidewalks	5/21/2016 1:37 PM
61	people whose privet hedges and trees are not taken care of and cause hazards for walkers/bikers	5/21/2016 11:03 AM
62	the storm water disposal seems crazy. it is dumped onto private property and in many location causes massive flooding.	5/21/2016 9:34 AM
63	bad enforcement of development codes that lead to all problems listed above	5/21/2016 9:01 AM
64	Very poor water runoff on Buchanan is a health and safety concern	5/21/2016 12:55 AM
65	Power/phone lines low. Trees blocking stop signs.	5/20/2016 9:18 PM
66	Use of pesticides and yard sprays	5/20/2016 8:33 PM
67	the culverts in Oakhurst are unsightly, attract mosquitos and appear unnecessary	5/20/2016 5:14 PM
68	Lots of litter along streets and in parks (Mckoy bball courts). Also, sidewalks obstructed by low limbs, overgrowth, etc.	5/20/2016 5:10 PM
69	officers out on patrol should ticket people/companies who blow their leaves into the street	5/20/2016 4:48 PM
70	I'd like to see more public recycling containers	5/20/2016 4:31 PM
71	broken sidewalks, not enough accessible sidewalks, inadequate lighting	5/20/2016 3:03 PM
72	Worried about parts of Shoal Creek that seem to be eroding, that makes us worry about flooding.	5/20/2016 2:58 PM
73	The above "littering" is almots always related to the nearby areas to convenience stores. The city should adopt a convenience-store surcharge-tax that covers city expense cleaning up after their patrons. That is, a special license to operate a store in the business of gas, cigarettes, and beer should be instituted.	5/20/2016 2:32 PM
74	The Wp playground is always full of trash and overflowing trash cans	5/20/2016 2:23 PM
75	Pesticide/herbicide standards & registration BEFORE chemical application.	5/20/2016 2:20 PM

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76	I have a drummer in my neighborhood who sometimes practices until 9:00 p.m. in the evening. It is maddening. Also, there is a triangle of property behind my house that is not maintained and is over grown. Additionally one of the yards that backs up to my yard cut limbs and brush and piled it up in the back area adjacent to my garage. For this reason we have a rat problem with his rodent motel. I called the City works inspector and they sent out a request for cleanup, but nothing was done. As a conscientious citizen who takes care of my yard, I find this unacceptable.	5/20/2016 12:48 PM
77	Grease from restaurant garbage bins!	5/20/2016 10:25 AM
78	Specifically in my landlord's apartment buildings in Oakhurst.	5/20/2016 10:21 AM
79	Not every homeowner keeps thier sidewalk clear	5/20/2016 9:59 AM
80	Too many trees are coming down from development. the penalty to developers is obviously not working.	5/20/2016 9:28 AM
81	Poor sewage control. Some areas consistently smell of sewage!	5/20/2016 8:54 AM
82	I have observed some of the above, but I expect that such issues are inherent in any city. I don't encounter it as a major problem in my neighborhood and the part of town I frequent.	5/20/2016 8:27 AM
83	Housing density increasing flooding risk.	5/20/2016 7:55 AM
84	not enough public trash cans outside of the downtown district	5/20/2016 5:41 AM
85	Run off from new developement has become a major problem. South Columbia for instance has major drainage problems during any significant rain.	5/20/2016 4:35 AM
86	Night lighting, lighting pollution. Balancing light levels with safety	5/19/2016 10:45 PM
87	Not enough recycling and definitely not enough emphasis on businesses to recycle.	5/19/2016 10:24 PM
88	Traffic light timing	5/19/2016 9:54 PM
89	Standing water (mosquitos)	5/19/2016 9:53 PM
90	more control over builders clear cutting lots	5/19/2016 9:39 PM
91	On Mockingbird Lane, there is a house that has been abandoned for years.	5/19/2016 9:11 PM
92	I don't live in Oakhurst where there are issues.	5/19/2016 8:36 PM
93	roads rutted, traffic lights WAY too long	5/19/2016 6:10 PM
94	Lack of green space as part of new multi-family construction. Too much new paving without providing for some vegetation to absorb some runoff	5/19/2016 5:37 PM
95	there is one property in downtown Decatur which continues to defy being cited. Why can't his be enforced?	5/19/2016 5:34 PM
96	Properties that seem to be occupied but have litter, junk in the area. Like the house in downtown Decatur which has been cited, but never seems to clean up the property.	5/19/2016 5:16 PM
97	Light pollution. All city lighting shoud be full cut-off	5/19/2016 5:13 PM
98	Run off because property is overbuilt or commercial use compacts soil	5/19/2016 4:21 PM
99	too much gigantic home infill in the neighborhoods and canyon like development in the city, proper	5/19/2016 3:38 PM
100	Make it more difficult for property owners and especially developers to tear down trees. Clear-cutting property should never be allowed.	5/19/2016 3:14 PM
101	Noise and light pollution too.	5/19/2016 2:30 PM
102	McCoy park is littered w discarded bones from large parties and reunions. This is a hazard to pets and children. Folks should not throw bones and food on the ground b	5/19/2016 2:18 PM
103	Absence of maintenance of small greenspaces. The city expects the residents to pay for any maintenance or beautification of small grassy areas around intersections, like at Avery and Kirk.	5/19/2016 2:11 PM
104	Less now than there used to be, but that's not the result of earlier complaints. Over the past 15 years I have determined it is pointless to complain about poor housing conditions and trash because nothing was ever done about it.	5/19/2016 1:39 PM
105	As before on housing - the more land we cover with human dwellings, the less oxygen available for the Earth. We are acting irresponsibly by allowing unnecessarily large structures and tree removal. The Oakhurst Harmony (Cement) Park is another example where we covered dirt in the name of recreation. Sure it looks nice in present society because we have become so accustomed to cement, but we destroyed habitat for millions of creatures and plants.	5/19/2016 1:36 PM
106	Abuse by builders	5/19/2016 1:07 PM

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107	Too much trash along Scott Blvd and Ponce	5/19/2016 5:50 AM
108	Potholes! I can't get a 3+ years very large pothole that continues to sink to be fixed.	5/19/2016 5:42 AM
109	CSD needs to make composting, reusable lunch trays (no more plastic clam shells for sandwiches and salads) The plastic production in the Cafs are outrageous. Reducing, reusing and recycling needs to be a priority for the custodial and CAF staff as CSD as well, if they are trained in it, it will happen!	5/15/2016 9:01 AM
110	Need to balance better our on-site water quality requirements	5/14/2016 10:56 AM
111	Not enough green space for all the new apt and condo residents.	5/13/2016 11:12 AM
112	The streets and sidewalks are dirty and in bad repair. More needs to be done to improve street appearance and cleanliness	5/12/2016 9:12 PM
113	I would love to see more solar powered in city buildings.	5/11/2016 11:25 AM
114	Energy use and impact on climate change	5/10/2016 12:09 PM
115	The rodent population in Decatur is horrible and must be a health concern	5/10/2016 10:41 AM
116	graffiti	5/8/2016 11:11 AM
117	The city seems to do an excellent job of addressing such problems promptly.	5/6/2016 4:26 PM
118	Blighted property	5/6/2016 3:42 PM
119	many properties that are not "abandoned" but VERY rundown	5/3/2016 2:43 PM
120	Failure to assure and maintain natural runoff and drainage conduits.	5/3/2016 10:18 AM
121	Predicted increase in Traffic on Forkner and Church Sts. with the new development on Forkner.	4/29/2016 10:30 AM
122	Drainage after significant rainfall events.	4/28/2016 11:42 PM
123	the businesses pollute, especially restaurants and the city appears not to enforce,	4/28/2016 7:07 PM
124	My neighbor has runoff from his gutters causing erosion and flooding problems on my property. This should not be allowed!	4/28/2016 6:11 PM
125	Living on Clairemont near the Scott Blvd. intersection, our front porch & inside the house acquire huge amounts of traffic-generated dust/dirt. I hate it.	4/26/2016 4:57 PM
126	Houses falling apart on maple street	4/25/2016 2:24 PM
127	Pot holes (E. Davis, Bucher Dr)	4/25/2016 1:17 PM
128	When it rains the sewers run over into the creeks. It is beyond understanding how this situation is still a problem.	4/25/2016 12:23 PM
129	too many trees going away	4/24/2016 8:40 PM
130	Noise pollution from gasoline powered leaf blowers used by yard services.	4/22/2016 6:19 PM
131	Noise pollution; Ambulances and sirens can be constant	4/20/2016 7:32 PM
132	your traffic 'calming' and deletion of car lanes for bike lanes has caused tremendous traffic congestion and degraded our air quality significantly	4/20/2016 7:12 PM
133	As you increase traffic through here air pollution will owrsen. I can already see evidence of that on my patio	4/20/2016 6:02 PM
134	understand if there are ways the city can help landlords with buildings that sit unoccupied for long periods- longer than 12 months, some properties on Church street near Clairmont have been vacant for quite some time.	4/20/2016 5:11 PM
135	I think there are storm drains that need repair and are perhaps inadequate to handle large amounts of runoff, but they do not appear to be clogged.	4/20/2016 11:32 AM
136	The tree ordinance is inadequate and more green space is needed.	4/20/2016 10:44 AM
137	City oversight of properties being redeveloped along Glenn Creek (federal waterway)-- Ridgeland Ave and Hillcrest Ave sides-- seems to be pretty lax. Is anyone paying attention other than when a neighbor calls in a concern?	4/20/2016 9:16 AM
138	Green space in the downtown area	4/19/2016 11:03 PM
139	Loss of mature trees in development	4/19/2016 10:18 PM
140	Would like to see more education on not blowing lawn debris into street which clogs drains	4/19/2016 9:47 PM

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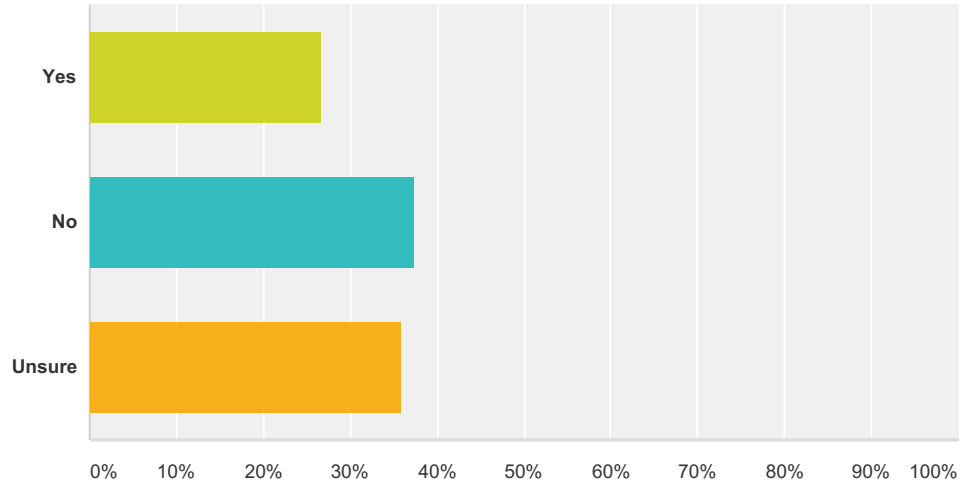
141	There seems to be a lot of uninvited nighttime activity at the city parks (I have found used condoms and drug paraphernalia - beyond disturbing!	4/19/2016 8:00 PM
142	water quality	4/19/2016 4:26 PM
143	trashy yards and urban barnyards - disgusting and chickens are a threat to public health via bird flu	4/19/2016 3:35 PM
144	should be a recycling container next to every trash can and in all public buildings	4/19/2016 2:30 PM
145	Removal of trees.	4/19/2016 2:30 PM
146	Walking from 218 Trinity pl going to small kroger lots of sidewalk repair needed	4/19/2016 1:39 PM
147	Too few street sweepings in the fall in neighborhoods	4/19/2016 9:27 AM
148	Please conserve the trees we have and continue to plant new trees.	4/19/2016 7:46 AM
149	too much impervious. Detention ponds are often installed improperly and/or managed improperly.	4/18/2016 10:22 PM
150	Storm drain issues are a major concern as is thus water running into yards and then creeks	4/18/2016 10:14 PM
151	traffic congestion	4/18/2016 10:09 PM
152	Residents not keeping their sidewalks clear.	4/18/2016 4:26 PM
153	Rats	4/18/2016 3:28 PM
154	Green space is becoming a thing of the past. Increased residential rentals mean more traffic congestion and increased air pollution.	4/18/2016 3:18 PM
155	Clearcutting properties for big developments, such as the new development near Glenwood Estates.	4/18/2016 3:11 PM
156	We have a pretty good environment in the City. Air quality will be worse if we sit in congested streets in cars due to poor signalization and traffic planning.	4/18/2016 12:09 PM
157	Pet excrement is a health hazard and kills vegetation.	4/18/2016 11:13 AM
158	people often dump trash in yards near stoplights	4/17/2016 2:30 PM
159	Parking decks that are not routinely cleaned and are moldy (ex: deck on Ponce and Marshall St.)	4/14/2016 8:38 PM
160	Recycling glass to discourage the use of plastic. Banning plastic bags.	4/14/2016 11:43 AM
161	The parks along Westchester Dr have sever drainage issues and will be a breeding ground for mosquitos	4/14/2016 8:26 AM
162	Noise pollution from the leaf blower's	4/13/2016 10:55 PM
163	not having quiet train zones	4/13/2016 9:46 PM
164	Like to see 143 Mockingbird condemned. It is a mold/rodent/bug hazard and depressing.	4/13/2016 9:31 PM
165	congestion	4/13/2016 8:32 PM
166	idling trucks	4/12/2016 8:00 PM
167	people who use the facilities in parks and leave behind trash.	4/1/2016 9:57 PM
168	hazardous, inaccessible or restricted sidewalks due to poor umaintenance; poorly-sited and secured dumpsters	3/24/2016 12:02 PM
169	Noise pollution: construction noise, noise from landscape equipment, music from restaurants, loud music from special events	3/22/2016 8:35 AM
170	Not pollution but silt in streams. Also concern about aging water and sewer pipes having potential to create environmental problems.	3/20/2016 10:02 PM
171	Noise pollution	3/20/2016 10:46 AM
172	Broken sidewalks	3/20/2016 10:25 AM
173	Leaf blowers - too much noise and pollution. I doubt we can outlaw leaf blowers, but please start giving tickets to those who blow into the street.	3/20/2016 7:09 AM
174	people need to trim trees and shrubs	3/19/2016 11:44 PM
175	Need more recycling bins in public space	3/19/2016 4:17 PM
176	institute a city-wide "no idling" policy for delivery trucks, etc. That would surely help improve the air quality in downtown.	3/18/2016 4:38 PM

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177	Occasional spray paint. My neighbors and I clean street signs ourselves.	3/17/2016 6:04 PM
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Q34 Do you think there is enough being done to preserve historic housing in the City of Decatur?

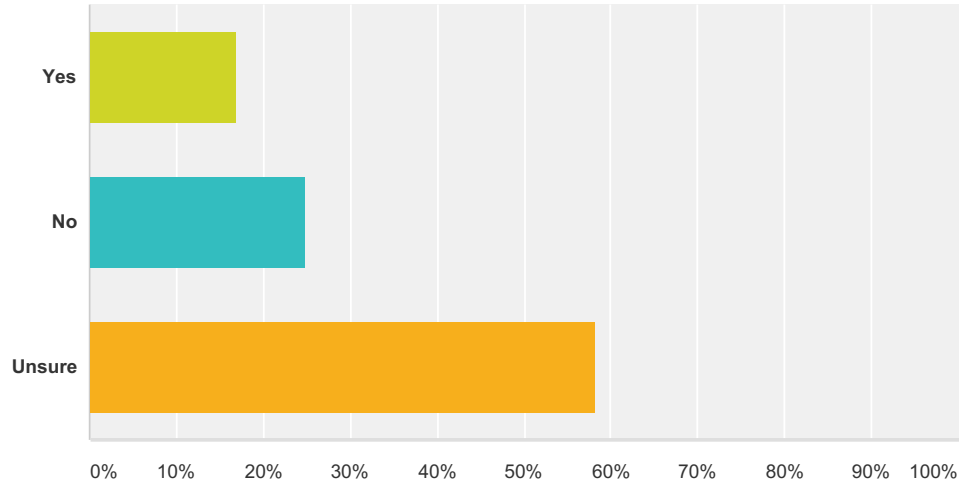
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	26.74%	254
No	37.37%	355
Unsure	35.89%	341
Total		950

Q35 Do you think the City of Decatur is adequately preserving stream buffers and protecting groundwater quality?

Answered: 948 Skipped: 104



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	16.98%	161
No	24.79%	235
Unsure	58.23%	552
Total		948

Q36 What should the City of Decatur do more of to continue to be a great place?

Answered: 683 Skipped: 369

#	Responses	Date
1	Continue having a great school system. Continue support of pedestrians and cyclists. Continue the community events - parades, festivals, etc.	5/31/2016 10:35 PM
2	Try to slow the developers down a bit (if it's not too late).	5/31/2016 9:57 PM
3	Invest in parks	5/31/2016 9:04 PM
4	Taxes are too high and should not continue to go up so drastically. Especially since there is so much development. through development and increased housing there should not be the need to continually increase taxes	5/31/2016 8:44 PM
5	limit the building of million dollar homes with 5+ bedrooms. Enough already. Our infrastructure can't support any more. Protect trees! The clear-cutting that's been going on with recent building is horrendous.	5/31/2016 8:00 PM
6	I have no idea. I thought it was a progressive, integrated community. It turned out to be an enclave of wealthy neoliberals, and as smug as any small town in Georgia. Looking forward to moving asap.	5/31/2016 7:56 PM
7	Get creative. Turn drainage ditches in Oakhurst into linear park. We need more spaces for the children to play	5/31/2016 7:47 PM
8	Stop approving apartment buildings. Quit overbuilding!!!	5/31/2016 5:38 PM
9	Traffic calming has caused tension & made Decatur exclusionary. It is much too easy for a few people to effect change in the streets that causes headaches & cuts off the roads to all the people of Decatur. In particular, measures that are unfriendly to bicyclists. Also, safety measures are sometimes not so. There has been some very bad road designs that are destroying the great roads of Decatur & DeKalb.	5/31/2016 4:31 PM
10	Improve middle and high school educational instruction, remove excessive standardized testing and focus on learning each day of school year.	5/31/2016 4:23 PM
11	Improved public safety including animal services which is almost nonexistent; more focus on recycling especially in restaurants and shops in Decatur	5/31/2016 4:02 PM
12	Reduce overcrowding in schools	5/31/2016 2:45 PM
13	Put a moratorium of building high rise or large apartment/condo buildings near Clairmont and Scott Blvd. where traffic is horrible.	5/31/2016 2:39 PM
14	Create or incentivize affordable housing. It's disappointing to me that employees of the city and other service workers who work here cannot afford to live here.	5/31/2016 2:30 PM
15	Continue to keep residents informed of issues via the city website, the Focus newsletter and community meetings.	5/31/2016 2:29 PM
16	Attract cool shops and restaurants.	5/31/2016 2:23 PM
17	City government and city schools need to get themselves aligned. What's good for one benefits both and what's bad for one hinders both. Why do the two bodies act with such different agendas? Attracting so many residents to Decatur has been a major emphasis of "the city" without much regard to how it affects the school system.	5/31/2016 1:39 PM
18	Encourage walking / discourage driving - would help with traffic and physical and environmental health issues. Improve Traffic Signals. Improve traffic flow and speed without widening streets.	5/31/2016 12:10 PM
19	reduce taxes for those over 65	5/31/2016 9:10 AM
20	Continue to work on quality of life issues.	5/31/2016 6:50 AM
21	Controlled growth and vision for exactly how big we want to be. Maintain diversity (age, ethnic, socio-economic) and still be able to afford to live here.	5/30/2016 11:52 PM
22	Preserve green space and continue to focus on the schools.	5/30/2016 10:59 PM
23	Figure out how to bring more tax dollars from business (get more business downtown)	5/30/2016 10:38 PM
24	Minimize dominance of vehicles	5/30/2016 8:21 PM
25	Be realistic about cars not idealistic	5/30/2016 6:29 PM

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26	continued diversity in people, families and housing options	5/30/2016 5:12 PM
27	Stop the clear cutting of trees for apt/condos.	5/30/2016 5:06 PM
28	Downtown needs more retail establishments and less restaurants.	5/30/2016 4:06 PM
29	Create ways for senior citizens to stay in their homes. Not just low-income seniors but middle income.	5/30/2016 3:57 PM
30	Be more inclusive and less exclusive.	5/30/2016 3:05 PM
31	Stop allowing builders to cut down trees	5/30/2016 2:14 PM
32	Cater less to large residential developers and apartment builders	5/30/2016 1:50 PM
33	More diversity, ways to encourage more friendliness and community interaction	5/30/2016 1:37 PM
34	Keep having community events like bonfire and concerts in square. Add more vendors and possibly food trucks. Keep small business rents affordable.	5/30/2016 12:02 PM
35	Do not assume that it is a "great place" but rather look at emerging barriers to having a livable and "respected" city.	5/30/2016 11:22 AM
36	Inject new blood in staff and new ideas in city discussions.	5/30/2016 10:15 AM
37	Parking options down town	5/30/2016 7:09 AM
38	plan adequately for schools. community events. recreation for kids. more after school activities after school (gymnastics, dance, swimming - similar to Y but through Ebster and the rec center)	5/29/2016 9:54 PM
39	Keep the community involved and maintain transparency	5/29/2016 7:18 PM
40	Invest more in green space development.	5/29/2016 12:33 PM
41	greater public safety presences (lighting, call boxes, safety officers)	5/29/2016 12:08 PM
42	Affordable rent for a millennial working in the liberal arts with a college degree is about \$800 a month for a one bedroom. Where are these options?	5/29/2016 11:45 AM
43	More green space	5/28/2016 8:47 PM
44	Keep up the great work!	5/28/2016 8:15 PM
45	provide free parking for Decatur residents. Decrease taxes No school taxes for seniors.	5/28/2016 2:38 PM
46	Promote friendly atmosphere and neighborhood schools.	5/27/2016 10:14 PM
47	Just keep on doing the good job!	5/27/2016 1:23 PM
48	Stop pushing for more "infill" regulations and historic preservation. There's enough of that already.	5/27/2016 12:41 PM
49	Offer more Decatur 101 classes so I don't have to regularly educate complainers who've lived here for a decade but know little about the city's operations	5/27/2016 12:09 PM
50	Listen to the people. Realize that people want to live there for the quality of life. But they want to be able to have money to eat, play, travel and for necessities.	5/27/2016 11:46 AM
51	Encourage people to move there with affordable housing	5/27/2016 11:41 AM
52	1. Do not allow building of any form of residence without parking according to number of people space is built for. Example 2 bedroom-2 parking spaces. 2. Need more parking spaces for local bussinesses.	5/27/2016 11:30 AM
53	The CSD Board should start listening to citizens about issues instead of relying on their consultants who know nothing of what we want. They have made some very, very bad decisions in the past few years that one day will come back to haunt them....Ex.-The Callaway Building, The DeVry Property. These were BOTH stupid decisions, probably made by consultants and approved by the school board.	5/27/2016 10:06 AM
54	To have deverse housing prices for everyone.	5/27/2016 9:37 AM
55	Google bikes Affordable housing to maintain economic diversity Encourage retirement age people to move to the city	5/27/2016 9:06 AM
56	Maintain the vibrancy of the town and take steps to maintain the active lifestyle of residents	5/27/2016 8:27 AM
57	protect and encourage local businesses; provide walls for planned and spontaneous public murals/art	5/27/2016 6:35 AM
58	Decatur needs to realize we are competing with many up and coming intown neighborhoods. The way to attract new businesses is to show a commitment to providing new amenities, like a new downtown park.	5/27/2016 12:54 AM
59	Nothing. Decatur has always been a great place to live in spite of our government.	5/26/2016 10:11 PM

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60	Be careful not to ruin our reputation as a high-quality and eclectic dining destination. Encourage the arts and artists. Continue to insist on honest government.	5/26/2016 9:56 PM
61	affordable housing for seniors	5/26/2016 9:33 PM
62	Safe bikeways for families and older people. Affordable housing Double down on walkability - be the best in the state	5/26/2016 9:31 PM
63	Continue the open dialogue for city planning	5/26/2016 9:22 PM
64	Stop adding residential. Enough people live here. Give seniors school tax break. Make more green space.	5/26/2016 7:21 PM
65	More affordable housing. Maintain all present green space and city parks. Encourage refugee families from Clarkston to live here.	5/26/2016 5:44 PM
66	Cost of living in Decatur. I find it some times hard to live in Decatur but can't shop in decatur b/c it's so expensive.	5/26/2016 5:40 PM
67	Accessible for older citizens	5/26/2016 5:07 PM
68	continue to embrace diversity, make affordable housing a priority, don't listen to the NIMBY-ers	5/26/2016 5:05 PM
69	Slow down residential and multi unit construction until a susrtainable transportation plan is developed. Congestion is already getting really bad.	5/26/2016 4:15 PM
70	Made the government think outside the box in solving problems -- and act on these intentions! I advocated several years ago for an alley to be opened between Olympic Place and Mead St. that would great increase walking students' safety by taking them off of dangerous College Ave. The city council approved of the idea and devoted \$25K to hiring people who could design it. Years later, this alley is still closed. Such a simple project should not have been that hard to accomplish. And a lot of taxpayer money seems to have gone to waste too. I also care about the dangerous speeds on Scott Blvd and am frustrated by the extreme slowness with with the powers that be (I know it's more than just CoD) are addressing it. It would be tragic if someone was killed while government is mired in bureaucracy and inefficiency.	5/26/2016 3:54 PM
71	More bike lanes	5/26/2016 3:36 PM
72	Continue to have every type of resident in mind. The seniors and middle class seem to be left out of the equation. A comprehensive, aggressive transportation plan focusing less on the vehicle is a great start!	5/26/2016 3:05 PM
73	Prioritize diversity, particularly of race, religion, parenting status, and income	5/26/2016 2:31 PM
74	Streets Alive type activities would be fun. What if one Sunday a month, we closed Ponce to cars from the CVS intersection with Commerce to Church?	5/26/2016 12:46 PM
75	Not get complacently satisfied with the schools. Address the housing affordability situation to the extent reasonably possible. Reduce taxes somewhat. Be friendlier to retail (parking and traffic.) But above all, maintain that great sense of community and place that it currently has.	5/26/2016 12:03 PM
76	continue to try and attract a diverse population	5/26/2016 11:36 AM
77	Provide more affordable housing and support walkability, bikeability, traffic calming and transit.	5/26/2016 11:11 AM
78	find ways to reduce income inequality and bring more diversity to city	5/26/2016 11:08 AM
79	Ensure socio-economic diversity.	5/26/2016 11:02 AM
80	I think the City is doing well, i would like to see more thought about encouraging encouraging green energy development.	5/26/2016 10:54 AM
81	Continue to reach out to the community through research such as this, so long as results are recorded and studies are carried out in an unbiased method.	5/26/2016 10:45 AM
82	Support Bicycle Infrastructure. Continue to put on great festivals and events	5/26/2016 10:40 AM
83	add employment opportunities	5/26/2016 10:27 AM
84	Maintain its character and small town feel.	5/26/2016 10:21 AM
85	Be greener and strive for more affordable housing and less dependance on car culture.	5/26/2016 9:35 AM
86	Restrict tear downs. Why try to create cottage courts of affordable housing when the city is full of affordable cottages? The problem is developers buy them at \$300,000 and then rip them down and price our middle income people. We need to put a \$100K fee on tear downs. That will move developers to retain the historic nature of the homes, allow middle income earners a chance to purchase cottages, or add income that could be used to expand parks or the schools.	5/26/2016 8:49 AM
87	Foster diversity and focus on maintaining/improving a strong education system	5/26/2016 8:19 AM

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88	If you haven't gotten my point yet, stop blowing more developers to throw up wooden multi-story housing . The traffic is already going to be horrendous for those of us who live here. I hate where the city is going on this issue.	5/25/2016 10:58 PM
89	Keep walk-ability/bike-ability a priority.	5/25/2016 10:09 PM
90	Provide affordable housing for middle class, slow down tear downs of smaller homes	5/25/2016 7:32 PM
91	Improve parking	5/25/2016 7:20 PM
92	Sidewalks on both sides of street where originally planned. Don't let residents opt out of sidewalks.	5/25/2016 5:03 PM
93	Continue downtown development with a long term focus. Increase bike/pedestrian connectivity. More office space downtown is needed. The apartments were definitely needed for many reasons.	5/25/2016 4:43 PM
94	Continue to explore ways to share resources and expenses with City Schools (both ways- adults w/out kids will better support the school taxes if there is some access to facilities for nonkids/parents. Continue with all the great citizen feedback opportunities- but make sure all feedback meetings are well publicized with plenty of lead time. Also make strong efforts to make sure citizens know what their feedback may be going towards (I had no idea that some of my answers at the Tree Ordinance feedback session would be used to create an all=stick rather than carrot tree preservation ordinance (that question was missing from the feedback session!!). I also think the City should expand its efforts to learn about initiatives in cities around the country-- we will likely be leading GA w/ the good implementation of great ideas, and some of the great ideas can come from elsewhere. Also, it would be great if the City could somehow match/provide info to homeowners who have historic homes with potential buyers who commit to renovating w/ state historic preservation program and living as primary residence-- I keep getting scooped by developers!	5/25/2016 2:11 PM
95	Think great and act on your great thoughts. How radical would it be to shut off lanes on certain streets to car traffic? Make the other side one-way. Fear not, many would gasp with delight at our bicycle-and-walker-friendly spiderweb -- never mind the beltline.	5/25/2016 1:13 PM
96	Continue promoting walkability. Have events in each of the neighborhood parks for the local neighbors to have a chance to meet.	5/25/2016 1:04 PM
97	Creating infrastructure to encourage walking and usage of public transportation. Should limit the creation of apartments, townhomes etc. which bring more traffic	5/25/2016 11:19 AM
98	The number one challenge for the city is to ensure we don't become a city populated only by high earning households. The diverse and neighborly culture that define our hometown and make it the unique place it is will be lost if only the wealthy can afford to live here.	5/25/2016 9:14 AM
99	Stop annexing new areas, focus on sustainable financial spending instead of relying on annexation to bring in revenue.	5/25/2016 8:11 AM
100	Have a long look in the mirror. Decatur and neighbor DeKalb are making poor decisions on development that are ruining our quality of life, polluting our air, pushing out our elders, clogging our streets, and overflowing our schools. And when neighborhood assns work for common sense solutions, we get brushed off. I hope to impress upon you how serious this is and how many Decatur residents are increasingly disaffected. .	5/25/2016 3:14 AM
101	Emphasis on school quality.	5/25/2016 12:55 AM
102	keep it low key, drinking with a festival problem but safe place	5/24/2016 11:47 PM
103	Be wise about how you use your money (our tax money really!) example, paying over 10000 to advise someone on whether to fire or keep someone in a job is not acceptable- if the appointed person cannot gather the information and make a sound decision, they should not have that job (hint, Mr dude!) Most of decatur's reputation comes from the great schools, so these should be a priority, including not building tons of apartments, that will result in overcrowding schools and a slip in quality. Schools should be a priority and the answer is not always to make residents pay more tax.	5/24/2016 11:36 PM
104	Continue to include citizenry in govt and decision making processes.	5/24/2016 11:21 PM
105	We really enjoy all of the community events like festivals.	5/24/2016 9:14 PM
106	Support its local residents--including those immediately surrounding the City of Decatur who want to be patrons. Support greenspace.	5/24/2016 9:13 PM
107	continue community projects like arts festival, book festival, lantern parade, open air concerts on the square.	5/24/2016 9:05 PM
108	again, sliding scale for tax, income or age based	5/24/2016 7:09 PM
109	Strive to make Decatur an attractive place for people of all ethnicities but don't overbuild -- keep our schools as tiny as possible.	5/24/2016 6:24 PM
110	Continue promoting community and grass roots activities like lantern parade, book fair, art fair, etc.	5/24/2016 5:18 PM

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111	Continue on the path we are on. 33 years here have contains so many positive changes!	5/24/2016 5:09 PM
112	Decatur is becoming a city of rich, white young couples with children. High property/school taxes are changing the city, making it attractive only to those who benefit from the great schools. Tax relief is urgent	5/24/2016 4:54 PM
113	Encourage diversity among residents, retail opportunities	5/24/2016 4:50 PM
114	Make the city more walkable	5/24/2016 3:55 PM
115	Allow more public land for city use. parks in particular.	5/24/2016 3:36 PM
116	Continue to support and expand programs for children and adults to get out and do activities and sports within the community. Also festivals and celebrations that promote the small town feel Decatur has.	5/24/2016 3:26 PM
117	Require architecture rather than the absurd zoning rules that currently in place. The 40% rule makes no sense whatsoever. You can't measure tree canopy at the lot level. And none of this has slowed development or loss of old housing stock one bit...it has just made things difficult and increased costs for existing homeowners.	5/24/2016 2:52 PM
118	Attracting employers and businesses should be an important part of the longer term plan for the City. Decatur is a great place to live, play, and learn, but many, many of our residents work elsewhere within the Atlanta metro area. Attracting meaningful employers and generating opportunities within Decatur is important for long term quality of life for residents, will also help to diversify our revenue base, and will add to the vibrancy of the City.	5/24/2016 2:45 PM
119	Connect people of like interests	5/24/2016 2:37 PM
120	Increase greenspace. Work with GDOT to improve state roads running through city.	5/24/2016 2:17 PM
121	Provide great public schools. Focus on the teachers and the City Schools of Decatur.	5/24/2016 1:44 PM
122	Narrow major arteries and provide bike lanes, wider sidewalks. Primarily Commerce east.	5/24/2016 1:05 PM
123	Attract more white-collar industry to increase the tax base.	5/24/2016 12:57 PM
124	Downtown parking needs be cheap (free?) and adequate. Traffic "calming" is counterproductive; accept the inevitable and widen the streets to accommodate increasing traffic demands.	5/24/2016 11:20 AM
125	Ugh, stop allowing all those dense high-rise apts and condos. It's crowded enough. Take just a little of that real estate and turn it into parks for your long-time residents!	5/24/2016 11:01 AM
126	Offer incentives to businesses that fit within the Decatur lifestyle to encourage them to move here.	5/24/2016 10:50 AM
127	Continue to ensure that there is available housing for a variety of incomes for families and parents, including families with lower income than listed on the questions earlier.	5/24/2016 10:44 AM
128	Extremely important: enforce signs dictating no smoking zones in the square. I hate to walk through the square and love to walk, because of horrible second hand smoke that has signs up saying is not allowed. People aren't discrete. It's as if there is no rule whatsoever. I never eat in the square because of it.	5/24/2016 10:35 AM
129	More diversity, way more affordable housing	5/24/2016 10:29 AM
130	Promoting itself to more diverse people as a place to live (affluent people of color who can actually afford it...there are plenty in Atlanta). Keep striving for greater walkability. Continue being a good partner with MARTA.	5/24/2016 10:22 AM
131	pursue diversity in housing and keep education first	5/24/2016 10:20 AM
132	Take care of the school system. It's the main thing propping up the property values which generate the majority of revenues for city services. Continue to focus on walkability, connectivity, and balanced approaches to transportation.	5/24/2016 10:16 AM
133	Work with the county to get a greenway/beltline like path out several miles from the city. like connect to the south peachtree creek path	5/24/2016 9:23 AM
134	A city that fails to demand good development will get lots of bad development. Our city is very successful and desirable. We should demand only good development. Quality design, open space, connectivity - we have earned the right to expect these things.	5/24/2016 8:52 AM
135	Schools and diversity!	5/24/2016 8:36 AM
136	Continue the fight for diversity (residents, housing, business etc)	5/24/2016 8:31 AM
137	Continue to talk to residents. Increase the diversity of residents. Have more cultural activities	5/24/2016 8:24 AM
138	Encourage economic and social diversity. That was the reason we moved here 20 years ago and I don't like that it is decreasing as a result of housing values increasing. It should be a city priority to continue to make our excellent education system available to a multiple levels of society.	5/24/2016 8:13 AM

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139	Reduce my tax as a senior citizen which finally passed. Took too long, which reflects the concern for us is not important as others. Also road repairs in neighborhoods.	5/24/2016 8:05 AM
140	Less density More tree protection	5/24/2016 7:36 AM
141	Build more schools (know this is a CSD issue). Improve traffic control/public transportation/free parking downtown. "Locals" night discounts at Decatur shops/restaurants	5/24/2016 5:52 AM
142	Stop permitting the building of high density residences.	5/24/2016 5:03 AM
143	Don't be afraid to stay small.	5/23/2016 11:29 PM
144	Prevent developers from buying several lots and clear cutting the trees and building 30-40 units on what had 4 homes.	5/23/2016 11:23 PM
145	More community policing with a visible presence to deter traffic violations and petty crime, car break-ins, thefts, opportunistic crime that reduces quality of life by keeping residents on edge.	5/23/2016 11:11 PM
146	Either respond to See-Click-Fix issues or just drop the app, since almost nothing is ever done in response to complaints/problems. The items are referred to someone, and that's the last that is ever heard regarding over 95% of them. If we don't have the staff to respond, let's quit pretending we do.	5/23/2016 10:29 PM
147	Lower the millegage rate and pay down debt	5/23/2016 10:06 PM
148	Support the schools! The quality of CSD is a large reason, if not the biggest reason, that the city of Decatur has become so popular. If the quality of the schools decline, everything else will follow.	5/23/2016 9:07 PM
149	affordable housing	5/23/2016 8:42 PM
150	Attract businesses, especially to the downtown area. Enhance parks and other public spaces. Keep the school population under control.	5/23/2016 8:30 PM
151	Love the city-wide festivals, parties, parades and events.	5/23/2016 8:27 PM
152	Try to make sure the people who work in Decatur can afford to live there.	5/23/2016 8:03 PM
153	Work to preserve diversity.	5/23/2016 7:25 PM
154	Preserve the integrity of neighborhoods by strengthening measures to prevent tree loss and restrain infill housing. Maybe somehow stop building of houses that dwarf existing homes and throw them into the shadows.	5/23/2016 7:14 PM
155	Continue making pedestrian enhancements and promoting density for redeveloping properties	5/23/2016 6:32 PM
156	encourage a diverse small business development environment so that people don't have to leave Decatur to do much of anything	5/23/2016 5:53 PM
157	Don't get uppity	5/23/2016 5:15 PM
158	Crack down on abandoned houses. One next to us has been abandoned for 12-15 years and that is insane.	5/23/2016 5:05 PM
159	continue to attract small businesses and restaurants	5/23/2016 4:59 PM
160	continuously seek opportunities to increase greenspaces, even if small	5/23/2016 4:56 PM
161	More pedestrians and fewer cars	5/23/2016 4:54 PM
162	See question #30 AND an effective tree ordinance. The corner of Church & Forkner -- enough said!	5/23/2016 4:48 PM
163	Cut taxes. Provide one-level housing for seniors, disabled, singles that isn't a mid or high rise. Put these outside existing residential areas. Do something to stop the destruction of older homes. No more expensive town homes and apartments. They are seem designed for the same demographic. Stop the development of downtown. I hate the endless mixed use development of downtown. More greenspace.	5/23/2016 4:31 PM
164	Focus on safety of pedestrians and bikers.	5/23/2016 4:22 PM
165	Less building in the city center. Too crowded	5/23/2016 4:07 PM
166	Use space wisely, limit growth and diversify the tax base	5/23/2016 4:02 PM
167	Plant & protect trees	5/23/2016 4:01 PM
168	Attract business/offices to increase number of people in the city during the day to support local restaurants and retail.	5/23/2016 3:54 PM
169	Enforce the laws regarding public safety and ease up on the ridiculous regulations regarding personal use of yard space.	5/23/2016 3:52 PM
170	Enforcement and creation of zoning that is more in tune w the residence and less for developers. Not all city employees are respectful of their clients it is embarrassing to hear stories of the behavior of some employees.	5/23/2016 3:50 PM

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171	don't regulate!	5/23/2016 3:49 PM
172	encourage more reasonably priced food options... also more bars/dining with outdoor seating options.	5/23/2016 3:33 PM
173	Continue to strive for diversity, continue to strengthen our schools, continue to support small and local businesses.	5/23/2016 3:20 PM
174	Unite north and south, currently divided by railroad tracks.	5/23/2016 3:20 PM
175	encourage more pedestrian traffic	5/23/2016 1:20 PM
176	Safety on Scott, improved sidewalks (especially near elementary schools), continue focus on community, walkability. Continue to consider how to offer affordable housing. Continue with plans to reduce school overcrowding.	5/23/2016 12:44 PM
177	ensuring citizens of all economic status can continue to thrive.	5/23/2016 12:01 PM
178	Pause all the massive single home construction. Do more to preserve the modest bungalows!	5/23/2016 11:52 AM
179	Limit the construction of giant homes - by builders for profit - that don't fit the fabric of the neighborhoods or communities.	5/23/2016 11:44 AM
180	Not allow blighted properties! The properties on 2nd and Hood Cir. are terrible and have been for over 10 years yet they stay. It's terribly frustrating. And then I built a home. The restrictions were very tough. Why can we not enclose our carport to safely store our tools and bikes yet blighted properties stay and there are little to no penalties?????	5/23/2016 11:37 AM
181	Need to do more to retain racial, ethnic & socioeconomic diversity	5/23/2016 11:13 AM
182	Continue to focus on walkability and bikeability, broader housing types, and local indie commerce.	5/23/2016 10:53 AM
183	Greater effort needs to be made to preserve the history of the neighborhood and encourage diversity of race, culture and socio-economic	5/23/2016 10:15 AM
184	Support public schools; safety	5/23/2016 10:06 AM
185	community activities/festivals	5/23/2016 9:55 AM
186	Traffic calming	5/23/2016 9:38 AM
187	Preserve the neighborhood feel. I fell in love with this area because it's a community. I worry with all the big retailers coming in, lots of mixed use buildings, etc. the area will lose its charm. Lots of housing is being torn down and new big houses are going up on small lots with variances. I have a small child and need to get to the square quickly on some days and parking/traffic can be frustrating. Big businesses are going up near my home off of Sycamore like Walmart, sprouts, etc. and more housing. This will cause more people to be frequenting the Downtown area. The influx of business can be good as long as there is a plan to manage traffic.	5/23/2016 9:25 AM
188	Decrease property tax to allow lower income folks to continue living here. Encourage more than 4-5 bedroom homes in new construction. Most seniors do not want or need these!	5/23/2016 9:09 AM
189	Preserve greenspace, slow housing/building growth especially apartments which are larger than single bedrooms. I feel we are at about capacity with population in the city and if we can slow down on the construction of big apartment and condominiums this would help enormously.	5/23/2016 9:03 AM
190	Continue with the excellent accessibility initiatives.	5/23/2016 9:01 AM
191	Improve walkability of the city, continued focus on locally owned businesses, more festivals & family friendly activities, increase rules about what people can do in historic neighborhoods (like no weird paint colors--that works for Inman but takes away from the beauty of our old sleepy neighborhoods), and continue to improve safety.	5/23/2016 8:56 AM
192	Ensure socio-economic and racial-ethnic diversity, including not only housing options, but business options that are appropriate for all income levels.	5/23/2016 8:44 AM
193	Focus on making the city walkable. Attract more small businesses. Do not grant more variances which enable McMansions to be built. Keep property taxes in line with what residents can afford to pay; not simply what this artificially high real estate market dictates.	5/23/2016 8:39 AM
194	STOP BUILDING!!	5/23/2016 8:34 AM
195	Lower taxes.	5/23/2016 8:30 AM
196	Balance the excellence of the school system with reasonable tax rates.	5/23/2016 8:30 AM
197	City of Decatur police should issue tickets for rolling through stop signs.	5/23/2016 8:22 AM

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198	Fix traffic issues; consider a tax break for families who don't have children in the school system (you need families who don't have children as they help pay into the school system but don't use those resources - however, the taxes for schools are getting so high that many of these households are moving just out of the Decatur city line into Atlanta so they can save the taxes b/c they are just too much when you don't use that benefit).	5/23/2016 8:20 AM
199	More multi-generational activities.	5/23/2016 7:50 AM
200	Reduce our tax burden. It's the only reason I would move away from here.	5/23/2016 7:31 AM
201	Great schools	5/23/2016 6:38 AM
202	Improve public transportation	5/23/2016 1:37 AM
203	The downtown area could use a movie theater even if just two screens. This would be good for teens and adults, or kids during the day. Downtown Decatur is so focused on restaurants and the retail is so boutique oriented, I think we are missing out on normal shops.	5/22/2016 11:32 PM
204	Affordable new townhomes...under \$350,000	5/22/2016 10:29 PM
205	continue to support/work with the school system	5/22/2016 10:26 PM
206	Preserve green space, plan preservation of open space/green space	5/22/2016 10:26 PM
207	Keep things small and diverse.	5/22/2016 9:39 PM
208	Slow down infill and decrease size.	5/22/2016 9:34 PM
209	Continue to be walkable with places to walk.	5/22/2016 8:51 PM
210	Save big old trees. Add bike lanes. Build actual buildings at the schools.	5/22/2016 8:43 PM
211	Less big business	5/22/2016 8:43 PM
212	Slow down the builders who are squeezing in oversized homes on small lots. And squeezing out affordable homes.	5/22/2016 7:43 PM
213	Actively listen to its citizens	5/22/2016 7:05 PM
214	public space (parks/open space). Streets safer from high speed traffic. No more multi-use structures and 3-5 story buildings.	5/22/2016 6:17 PM
215	There is no up to date Pan for downtown. the city is pushing hard to have every possible space built on for taxation without considering the needs to its residents.	5/22/2016 6:13 PM
216	Preserve the small town feel within the shadow of the metropolis.	5/22/2016 6:11 PM
217	The City needs to continue to partner with the school system to ensure the Schools stay great. I define great as people wanting to send their kids there. If that drops off, so does the need/want to live in the City of Decatur.	5/22/2016 2:12 PM
218	provide more greenspace	5/22/2016 2:02 PM
219	lower taxes for people with no children	5/22/2016 12:31 PM
220	Improve downtown traffic flow. Especially the streets near the railroads. They really are a safety hazard to vehicles & pedestrians.	5/22/2016 11:24 AM
221	Efforts to allow seniors to age in place, and efforts to restore affordable housing in Decatur neighborhoods.	5/22/2016 11:18 AM
222	making space for nature, arts, gathering-keep the festivals going, great restaurants	5/22/2016 9:34 AM
223	GREENSPACE and Bike Paths	5/22/2016 12:07 AM
224	maintain mixed community allow people who don't make over 100k buy homes here...stop turing the city into another Brookhaven...large apartment complexes that all look alike, packing people into the city...	5/21/2016 9:07 PM
225	Not just promote diversity with words, but make space for communities that are varied along race and class lines in particular. Decatur is extremely White and upper Middle Class (assuming this by who is moving in to all the new \$1m houses). The Kindergarten class at Oakhurst is so racially homogenous. It's a big difference compared to the 3rd grade class there. It's so clear gentrification has pushed out people of color, specifically Black families, and ensured those who stay (and thrive) are upper middle class.	5/21/2016 8:59 PM
226	discourage tear-downs of modest housing stock just to construct McMansions. Seems as if zoning and planning regs are regularly flouted by developers building spec homes.	5/21/2016 8:36 PM
227	enforce traffic laws. reduce wrong side of the road parking. enforce drug laws.	5/21/2016 8:05 PM

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228	I think we should hold our residents accountable to keep the city a great place to live. I've noticed people parking on sidewalks, speeding, littering, etc (which I'm aware happens everywhere). I think what makes Decatur great is that we say something and don't let it continue. I think we need to maintain that!	5/21/2016 6:07 PM
229	Keep improving walkable areas	5/21/2016 4:48 PM
230	More deliberate planning for housing in the central business district. Don't delegate this critical task to the developers.	5/21/2016 4:42 PM
231	Encourage independently-owned small businesses	5/21/2016 4:01 PM
232	Offer free deck parking after 6pm weekdays and all day on weekends and holidays. Offer more diversity in housing options.	5/21/2016 3:58 PM
233	Make city walkable & safe	5/21/2016 3:41 PM
234	Maintain/improve walkability and safety. Lower taxes. Add/protect green space.	5/21/2016 3:35 PM
235	Walkable city, safe city, great schools	5/21/2016 3:32 PM
236	Invest in complete streets, with protected bike tracks, painted bike lanes, wide sidewalks. Work to bring more employers into downtown.	5/21/2016 2:56 PM
237	Figure out how to avoid becoming Buckhead by developing a reasonable and consistent approach to zoning variances. At the same time, the approach needs to avoid creating an excessive windfall to the people who have mcmansions already. Perhaps the taxation should be on the number of bedrooms.	5/21/2016 2:34 PM
238	Figure out a way to supplement commercial rents for young businesses.	5/21/2016 2:30 PM
239	fix pot holes, they are out of control	5/21/2016 1:50 PM
240	Make the city safe for bicyling and walking to all destinations for families and citizens of all ages.	5/21/2016 1:42 PM
241	invite greater diversity. Decatur proper seems to be predominately Caucasian.	5/21/2016 1:07 PM
242	Make it friendly to mixed demographics, especially middle class. I don't want to live in Buckhead East.	5/21/2016 12:26 PM
243	Provide affordable places for local businesses to rent/lease. Provide better, wider sidewalks on major corridors like Scott Blvd and Clairemont.	5/21/2016 11:53 AM
244	Encourage volunteerism	5/21/2016 11:49 AM
245	Police police police; free events that don't center around children; walkability/bikeability; surveys like this that let citizens give input	5/21/2016 11:05 AM
246	Invest in education!	5/21/2016 10:49 AM
247	Stop building 800k+ homes	5/21/2016 10:25 AM
248	Public gathering places, alternatives to motor vehicle transportation	5/21/2016 9:58 AM
249	stop allowing all these variances to builders. I see lots being sold and then a sign goes up that the developer is asking for a variance. I see houses being torn down and the developer asks for variances for the new giant house they will build. and the city is granting the variances. When a developer buys a lot s/he should be made to build within the rules. I am so tired of the giant homes being built with just a few feet of space on either side, no backyard, variance on front set-back.	5/21/2016 9:42 AM
250	Stop letting builders take over our city. They just have to pay a fine and they can build whatever monstrosity they want. We've watched our neighborhood lose huge trees because pockets were greased.	5/21/2016 9:40 AM
251	Take care of sidewalks and lighting	5/21/2016 9:29 AM
252	stop with the gift shops--encourage more locally-placed community-needs shops (grocery/houseware/hardware/etc) to make neighborhoods more city-centers in of themselves	5/21/2016 9:07 AM
253	The city really needs to figure out what is happening with the school system. It is completely unacceptable how big the classes are going to be when my children are scheduled to be in high school. They are currently in kindergarten .	5/21/2016 8:49 AM
254	Push alternative housing (tiny & cluster) and make incentives for builders to renovate older homes instead of tearing them all down.	5/21/2016 8:37 AM
255	Recruit people outside the known cliques to serve on resident boards	5/21/2016 8:04 AM
256	Strong downtown. Continue traffic calming efforts. Support our festivals.	5/21/2016 7:46 AM
257	Walk ability	5/21/2016 6:05 AM
258	Stop adding apartments	5/21/2016 2:33 AM

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259	Promote diversity and inclusion.	5/21/2016 1:00 AM
260	Cut government spending. Reduce property taxes. Eliminate city credit cards to stop frivolous spending.	5/21/2016 12:57 AM
261	Less apartment building and more affordable housing and age in place housing	5/20/2016 11:27 PM
262	Encourage more renovations and fewer teardowns.	5/20/2016 11:06 PM
263	Zoning and permitting ordinances should be update to reflect the availability of new eco friendly materials. These improved materials should be incorporated in city building projects.	5/20/2016 10:48 PM
264	Maintain sidewalks, that often get taken over by plants.	5/20/2016 10:47 PM
265	Crime prevention. Calm South Candler	5/20/2016 10:45 PM
266	Keep the property taxes lower so we can afford to live here.	5/20/2016 10:03 PM
267	Sidewalks	5/20/2016 9:34 PM
268	Community activities	5/20/2016 9:09 PM
269	Invest in school infrastructure	5/20/2016 8:58 PM
270	Safety too many police offices not doing anything.	5/20/2016 8:43 PM
271	Be careful about number and quality of new developments. Be picky!! Also talk about some neighborly environment issues like lawn sprays and blowers - pesticide and noise pollution. Maybe reach out to shops that are not local but could increase traffic like Ponce city market has done.	5/20/2016 8:40 PM
272	restrain growth. We have exceeded our capacity and are turning into a gridlocked city.	5/20/2016 8:36 PM
273	Encourage affordability of housing and bussinesses practices for better quality of life. Facilitate resident accesibility and parking to the downtown district	5/20/2016 8:25 PM
274	The rapid development of new single and multi family dwellings is and will continue to create infrastructure problems which diminishes the appeal of Decatur. City needs to find a way to slow the growth to a rate that can be supported by infrastructure.	5/20/2016 7:57 PM
275	Control size and compatibility of infill development. Control and limit further development of massive condo/apartment blocks. These are not going to age well. They have little to none inherent value. We should of controlled this more.	5/20/2016 7:39 PM
276	Work on connectivity	5/20/2016 6:39 PM
277	Inspire community	5/20/2016 5:23 PM
278	Decatur already does a lot that is great. I think engaging community members that have a very active voice in neighborhood Facebook and email list serves would be a great addition. These folks often set the tone for neighborhood discussion, good or bad. Could commissioners be in these groups and directly engage (via email, Facebook, phone call) the most "vocal" members? Invite them to meetings, etc.? I think some negativity could be taken out of the community if some members were held accountable for all of their "what SHOULD be happening" comments. Similarly, some great things could come from individual neighborhood representation. For example, I live in Oakhurst, but I feel strongly that the traffic on Scott Blvd is dangerous. What can I do to help that neighborhood?	5/20/2016 5:18 PM
279	Stop allowing builders to tear down the great older homes and build these ugly compounds	5/20/2016 5:11 PM
280	the city should have taken the callaway property for the highschool. adding in all these apartments is detrimental to the school system, which is one of the main reasons that this is such a great place to live.	5/20/2016 4:52 PM
281	promote racial inclusiveness; working to educate/counter conscious and unconscious racial prejudices	5/20/2016 4:49 PM
282	Make sure the schools keep improving- priority #1.	5/20/2016 4:37 PM
283	The city should have a greater interest and commitment to affordable housing so that we maintain and foster socioeconomic diversity.	5/20/2016 4:36 PM
284	Support infrastructure for non-car transportation!	5/20/2016 4:28 PM
285	Encourage seniors with tax deductions. Encourage renovation with little expansion. Enforce 40% on new homes.	5/20/2016 4:05 PM
286	Continue to provide housing options for all income levels.	5/20/2016 4:03 PM
287	Work with citizens to improve community	5/20/2016 3:50 PM
288	Preserve diversity -- age, race, class -- in the city.	5/20/2016 3:16 PM
289	Continue what it's been doing for the last 15 years-make Decatur an open, thriving, progressive city.	5/20/2016 3:05 PM

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290	The questions in this survey feel spot on. Keep improving the environment, schools, green spaces & variety of homes.	5/20/2016 3:01 PM
291	Provide more affordable housing and improve bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure.	5/20/2016 2:59 PM
292	Protected bike lanes	5/20/2016 2:58 PM
293	More pedestrian and bike facilities. More affordable housing. More non-service sector jobs.	5/20/2016 2:49 PM
294	Discourage single-occupancy-motor-vehicle travel.	5/20/2016 2:36 PM
295	Improve parking for residents.	5/20/2016 2:36 PM
296	Work on balancing everyone's needs/wants that will also benefit the future of Atlanta as a whole.	5/20/2016 2:28 PM
297	Remain transit friendly	5/20/2016 2:25 PM
298	Less big buildings and big apts. keep it small and local. Not big box and large scale apts. will ruin the sense of local community and smaller stores and retail centees	5/20/2016 2:25 PM
299	Be stricter on lot coverage rules for new homes. And follow up on the tree ordinance. Trees are being planted by contractors and dying within a year and not being replanted.	5/20/2016 2:15 PM
300	Downtown Decatur is great--a rare walkable neighborhood in Atlanta. It's relatively contained to a few blocks, though. It would be nice to see that kind of density and walkability expanded beyond a small commercial district.	5/20/2016 2:10 PM
301	Keep focusing on non-car transportation and get better at diversity.	5/20/2016 2:10 PM
302	make efforts to end car culture	5/20/2016 2:01 PM
303	Increase bike infrastructure. Do more to connect the communities south of Memorial with the downtown district.	5/20/2016 1:52 PM
304	Make affordable housing a priority	5/20/2016 1:51 PM
305	Become more like Portland -- more bikes and walkers and transit!	5/20/2016 1:30 PM
306	Be mindful of the impact of multi-family dwelling's impact on traffic and culture of the city	5/20/2016 1:25 PM
307	less bikes driving n major roads in same lane as cars. East College Ave is dangerous in the way cars and Bikes share roads	5/20/2016 1:22 PM
308	Try to keep taxes down. Too high. You say you want diversity, but the taxes do not support it.	5/20/2016 12:51 PM
309	Manage traffic while maintaining fun things to do	5/20/2016 12:48 PM
310	Encourage population diversity.	5/20/2016 12:18 PM
311	Hold to the principles that got us here. Indie businesses, spreading the wealth of the city around to it's residents. Not being all about the most cash that can be grabbed, but what can work in the long run. More art intown please. Love to see some work with LED colored lighting on buildings to light up the night sky. That is a low cost, high visibility way to show our creativity.	5/20/2016 11:58 AM
312	Don't allow large apartment buildings outside of established downtown area.	5/20/2016 11:28 AM
313	The crowding of the schools is my primary concern. I feel that we should have some sort of moratorium on new multi family structures until we can get adequate support in the classrooms to help with large class sizes.	5/20/2016 11:28 AM
314	Slow down the rate of tear downs, decrease the number of multi family housing developments. Keep downtown accessible to residents.	5/20/2016 11:27 AM
315	Continue to make sure schools are excellent. Continue to attract business and great food business. Continue to focus on livability and sustainability.	5/20/2016 11:02 AM
316	Be mindful of the need for economic diversity within the city limits	5/20/2016 10:58 AM
317	The socioeconomic mix has already changed so much that I sometimes think it's too late. Decatur is becoming richer, whiter, full of high income, entitled & demanding people so I think Decatur has changed for the worse. I don't think it's so great anymore.	5/20/2016 10:42 AM
318	Wider sidewalks and slower speed limits and more enforcement, especially during rush hours and school beginning and ending.	5/20/2016 10:33 AM
319	Try to make housing more affordable and try to maintain/increase diversity.	5/20/2016 10:29 AM
320	Better shops, and more green space.	5/20/2016 10:27 AM
321	See previous comments.	5/20/2016 10:25 AM

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322	Provide more affordable housing for those who have an average \$30-70,000 household income.	5/20/2016 10:23 AM
323	Connectivity and safety for pedestrians and bicyclists	5/20/2016 10:20 AM
324	More restrictions on what you can build if you tear down an existing house. Also -somehow - incentivize good taste and appropriate scale.	5/20/2016 10:19 AM
325	Aggressively slow growth, but that cruise has probably sailed.	5/20/2016 9:45 AM
326	Stop allowing developers to cut down trees	5/20/2016 9:42 AM
327	More green spaces that would cool our temperatures, clean the air and encourage walking. It would also help increase business success.	5/20/2016 9:16 AM
328	Stay the course!! I do like Avondale's historic system where houses are categorized by historic significance. That seems to be more appropriate and citizen friendly than deeming every structure equally important. I have been sad to see some of the houses go in recent years. Love the streetscape, sidewalk and park improvements!!	5/20/2016 9:16 AM
329	slow / stop the growth and stabilize the population through building restrictions and building codes	5/20/2016 9:14 AM
330	Uh, limit the housing developers. Force them to play in a way that enhances our city rather than detracts.	5/20/2016 9:06 AM
331	Bike lanes.	5/20/2016 8:38 AM
332	Stop building condos.	5/20/2016 8:35 AM
333	Prioritize education, walkable community centers	5/20/2016 8:28 AM
334	expand greenspace, bring more jobs to the area. marta link to Emory/Buckhead	5/20/2016 8:20 AM
335	Encourage more affordable housing. The City should also have a better relationship with the school system. Finally, City should aggressively pursue annexation options.	5/20/2016 8:17 AM
336	Encourage retail shops	5/20/2016 8:13 AM
337	Take itself less seriously - be more fun and less structured. On a serious note, stop doing that water slide children's event unless that water can be reclaimed. It's wasteful.	5/20/2016 8:12 AM
338	Slow down the growth-STOP building retail space, we have too many empty storefronts as is. What happened to CoreBody? Independent Business owners made Decatur what it is. I would like to see no more chains!	5/20/2016 8:09 AM
339	See earlier note about more options for Senior housing	5/20/2016 8:09 AM
340	Ensure that all storm drains are safe for children. There are several around Adams street and Lenore that have huge openings making it very easy for children or small animals to fall in. These need to be fixed.	5/20/2016 8:07 AM
341	Not sure	5/20/2016 8:05 AM
342	Provide more affordable housing to attract people of all ages and incomes.	5/20/2016 8:00 AM
343	Stop implementing road diets. It is becoming very burdensome to drive from south Decatur to the north. There are other Dekalb County residents negatively effected by the vehicle congestion the road diets create.	5/20/2016 8:00 AM
344	Promote real affordable housing. Stop building apartments.	5/20/2016 7:52 AM
345	Bring costs of living here down so we can have a greater diversity of income levels and affordable housing.	5/20/2016 7:31 AM
346	Support the school system, ensure police monitoring and safety	5/20/2016 7:07 AM
347	Build low income housing.	5/20/2016 7:02 AM
348	More festivals--just kidding--maybe	5/20/2016 6:28 AM
349	Stop making exceptions to building codes to allow more high density housing.	5/20/2016 6:24 AM
350	Left turn arrows at Olympic place/college ave Better and wider sidewalks Bike lanes Slow traffic down Have a green walkable path that connects our city all the way around much like the belt line so people can move about freely and safely	5/20/2016 6:18 AM
351	More affordable housing and size limits on new homes.	5/20/2016 6:10 AM
352	Stop approving multi-family developments, our infrastructure can not support it. Do something about parking. There are lots of families in Decatur and for the most part when they move as a unit to do something in Decatur, it will be in a vehicle.	5/20/2016 6:03 AM
353	Festivals on the square	5/20/2016 5:52 AM

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354	I love the City of Decatur, but I can almost not afford to live here any longer.	5/20/2016 5:44 AM
355	Look at the teardown and rebuild regarding the 60/40 rule.	5/20/2016 4:39 AM
356	Pave streets with failing pavement	5/20/2016 4:00 AM
357	Keep citizens engaged. Make them stop, listen, speak, interact, and come up with ideas/solutions. Decatur faces growth issues and needs EVERY idea/voice to solve the challenges ahead. People are busy, but they need to participate. Fire them up! Keep them invested and involved!	5/20/2016 3:37 AM
358	Promote economic diversity and help people get around better	5/20/2016 2:54 AM
359	Residents trim overgrown bushes, trees, etc. that encroach on sidewalks and make it hard to get out of the car parked on street	5/20/2016 2:25 AM
360	Promote walk ability, local retailers	5/20/2016 12:09 AM
361	Continue to support the great school system we have.	5/20/2016 12:02 AM
362	Continue to focus on walkability it is what attracted a lot of people here and the sense of community as the city continues to grow larger.	5/19/2016 10:54 PM
363	Keep asking these questions!	5/19/2016 10:46 PM
364	Continue finding ways to encourage more use of mass transit and bicycles.	5/19/2016 10:44 PM
365	Bike and pedestrian paths. Enforce right of way - crosswalks. Fine motorists using cell phones when they drive. Ensure rent is affordable for small retail stores - it's all about a good mix. Decent pay for quality work of city employees (teachers, police officers and many others.)	5/19/2016 10:27 PM
366	Stop bringing in the chain stores and stop trying to build on every piece of land. It's charm is a small town, but now we have things going up everywhere and traffic is horrible!	5/19/2016 10:27 PM
367	Involve citizens in decision making; inform citizens; support diversity	5/19/2016 10:25 PM
368	Make sure infrastructure keeps up with changing demands (and expectations).	5/19/2016 10:23 PM
369	Improved safety	5/19/2016 10:20 PM
370	Continue to improve pedestrian crosswalks, sidewalks and walking trails. Add grocery downtown for all of the new residents.	5/19/2016 10:18 PM
371	Improve traffic congestion, restrict downtown residential development	5/19/2016 10:16 PM
372	bike lanes	5/19/2016 10:15 PM
373	Sometimes less is more	5/19/2016 10:10 PM
374	More festivals, continued open dialogue with residents, improving walk ability, investment in top schools	5/19/2016 10:01 PM
375	Limit removal of trees, get the roads fixed	5/19/2016 10:00 PM
376	provide more funding for the arts	5/19/2016 9:39 PM
377	Include the community in decision making process.	5/19/2016 9:19 PM
378	1. Improve the variety of shops in downtown 2. Improve walking/biking conditions so it becomes the norm to walk/bike everywhere 3. Prohibit the senseless tearing down of older, smaller homes 4. Address the overcrowding in schools (smaller schools, add a 4th/5th school or put those grades back in elementary schools) 5. More festivals, especially music festivals and concerts	5/19/2016 9:18 PM
379	Rent is too high Taxes are too high	5/19/2016 9:17 PM
380	Better signage on crosswalks for pedestrians. Drivers and pedestrians both often get confused about what the signs mean. Chirping count-down signs are the answer.	5/19/2016 9:14 PM
381	Repair sidewalks	5/19/2016 8:53 PM
382	Restrict the demolish meant if our historic homes. Stop cutting down large healthy trees!	5/19/2016 8:51 PM
383	find a legal remedy to infill housing.....get the land before developers....moratorium....somehow drive developers out by getting property before builder does. I know Constitution kind of frowns on that	5/19/2016 8:40 PM
384	Stop the overcrowding of downtown. Too many apts being built with traffic issues and air and noise pollution and trees being chopped down constantly.	5/19/2016 8:03 PM
385	Keep schools a TOP priority. Continue with all of the community events (festivals etc.)	5/19/2016 8:00 PM

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386	Stop building so many condos/apartments. We're leaving because it's about to become so overcrowded our quality of life will be affected in terms of the school system, enjoying reataurants, recreation activities, and parks.	5/19/2016 6:33 PM
387	stop building all of these high price apartments and condo that only the very wealthy care afford.	5/19/2016 6:32 PM
388	A bit better diversity practice in school hiring	5/19/2016 6:22 PM
389	quit the tear-downs keep up the fabulous work of the concerts, festivals, etc. keep bringing in world class chefs	5/19/2016 6:20 PM
390	make better choices of what businesses to allow to move in. Going out of business, leaving the places empty is not good. Some store that is not going to fail.	5/19/2016 6:19 PM
391	tree preservation	5/19/2016 5:45 PM
392	Require plazas, parks on street of new deleopments. Charge impact fee to acquire land to raze buildings and make parks.	5/19/2016 5:42 PM
393	Try to preserve some of the old charm of the city, Enough with the 5-7 story apt units.	5/19/2016 5:35 PM
394	create more open green spaces	5/19/2016 5:30 PM
395	Pay more attention to what made Decatur what it is, not another Sandy Springs or Dunwoody with its McMansions. Enough already.	5/19/2016 5:18 PM
396	Be sure it does not become a city where only the wealthy can live.	5/19/2016 5:15 PM
397	Do more to allow senios to remain in their homes and not be firced out by taxes.	5/19/2016 5:04 PM
398	Outdoor music	5/19/2016 5:00 PM
399	The traffic is going to be the biggest drawback in the coming years. It is already a hassle, but getting worse every time an apartment/condo building opens.	5/19/2016 4:45 PM
400	More parks	5/19/2016 4:41 PM
401	Focus on preserving the availability of small houses. This is the only reason my family was able to afford to live here, and it makes me sad to see so many workable older homes being completely demolished and rebuild at 2-3x their original size.	5/19/2016 4:37 PM
402	Ensure we keep/maintain our trees. The beautiful shade trees will keep the city healthier(clean air) and cooler during the warm months.	5/19/2016 4:27 PM
403	Work on education system; in particular, Decatur is not meeting the needs of struggling readers, many of whom are forced to seek private schooling.	5/19/2016 4:25 PM
404	Too late. We have lost most historic feel. We are overrun with lots that are overbuilt. Too many large SUVs and vans clogging traffic.	5/19/2016 4:24 PM
405	Keeping well lit streets and addressing all safety concerns for our citizens and students.	5/19/2016 4:09 PM
406	We need green space park	5/19/2016 4:04 PM
407	More green space, fewer high-rise buildings	5/19/2016 4:04 PM
408	Downtown walkable greenspace before it is too late	5/19/2016 4:01 PM
409	More public transit, more bikes lanes and bike paths, more greenspace, FEWER condos.	5/19/2016 3:52 PM
410	Continue to educate new residents about the value of long-time residents and the unique history of the community.	5/19/2016 3:49 PM
411	Stop building new apartment houses with downstairs shopping spaces. We have too many empty stores and too many new homes. Not enough grocery, etc stores for all these new people	5/19/2016 3:47 PM
412	Mini golf.	5/19/2016 3:45 PM
413	slow the influx of high density housing	5/19/2016 3:43 PM
414	Preserve good basic city services and schools. Promote green space.	5/19/2016 3:41 PM
415	Deny permits for infill houses that don't fit into areas.	5/19/2016 3:20 PM
416	Keep up the good work. City staff are very responsive.	5/19/2016 2:39 PM
417	Increased police presence in common areas and at night.	5/19/2016 2:29 PM
418	Make sure that lower income residents have resources to maintain the appearance of their homes. Small and older doesn't have to be an eyesore.	5/19/2016 2:20 PM

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419	It should continue to hold festivals and maintain its small town feel.	5/19/2016 2:14 PM
420	Overcrowding in schools needs to be addressed. Also support in schools of different learning styles.	5/19/2016 1:55 PM
421	Continue to include citizens in decisions.	5/19/2016 1:51 PM
422	Its too late because of the traffic and congestion. We have lost our funkiness and have become a city like Roswell	5/19/2016 1:50 PM
423	Reign the schools in.	5/19/2016 1:41 PM
424	see before	5/19/2016 1:37 PM
425	Leave it alone. Ain't broke. Don't fix it.	5/19/2016 1:31 PM
426	Stop building highrise living	5/19/2016 1:26 PM
427	Keep diversity of occupants. Keep transparency of government. Keep involving citizens	5/19/2016 1:20 PM
428	Allow for housing opportunities for those who are not upper income. Diversity (economic and racial) is important for a healthy community.	5/19/2016 1:19 PM
429	More grocery store options within neighborhoods. More green space downtown.	5/19/2016 1:14 PM
430	Infill development in single family neighborhoods. Allow small scale commercial development in residential zoning.	5/19/2016 1:14 PM
431	Encourage neighbors to come together in parks, at public events, etc. need to increase interactions between "new" and "old" Decatur residents.	5/19/2016 1:13 PM
432	Maintain diversity of all types (racial, age, stage, economic)	5/19/2016 1:11 PM
433	Fewer McMansions. More emphasis on importance of mature trees. Also focus on preservation of native plants & habitats for wildlife.	5/19/2016 1:08 PM
434	Inclusiveness	5/19/2016 11:08 AM
435	More retail downtown; fewer apartment complexes--we are becoming overbuilt. Entertainment options other than bars--movie theaters, etc.	5/19/2016 10:51 AM
436	Enhance pedestrian and bicycle access across railroad tracks (for north-south travel) between college avenue and downtown.	5/19/2016 10:51 AM
437	fill in the spaces between sections of downtown with more retail. Have more free parking for all.	5/19/2016 10:42 AM
438	Reduce construction of condo, apartments, town homes in Downtown Decatur	5/19/2016 10:25 AM
439	Send the rich packing to Alpharetta, where they belong.	5/19/2016 9:58 AM
440	Preserve diversity! Lower income and African Americans are being driven out because of high home prices.	5/19/2016 8:23 AM
441	Continue to repair and maintain infrastructure; promote the use of MARTA for downtown; provide shuttles around Decatur on the weekends (esp. summer time)	5/19/2016 5:52 AM
442	Stop all the crazy highrise condo and apartment building in Downtown. Make it to expensive for builders/develops to tear down all the trees on the property when building. The fine of ripping down old numerous trees is only few hundred dollars. Make them stop!	5/19/2016 5:44 AM
443	Reduce taxes on residents who do not have children. Otherwise we sell the house to yet another family of six who will want to be in the school system.	5/18/2016 11:40 PM
444	Care about all people	5/18/2016 11:28 PM
445	Apply more stringent standards in approving housing renovation that requires builder to blend into the current landscape. These mammoth modern structures are an eyesore and compromise the character of the housing stock. *See previous commentary on affordable housing	5/18/2016 10:16 PM
446	Manage school quality amid growing populations, preserve green space and tree canopy	5/18/2016 3:17 PM
447	Encourage affordable housing, diversity and MUSIC. The CURRENT EMPHASIS on the ARTS is AMAZING, COMMENDABLE and EXACTLY THE KEY TO IT'S CONTINUED SUCCESS!	5/15/2016 9:05 AM
448	Support small businesses and the restaurant owners	5/14/2016 4:52 PM
449	Any economic development dollars/incentives for recruitment and retainment needs to be targeted at and measured by the way it results in a higher trained (and therefore path to better paid) Decatur work force. We are in the driver seat and don't need to pay investors for the privilege of gaining a profit here.	5/14/2016 11:05 AM
450	Community events and programs.	5/13/2016 4:58 PM

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451	cease attempting to maximize the tax base	5/13/2016 3:02 PM
452	Development should be systematic and comprehensive, not just bringing in any developer to build curb to curb on every piece of property. Update our city ordinances, take advantage of and institute something like Park Impact Fees, grants and TAD's. Keep The small town community feeling through well planned developments.	5/13/2016 11:20 AM
453	Beautify and keeping cleaner the downtown streets and sidewalks. There needs to be more attractive landscaping!	5/12/2016 9:16 PM
454	Prevent developers from clear cutting trees!!	5/12/2016 3:49 PM
455	Continue open-door policy to a diverse group of people from all backgrounds. Find other ways to fund CSD, and continue enhancing all the wonderful community events and opportunities for residents.	5/11/2016 11:27 AM
456	More historic districts.	5/11/2016 8:18 AM
457	Continue to offer activities weekly- festivals, pop-up events, dance, music, art Add a movie theater showing wide variety of films throughout the day and night-everything from children's films to foreign films	5/10/2016 12:12 PM
458	The heavy traffic patterns needs to be addressed...traffic lights and lanes that were sufficient 7 years ago aren't enough now. There are several places around Oakhurst where a turn signal and turn lane would help tremendously. Trying to get across the railroad tracks at College and McDonough take a very long time now at high traffic times because only a few cars at a time can sometimes get through	5/10/2016 10:45 AM
459	Continue on the same tracks of educational opportunities for citizens (Decatur 101) and providing opportunities for input(Strategic Plan) whenever possible.	5/10/2016 7:27 AM
460	decrease congestion downtown for vehicles and people	5/8/2016 11:14 AM
461	I think there has been too much condo and apartment development in downtown. What is the traffic going to be like once everyone moves in?	5/7/2016 10:05 PM
462	reduce taxes	5/7/2016 6:15 PM
463	Youth recreation programs!	5/6/2016 8:53 PM
464	Hold off on building more apartment complexes until the traffic implications are clear.	5/6/2016 7:49 PM
465	Be a better neighbor to the areas on its outskirts.	5/6/2016 7:08 PM
466	Preserve existing housing stock and tree canopy	5/6/2016 6:30 PM
467	Rather than having growth as a goal, enhancing quality of life issues should be the goal and growth can be controlled accordingly.	5/6/2016 4:35 PM
468	Just keep focused on the strategic plan, but address changes or opportunities as fast as possible.	5/6/2016 4:00 PM
469	Communicate with citizens and provide high-quality city services to residents.	5/6/2016 3:44 PM
470	Block off Ponce de Leon	5/6/2016 3:34 PM
471	Continue getting good restaurants and unique shops	5/6/2016 3:16 PM
472	Hire more creative/expert/visionary planners to supplement the current staff.	5/5/2016 2:16 PM
473	Seems like we are building apts and condos almost on top of one another. Somehow establish taxes so that older adults can remain in the City.	5/4/2016 7:21 PM
474	Make sure the developers stop mowing down our trees.	5/3/2016 4:34 PM
475	Continue to focus on school system and overall walk ability of the city. Also create a system to evaluate rundown properties and thus creating an environment where people must keep up their homes and yards	5/3/2016 2:48 PM
476	Control infill and other construction to ensure not just more affordability, but to control more effectively runoff and drainage issues	5/3/2016 10:22 AM
477	pretty good. maintain the parks better and other green spaces so that we have flowers etc.... I found the flowers on light posts in Canada and england delightful but maybe too hot here. it made the streets so attractive. I guess the city maintained and water them with built in water system.	5/2/2016 12:02 PM
478	Continued public engagement.	5/2/2016 2:38 AM
479	I love how I don't have to leave Decatur on the weekends. I can grocery shop, eat, go to the library, go to the pool, go to the bank, etc., all so nearby. I would like to be able to get good bagels and buy books for my book group within the city. It would be nice to have somewhere to work there as well. Perhaps engineering firms, green energy initiatives, and other "Decaturish" businesses could locate in a few new high rise business buildings.	4/29/2016 12:42 PM

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480	Do all that it can to encourage the retention of starter homes within the bounds of private property rights. Tax monies have been allocated to pay for bonds to fund expansion of Decatur schools. If the number of starter homes and bungalows is not maintained to encourage younger folks to move in, Decatur will not have the school children to keep those school buildings filled in 10 years. Real Estate prices are already high due to the success of the schools. But unless starter homes are retained, that success will be the death of the schools as well.	4/29/2016 10:34 AM
481	Support the schools. Can the tax base be shifted to provide more money for the schools? Decatur property values have increased because of the quality schools. If the schools falter, our property values will fall. The schools have made Decatur great. Don't let the schools population explosion destroy the schools. Please give the schools the support they need. Please slow multi-family developments. They increase the load on the schools without increasing the tax money for those children. Keep our seniors in Decatur, even at the expense of tax exemptions. For every senior we keep in a Decatur home, that is another house without school children.	4/29/2016 9:11 AM
482	Continue to find ways to preserve affordable housing and to reduce traffic congestion by encouraging people to walk and bike around the city.	4/28/2016 11:46 PM
483	Strengthen (make more strict) infill housing and tree ordinance guidelines.	4/28/2016 9:57 PM
484	Really listen to the people, not just have us fill out surveys and petitions pretending you are listening.	4/28/2016 7:10 PM
485	Stop meddling in peoples' private affairs and what they do with their yards as long as they are kept clean.	4/28/2016 7:07 PM
486	Plant street trees, build and maintain sidewalks, continue the crossing guards for safe routes to schools. Municipal parking downtown. Love the valet parking downtown! Stay low rise not high rise!	4/28/2016 6:19 PM
487	We feel it is NOT a great place: no creative ideas, too much traffic, housing costs/taxes too high. It is a bike UN-friendly city. Clairemont has become a dangerous, high traffic speedway. Rush hours are insane; if I walk out my front door, I have an audience of backed-up traffic belching fumes, throwing litter on our front lawn, blasting music & other, and no privacy to enjoy our yard.	4/26/2016 5:03 PM
488	I think walking/biking trails are the key to making Decatur a great place. Right now, it is not very safe to ride/walk to downtown Decatur from my house in Winnona Park. That is a failure.	4/26/2016 9:57 AM
489	Continue to scrutinize frivolous credit card spending.	4/26/2016 12:17 AM
490	1. Update zoning to allow duplex or townhouses in single-family home areas. 2. Make it a city policy to prioritize biking and walking for transportation over driving and act on this policy.	4/25/2016 4:48 PM
491	Fix the school over crowding	4/25/2016 4:02 PM
492	Let's address traffic issues, walk ability, density and affordability issues with an eye for the people who live and work here.	4/25/2016 2:38 PM
493	Lower the citywide speed limit to 25 MPH. Add sidewalks in more neighborhoods.	4/25/2016 2:30 PM
494	Add a trader joes. A supermarket of this kind is greatly needed	4/25/2016 2:27 PM
495	Put barriers between housing developers and lot sales	4/25/2016 1:19 PM
496	make housing more affordable...cut the new construction of ridiculously huge houses...encourage homeowners to renovate instead of new construction, make downtown are less congested...buidlings may be getting too high...rent control for downtown area to encourage small/private businesses and to cut down on the influx of corporate type retail/restaurants	4/25/2016 1:00 PM
497	Build more facilities for active transportation.	4/25/2016 12:24 PM
498	Hats off to our Police dept! Hats off to City of Decatur schools! Do not like modern contemporary homes mixed in with traditional craftsman/bungalow homes.	4/24/2016 9:41 PM
499	somehow control costs so local business could stay make penalties stiff for clear cutting trees and excessive clearing	4/24/2016 8:42 PM
500	Improve the safety of railroad crossings, such as at McDonough and Coventry, by installing quiet zones.	4/23/2016 5:29 PM
501	slow the conversion of empty-nester senior homes into families with schoolchildren. The economic pressure on empty-nesters to sell their home (peobably to a family with kids) is a problem for the city and the schools.	4/22/2016 10:09 PM
502	More housing options for retired citizens who want to downsize but don't want a condo or apt with tiny kitchen.	4/22/2016 6:23 PM
503	Modify its thinking and laws to become a true 21st century community. Move away from a commercial/business/development bias left over from the 1970s and become a greener, healthier, more inclusive, and pedestrian-friendly city.	4/22/2016 3:29 PM
504	Encourage local ownership (not chain stores or restaurants). Enforce tree ordinances and	4/22/2016 10:30 AM
505	Continue to foster and support a strong school system, support a diverse and engaged community	4/22/2016 10:03 AM

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506	The schools are overcrowded and not utilizing independence as a charter school	4/21/2016 10:24 PM
507	Fix potholes in the roads	4/21/2016 9:17 PM
508	Continue to grow into a welcoming, inclusive place. To me that means encouraging multi-family developments of all kinds, investing in sidewalks, and encouraging diversity in residents, retailers, and businesses.	4/21/2016 8:19 PM
509	get the senior school homestead exemption passed! and construct smaller/less costly homes.	4/21/2016 5:34 PM
510	Diversify (it works on so many levels)	4/21/2016 1:27 PM
511	Less new home construction	4/21/2016 12:04 PM
512	create a Emory bus app like the Marta app so that we can know exactly where/when those local busses are and where they are going.	4/21/2016 10:43 AM
513	More events on the square - parking for residents	4/21/2016 9:44 AM
514	Maintain the quality of the schools and the "small-town" feel.	4/21/2016 12:20 AM
515	A proper area for larger local farmers markets. Support locally owned and employee owned stores/restaurants. Reject big development and large chain retailers.	4/20/2016 7:37 PM
516	Better balance - I am very liberal but I'm not rich. We need to consider the less fortunate and the environment but balance this against the costs of it	4/20/2016 7:16 PM
517	Be more diverse, build parking lots , more stores, and entertaining things for the kids.	4/20/2016 6:49 PM
518	More green space (and I am not part of the Decatur Neighborhood effort) but I	4/20/2016 6:05 PM
519	keep being intentional on what type of development occurs, watch out for too much density with apartments/condos. Continue creating space that is friendly to pedestrians and biking. This might be closing off some areas to pedestrian only such as the small parking areas near the old court house where kiosks, and other outdoor friendly sitting areas can be use for people to mingle	4/20/2016 5:16 PM
520	Pursue alternate housing choices, find creative ways to support the downtown business, ie free parking, etc.	4/20/2016 4:08 PM
521	STOP the recent rash of multi-family and commercial developments. There have been way too many multi-family developments in too short a time, and it's going to create major traffic problems in Decatur. People protested the Walmart development. Little did they know the REAL problem is that huge area across the street that stretches from Scott Blvd. to Church St. along N. Decatur Rd where they are putting in a Sprouts and apartments. That area is going to be an absolute disaster. I can't believe the City approved all this mess!!	4/20/2016 2:43 PM
522	affordable housing and shuttle transportation to more destinations	4/20/2016 2:40 PM
523	Protect large trees and encourage canopy. So many times a large tree is taken down and a smaller-at-maturity tree is planted in its place. We need the shade and the beauty of large established trees.	4/20/2016 2:36 PM
524	focus on diversity of all types	4/20/2016 2:22 PM
525	Maintain its easy access and small scale development.	4/20/2016 1:59 PM
526	Decatur is an attractive place to live because it is a tight-nit community with good schools and a diverse population. I think there is a threat to much of that with a lot of the new construction - bringing in families who are much wealthier and demolishing homes that have been in COD for almost 100 years. The reasons that my family moved to Decatur - good schools, diversity - may be quickly changing...not sure how to fix that. The schools are such a crucial piece of COD - they need to have the support and funds to continue to accommodate the growth in COD.	4/20/2016 12:39 PM
527	Attempt to control growth and traffic	4/20/2016 12:27 PM
528	Improve sidewalks and better facilitate transportation options. Decatur spends a great deal of time talking about how walkable it is, but many of the sidewalks are trip hazards.	4/20/2016 11:35 AM
529	Construct new parks and greenspace and include the East Decatur Station in some of the city festivals.	4/20/2016 11:15 AM
530	Realistically address the housing prices so that the neighborhood can really be diverse. Consider pricing on many of the Decatur recreational summer camps, recreational sports, and after school programs in order to increase diversity. Hire bright young talent in school system and city that increase the city's future vision.	4/20/2016 10:57 AM
531	Stop encouraging growth. Growth is a result of the city being a desirable place to live and needs to be carefully controlled. Commercial interests are important, but should be subordinate to residential interests.	4/20/2016 10:56 AM
532	Walking Greenspace/trails.	4/20/2016 10:53 AM
533	Promote diversity and seek ways to maintain it.	4/20/2016 10:37 AM

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534	Keep development in check, insist on quality building that blends with older structures	4/20/2016 10:28 AM
535	Continue developing the downtown business district to make the most use of the space. Continue to make schools and walkability a high priority as these are the things that increase our home values.	4/20/2016 10:11 AM
536	Preserve trees, maintain and improve the school system, create parks and green-space and make downtown a pedestrian only area	4/20/2016 9:40 AM
537	Pretty alarming that we're in the middle of the City's greatest development boom with no building official, professional engineer or stormwater engineer on staff. It raises great concern for what all's going unchecked in the construction process that could have major repercussions later. The fact that the two senior managers do not have the engineering or professional background necessary to make informed decisions is detrimental and raises the question: Why is the City opting to place people into key management roles for which they don't meet the needed qualifications?	4/20/2016 9:28 AM
538	more dedicated green space and less condos/apartments	4/20/2016 8:53 AM
539	recycling days	4/20/2016 8:52 AM
540	Think more deliberately before acting, and use more up to date information - 2000s-era studies no longer apply	4/20/2016 7:58 AM
541	Keep the small town urban feel --- balance appropriate scale development with existing neighborhoods.	4/19/2016 10:38 PM
542	Have more affordable homes for seniors and single parents. Clean up the schools. Drugs are being sold and alcohol is getting out of hand with our youth. This is bringing the school down. We also need more diversely instructors at the schools.	4/19/2016 10:09 PM
543	Improve sidewalks, clean up around the Dollar Store	4/19/2016 10:05 PM
544	Zoning for expansion and renovation of current homes is too strict. Essentially forcing people to move as their families grow.	4/19/2016 8:32 PM
545	HALT all new single family housing! Add turning arrows at all RR crossings.	4/19/2016 8:03 PM
546	stop overbuilding	4/19/2016 7:55 PM
547	more diverse commercial spaces	4/19/2016 4:27 PM
548	Stop the overbuilding	4/19/2016 4:08 PM
549	Get new blood in top leadership positions in City government.	4/19/2016 3:40 PM
550	better care of streets and roads-repave, more porous construction like at harmony park it is so much concrete, upkeep	4/19/2016 2:33 PM
551	Provide property tax relief regardless of age.	4/19/2016 2:32 PM
552	We need to do deliver on the promises of the Strategic Plan to balance cars/bikes/pedestrian needs in a way that makes sense for the people who live and work here. That means road diets on some of the big roads, a dedicated bike lane network to discourage vehicle use for short trips, and improved pedestrian safety (wider sidewalks, protected crosswalks, etc). We may have been ahead of the curve a decade ago but we are falling behind. I think the extreme focus on the school situation is partly to blame, but I do not want to live somewhere where all people do is wring their hands about their school's ranking in some magazine. If we want to slow the exodus of non-breeders and retirees from the city we need to do things that appeal to everyone, not just people with kids. I have two children, and I moved here mainly for the quality of life - the small town feel in an urban, walkable setting. The schools are the cherry on top.	4/19/2016 2:24 PM
553	Do more of the same.	4/19/2016 2:24 PM
554	Continue to be a walkable city with great local businesses and great schools (for Georgia)	4/19/2016 1:45 PM
555	Fix sidewaks	4/19/2016 1:41 PM
556	require commercial/real estate to lease only percentage to franchises/corps	4/19/2016 1:29 PM
557	No trailers at the schools. :(4/19/2016 1:14 PM
558	Continued focus on schools, and the safety of our commercials districts which draw people to the city should be #1 priorities.	4/19/2016 1:09 PM
559	Find a way to add athletic fields, improve the overall culture of Decatur High School, improve Decatur Rec operations	4/19/2016 1:05 PM
560	Traffic during morning school hours is horrible and the crossing guards don't help at all. It should not take 20 minutes to go 1.5 miles	4/19/2016 1:00 PM
561	We have a lot of great restaurants and shops and pedestrian access is wonderful.	4/19/2016 12:22 PM
562	Stop building apartments and multi-use buildings, which result in losing trees and adding vehicles.	4/19/2016 12:07 PM

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563	Sidewalks on every street	4/19/2016 11:38 AM
564	Limit new construction	4/19/2016 11:28 AM
565	Increase green space, other affordable grocery store options, address growth in the schools.	4/19/2016 11:10 AM
566	stop building apartments and condos.	4/19/2016 8:41 AM
567	Figure out a way to provide/allow more middle income housing. Slow down the traffic on Scott and East Lake.	4/19/2016 8:07 AM
568	Protect our trees and historical buildings.	4/19/2016 7:50 AM
569	Better schools, safer and greener downtown.	4/19/2016 7:46 AM
570	I believe allowing big town house developments to come in and clear cut lots is hurting the character of Decatur and is against what we stand for as a community. I believe stricter zoning and tree laws should be put in place. My kids cry when they see the clear cut lot at forkner between church and glenwood. They talk about the lorax and ask "why did our city ley those bad man cut down the trees?" It's a bad message. We had to cut down some unhealthy pine trees a year ago and we're given such a hard time but these developers get away with practically clear cutting four lots and not preserving any of the huge trees that were there- it's not right.	4/19/2016 7:32 AM
571	I've always thought that closing Ponce between commerce and church (or even between commerce and commerce) on Friday or Saturday nights would be cool.	4/19/2016 5:03 AM
572	Need green space. Need electric car charging stations. C need affordable housing. Need pedestrian overpass over train tracks.	4/19/2016 4:06 AM
573	Put current citizens first. Keep middle income folks.	4/18/2016 11:10 PM
574	Keep hiring great city staff. And help them find affordable housing so they can live here too. Also, I love all the public art projects.	4/18/2016 10:34 PM
575	Zoning in Decatur needs to be revisited. Too much lot maximization in residential areas. To be sustainable we must protect undisturbed areas by charging fines that are in line with market value of the property for exceeding existing footprints. This will also help us protect our trees and create revenue for parks.	4/18/2016 10:29 PM
576	continue to build on community spirit, volunteerism; develop more affordable housing to keep long-time residents here; stop allowing the construction of McMansions	4/18/2016 10:26 PM
577	Lower taxes for the elderly by eliminating they're school tax. Make Westchester Elementary and Scott Blvd safer and provide affordable after school care as most school systems do. Animal Crackers is way too expensive. Cobb County and Henry County provide after school care in the schools for only \$7-10 per day! With all the tax money coming in for the schools we should be able to do this as well	4/18/2016 10:24 PM
578	Active outreach to the poor and elderly.	4/18/2016 10:10 PM
579	More retail shops, please! Restaurants are terrific but it would be nice to see some interesting shops in the city.	4/18/2016 10:06 PM
580	There's too many condos and apartment buildings going up. Traffic is getting worse and the schools are getting crowded.	4/18/2016 9:49 PM
581	Allow less building, ease traffic and reduce crime	4/18/2016 9:07 PM
582	Create more greenspace	4/18/2016 4:40 PM
583	Continue to work on improving walkability and bikeability.	4/18/2016 4:27 PM
584	Force developers particularly contribute a Significant fee to support the additional infrastructure that their developments will require they seem to currently get a free ride Find a Way to cut down traffic	4/18/2016 3:53 PM
585	Control congested traffic (bikes and autos sharing the same lanes). Build less high-rise apartments and commercial buildings.	4/18/2016 3:34 PM
586	Develop public green spaces in and near downtown where population is increasing. Address growing traffic congestion problems.	4/18/2016 3:23 PM
587	You're doing a great job! As a mother of a young, growing family, my current focus is on increased, safer walking and biking options, such as safer pedestrian crossings at major intersections (e.g. S. Candler and E. College), increased pedestrian points of crossing along the train tracks (running along College/Dekalb Ave), sidewalks on every street in Decatur, more protected bike lanes and paths, and slow traffic along Scott Blvd (primarily between Ponce de Leon and Clairemont).	4/18/2016 3:16 PM
588	Preserve and celebrate our small town feel.	4/18/2016 3:13 PM
589	fill in downtown with more retail, parking only around edges	4/18/2016 2:39 PM

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590	make downtown even more a pedestrian and community focus than it currently is	4/18/2016 2:32 PM
591	Parking/ more affordable parking	4/18/2016 12:28 PM
592	Get more businesses here rather than apartments. The assumption that people in apartments will not have children in schools is flawed. Our schools are overcrowded and there needs to be better coordination.	4/18/2016 12:18 PM
593	Stop getting in bed with apartment developers!	4/18/2016 12:18 PM
594	No more apartments!!! Continued support of our school system. Keep our downtown viable and not let it become a drinking/bar destination. The police force should be much more community minded, more protection, less high-handed enforcement.	4/18/2016 11:19 AM
595	Fix parking problems, crime	4/18/2016 11:19 AM
596	Use more traffic-calming solutions on thoroughfares in the downtown area, especially on West Ponce De Leon Avenue and Commerce Drive. Continue to make the streets safer and more walkable.	4/18/2016 11:17 AM
597	Better planning. This City has outgrown the capability of City Hall to deal with the recent growth.	4/18/2016 10:40 AM
598	Affordable rental housing beyond what the Housing Authority provides. Economic diversity is a civic value.	4/18/2016 9:48 AM
599	lower property taxes and remove paid parking for downtown Decatur. Stop allowing developers to clear cut but require permits for tree removal from homeowners- it's a double standard!	4/17/2016 2:36 PM
600	Reduce high density multifamily infill housing (e.g., Cottage Grove) in single family residential areas.	4/16/2016 2:08 PM
601	Promote diversity of all types including age and income.	4/15/2016 11:17 AM
602	Manage growth, promote health to all residents	4/15/2016 10:09 AM
603	Continue to focus on safety.	4/15/2016 8:48 AM
604	Address commuter traffic/speeding on Scott Blvd. Less apartments due to overpopulation.	4/15/2016 7:48 AM
605	Encourage diversity. Stop building dense housing like the ones on Commerce. Plan ahead for school population increase that will inevitably result from dense housing. Try to keep seniors, poor working-class, blacks.	4/14/2016 9:17 PM
606	Have our excellent police force out and about, being seen and talking to folks and giving tickets for texting while driving and speeding.	4/14/2016 8:41 PM
607	Attract businesses that bring people downtown.	4/14/2016 5:14 PM
608	Put community and green space preservation first over business interests	4/14/2016 3:45 PM
609	The city needs to address the drug and alcohol problem with the teenagers and the ease of purchase from drug dealers on the square and around the high school. Every highschool kid knows that the area where the farmer's market is across from Chick-Fil-A is the place to go buy pot. The behavior of our teens is tainting the reputation of the community.	4/14/2016 2:18 PM
610	It will not be a great place for much longer if development continues. Population density leads not only to traffic and air pollution problems, but also to a lower quality of life. I would hate to see Decatur become the New York City of the south. Condos and apartments are taking away the original charm of this area.	4/14/2016 1:45 PM
611	A mix of interesting and affordable shops.	4/14/2016 12:44 PM
612	I think there is too much multifamily housing going up right now. There is already too much traffic. Make sure the elder tax exemption goes into effect or may not be able to afford to stay here.	4/14/2016 11:49 AM
613	More affordable apartments	4/14/2016 10:29 AM
614	Festivals!	4/14/2016 9:24 AM
615	equity. to repeat my previous comments, please remember to consider the north side of Scott Blvd.	4/14/2016 8:33 AM
616	Stop narrowing the roads and creating more traffic problems	4/13/2016 11:01 PM
617	make it more affordable, be sure resources are spread all over-not just downtown, some transportation for those who do not drive	4/13/2016 9:49 PM
618	Continue to foster an environment for creative entrepreneurs and energetic neighbors. Invite companies that are innovative and technically forward thinking.	4/13/2016 9:32 PM
619	surv us like this are great" Continued cooperation with CSD on Scott Blvd and other traffic issues.	4/13/2016 9:11 PM
620	stop population growth now and get a handle on the changing face of this city. I am not even old but I don't like what I see.	4/13/2016 8:35 PM

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621	Continue to promote diversity and small town in-town feel within the Atlanta metro area	4/13/2016 12:23 AM
622	stop tear-downs and restrict the building of houses with Minimum side yards- the density is getting oppressive. no more building on potential green spaces and finally, restrict "chain stores" in favor of mom/pop small businesses. It's sad to see Sprint, ATT, etc in place of Heliotrope and 17 Steps.	4/12/2016 8:04 PM
623	More forward thinking.	4/12/2016 2:34 PM
624	Calm traffic in city center	4/12/2016 10:37 AM
625	continue expanding walking opportunities and encourage a mix of uses and housing types	4/11/2016 2:37 PM
626	Maintain it's diverse cultural and socioeconomic population. Continue to address the growing student population	4/10/2016 8:50 PM
627	Continue keeping the city safe, maintain traffic influx and noise	4/10/2016 5:40 PM
628	Take a long look at recent development. Consider future development that is in keeping with the lovely village that was.	4/9/2016 10:51 AM
629	Improve bike access;more parks / natural areas	4/5/2016 10:19 PM
630	More green space.	4/4/2016 11:19 PM
631	I absolutely love living here, but may not continue to live within the city limits after my kids graduate from high school due to the taxes. I am all for paying them while I have kids in school here but it may not be justifiable after they are in college...considering what the price of college will be by then!	4/4/2016 12:09 PM
632	Provide more free community events for families - outdoor concerts etc	4/3/2016 9:38 AM
633	I have tried to get answers on multiple issues in Decatur City and always get referred elsewhere. Very frustrating as president of my HOA. bwjones.ga@gmail.com	4/1/2016 10:01 PM
634	Maintain the small town feel. Even with adding multiple housing properties find was for them to build community.	3/29/2016 2:51 PM
635	Be greater than great	3/29/2016 2:43 PM
636	nothing :)	3/29/2016 12:05 PM
637	Support neighborhoods, churches and the police	3/27/2016 12:48 PM
638	We would like a downtown Decatur master plan that includes new greenspace and parks. Other small cities have done this.	3/24/2016 3:09 PM
639	Keep our high quality schools, improve in-City transportation options, improve services of neighborhood organizations and address traffic congestion	3/24/2016 11:26 AM
640	Control housing to not loose the "feel" of the city with out of scale and out of style homes	3/23/2016 10:37 AM
641	Decatur is rapidly falling behind compared to other small cities in technology, active transportation and park/outdoor space. Most of the leadership of the city staff are older and more traditional. Might need to change out the leadership.	3/22/2016 8:49 PM
642	Address noise pollution as an issue. If smoke were billowing from a chimney, it would be addressed. Rarely is noise pollution considered equivalent to air pollution. Yet noise can severely affect stress levels. The volume level of backup beeping on vehicles is absurd since people blocks away don't need to be alerted! Or such beeping should be prohibited altogether; studies show that the workers the beeping is largely intended to protect become habituated to the sound and that it isn't effective. Drivers who can't see where they're going when they back up need to have different mirrors and take other precautions rather than beeping to let everyone within a mile know that backing up is occurring. Another issue is the restaurants' music and events. For example, Raging Burrito broadcasts its trivia outdoors. If a person would like to sit on the square but not participate in the inane trivia, it isn't possible. It's rude to people in the area who've chosen not to go into the restaurant.Why does the restaurant's preference outweigh that of people nearby? The same could be said for Starbucks outdoor music and the volume of music from Java Monkey AS WELL AS the Decatur Recreation Center.	3/22/2016 8:55 AM
643	continue to attract fine dinning, higher end coffee shops, bakeries, etc. and higher end art galleries and clothing stores - we do not need junk opening with the city or it will start to decline	3/21/2016 3:28 PM
644	There needs to be more walking policing on the streets of Decatur to maintain a friendly relationship between residents and police and to assure that present traffic laws are enforced.	3/21/2016 3:26 PM
645	Address increasing homelessness	3/21/2016 12:46 PM
646	Encourage civic involvement on a routine basis, such as attendance to city meetings. Also Decatur 101 is SUCH a great program--I know it burdens the staff but it would be wonderful to explore ways to expand the program.	3/21/2016 9:32 AM
647	Be a place where folks of all backgrounds can afford to live and feel welcomed!!	3/20/2016 10:24 PM

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648	Work to control growth to preserve quality of life for current residents. Put restrictions on new construction, especially commercial construction to keep growth from impacting quality of life for current residents.	3/20/2016 10:13 PM
649	Community events. Encourage retail & restaurant development.	3/20/2016 9:37 PM
650	Develop a master plan for downtown that includes safe pedestrian access, green space and public transportation. Encourage opportunities for diversity (income, racial, etc.) among residents.	3/20/2016 7:07 PM
651	There is far too much unused store front space. This problem is only augmented by the recent addition of store fronts in mixed use apartments.	3/20/2016 4:08 PM
652	Keep focus on economic and people diversity so we don't end up with only the wealthy being able to live in Decatur.	3/20/2016 2:08 PM
653	Stop the rapid growth and construction of new housing. Keep the city the size it is. Moor police on the streets to prevent crime. Try closing off downtown to car traffic once a month.	3/20/2016 10:51 AM
654	Grow a pedestrian friendly environment.	3/20/2016 10:50 AM
655	Keep up the passion that I see among decision makers	3/20/2016 10:28 AM
656	Although a huge challenge, we should think about preserving our community, keeping people in place, actually seeing folks who are not just like us. I have observed "new" families at places like Oakhurst School with groups of white parents celebrating "their" community while not even seeing the few families of color that remain, and not understanding what was lost by the gentrification of Oakhurst. Instead of complaining about the homes of elderly folks as eyesores, there should be efforts to help them live in place safely. Focus on people, not image. Bike friendly? Who cares when folks that have to use bikes as transportation can't afford to live here. Community Center of South Decatur? More about being a wedding reception rental place than a true community center as rentals are more lucrative than community groups and programs that serve local people.	3/20/2016 7:20 AM
657	Provide free parking downtown, enforce crosswalks many of which are dangerous. Try crossing from Adair across Howard and you're lucky to survive!	3/20/2016 7:20 AM
658	We need another grocery store.	3/20/2016 7:20 AM
659	encourage true diversity - it's getting too rich	3/20/2016 7:11 AM
660	Be diverse	3/19/2016 10:01 PM
661	Affordable housings based on income	3/19/2016 9:40 PM
662	We need address school crowding and maintain school standards of excellence. We need to address parking in order to continue to attract customers for our CBD restaurants and shops.	3/19/2016 9:19 PM
663	apartment/condominium construction in downtown should be restricted,	3/19/2016 8:46 PM
664	Stop allowing apartment complexes to be built	3/19/2016 6:17 PM
665	Maintain quality fire & police services, enforce noise ordinances, improve sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, and stop cutting trees in the downtown area. Make the intersection of Ponce and Church at CVS corner one where all traffic stops and pedestrians can cross in any and all directions at the same time.	3/19/2016 5:24 PM
666	Concerts in square, parades	3/19/2016 4:48 PM
667	Mixed income housing. Less concentrations on chopped apartments.	3/19/2016 4:18 PM
668	Discourage using Decatur streets as a pass-through to get to destinations north or south of the city.	3/19/2016 4:17 PM
669	More parks in walking distance from downtown.	3/19/2016 3:36 PM
670	More parks, walking routes	3/19/2016 2:30 PM
671	more parking downtown	3/19/2016 11:51 AM
672	More affordable housing. Introduction of local currency (Decatur Bucks).	3/18/2016 5:32 PM
673	Have quieter restaurants.	3/18/2016 5:26 PM
674	Encourage "active citizenship" of all who live here. Everyone has talents / resources they can bring to the table. Make everyone feel welcomed, and encouraged to fully participate. We do awesome things when we come together (strategic plan, Better Together, volunteering for festivals). Create a culture where active citizenship isn't the exception, it's the expectation if anyone wants to live here!	3/18/2016 4:45 PM
675	Invest in its public spaces, especially downtown	3/18/2016 4:30 PM
676	Keep improving the quality of life	3/18/2016 3:36 PM

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677	Stop raising taxes on working families.	3/18/2016 9:44 AM
678	Stop massive residential buildings	3/17/2016 7:10 PM
679	Many sidewalks need to be fixed. Crosswalks are ignored even downtown so need better signage and/or flashing pedestrian button-controlled lights. Bike Path should go under Sam's Crossing since MARTA owns both sides of it -- that will help both pedestrians (safer!) and cars. THANKS FOR THIS SURVEY!!!	3/17/2016 6:10 PM
680	Preserve greenspace. Actively partner with DeKalb County and surrounding communities to prevent the city from becoming a "fortress." The best thing to happen to Decatur is to connect itself with surrounding communities, don't just think inside the little box. We can't solve every housing transportation and environmental issue as one tiny little community--reach out people!!	3/17/2016 11:07 AM
681	Grow responsibly. Solve projected student growth issue for school system.	3/16/2016 4:47 PM
682	New building ordinances to control developers and builders from infill building.	3/16/2016 4:45 PM
683	open space stop housing construction	3/16/2016 4:41 PM

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Q37 If you could change one thing about the City of Decatur, it would be...

Answered: 700 Skipped: 352

#	Responses	Date
1	Railway crossings	6/1/2016 4:36 AM
2	Problem: West Howard Ave badly needs a road diet. There is no reason for it to be four lanes. It was originally a wide road for a streetcar that no longer exists. I've lived on W. Howard for seven years. Every day I encounter drivers speeding 20+ mph over the speed limit. The design of W. Howard is the problem - it's so dangerous and encourages drivers to drive as if they are on the interstate - which is appalling since W. Howard connects so many of our students walking to their schools. And apps like Waze and Google Maps see W. Howard as a four lane road that's usually open and reroute drivers - who have no need to go through Decatur - off of interstates and larger roads like Memorial and Scott Blvd to get to their destination. Solution: A road diet like Ponce de Leon received would be a great help. Or if that exact design doesn't work, perhaps W. Howard could turn into one lane in each direction with a dedicated turn lane in the middle and the fourth lane could turn into bike lanes.	5/31/2016 10:35 PM
3	Lower taxes	5/31/2016 9:04 PM
4	More green space and parks,	5/31/2016 8:44 PM
5	(see above)	5/31/2016 8:00 PM
6	More play in schools, more recess	5/31/2016 7:47 PM
7	Stop overbuilding. The traffic is getting terrible. People are going to drive regardless of how pedestrian friendly you make the city and increased traffic ruins the community.	5/31/2016 5:38 PM
8	Eliminate Traffic Calming & bad road design.	5/31/2016 4:31 PM
9	allow smaller subdivisions to join in and feel a part of larger subdivisions.	5/31/2016 4:23 PM
10	Improvements related to animal services which is or should be party of public safety.	5/31/2016 4:02 PM
11	Have more free parking downtown Decatur. I stopped going to my favorite eating place because of difficult parking.	5/31/2016 2:39 PM
12	Create more affordable housing.	5/31/2016 2:30 PM
13	Get back to the basics of running the city. I think the Better Together initiative was misguided.	5/31/2016 2:29 PM
14	No more multi-family housing. Smaller local elementary schools. Ditch the 4/5 academy.	5/31/2016 2:23 PM
15	The things we've done for the past 20 years are the same things that are creating our problems now. We've made Decatur into a destination and that creates parking problems. A little less emphasis on attracting people from outside Decatur may aid in reducing our overcrowding situations.	5/31/2016 1:39 PM
16	Traffic Signals and Flow	5/31/2016 12:10 PM
17	high taxes, crime, lack of handicap access, too many apartments being built, traffic	5/31/2016 9:10 AM
18	Reduce number of cars.	5/31/2016 6:50 AM
19	Overcrowded schools	5/30/2016 10:59 PM
20	Put the train underground and build a park space over it!!	5/30/2016 10:38 PM
21	Minimize dominance of vehicles	5/30/2016 8:21 PM
22	Stop being so anti-car	5/30/2016 6:29 PM
23	affordable buying options for single parents/ single income families	5/30/2016 5:12 PM
24	Lower taxes for purple over 65 so they can stay in their homes!	5/30/2016 5:06 PM
25	See #35	5/30/2016 4:06 PM
26	Make sure there were adequate low income housing for people who wanted to remain in the city.	5/30/2016 3:05 PM
27	The over development! It was such a better place 10 years ago. Stop building so much	5/30/2016 2:14 PM
28	All of the new apartments! Also a few existing eyesores remaining downtown	5/30/2016 1:50 PM

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29	Affordable housing	5/30/2016 1:37 PM
30	Better sidewalks and more connectivity to other communities.	5/30/2016 12:02 PM
31	The current City Manager and several individuals who have been in the city too long and seem to feel it is their city and not ours.	5/30/2016 11:22 AM
32	Have a stand alone restroom kitty corner from City Hall and stop the resistance to new good ideas.	5/30/2016 10:15 AM
33	Parking option	5/30/2016 7:09 AM
34	less multifamily housing	5/29/2016 9:54 PM
35	Protected bike lanes and safe sidewalks throughout. Fewer cars.	5/29/2016 7:28 PM
36	Free 2 hour parking	5/29/2016 7:18 PM
37	To limit outsized replacement homes and concentrate more on renovation to maintain more affordable pricing/taxes.	5/29/2016 7:02 PM
38	Traffic flow improvements at all intersections/crossings of the railroad tracks running east/west through downtown to make travel between the north and south sides of Decatur easier. Additional pedestrian tunnels around the tracks would also be welcome to better connect residents.	5/29/2016 12:33 PM
39	increase local options for downtown theater, movies, entertainment	5/29/2016 12:08 PM
40	Affordable rent (no more than \$800 for one bedroom; \$1000 for 2)	5/29/2016 11:45 AM
41	Fewer families with kids moving in - the schools are too crowded now	5/28/2016 8:15 PM
42	Lower taxes	5/28/2016 2:38 PM
43	Too many permitting requirements on private home/property projects.	5/28/2016 5:56 AM
44	cap housing prices, or not approve certain new builds. Old homes are being torn down and new builds 2 plus times the size of old homes are being built in their place. This is a good way to earn money for developers, but it pushes out low to middle class families who would want to live in Decatur. My family wouldn't be able to afford a home in Decatur at current housing prices.	5/28/2016 12:54 AM
45	Lower property taxes by reining in school board and city spending!	5/27/2016 10:14 PM
46	better bicycling more townhouse options designed for families	5/27/2016 2:27 PM
47	When walking their dogs, owners must clean up after them!	5/27/2016 1:23 PM
48	Have more surveys like this, and fewer instances when I would have to rush home from work to go to a meeting at City Hall or somewhere else to participate and offer my opinion.	5/27/2016 12:41 PM
49	Add a cook-off or bake-off to our list of festivals. Its just expensive and difficult to get tickets to the beer or wine fest but a foodfest would be fun and kid-friendly	5/27/2016 12:09 PM
50	That there would be more diversity and that an Urgent Care Facility be added to the area to serve those that might need it.	5/27/2016 11:46 AM
51	Better shops and restaurants on Ponce	5/27/2016 11:41 AM
52	Parking.	5/27/2016 11:30 AM
53	I've said it before and I'll say it again....."GET RID OF MARTA"	5/27/2016 10:06 AM
54	Including everyone regardless of income	5/27/2016 9:37 AM
55	More sidewalk connectivity; possibly a walking bridge over the train tracks to connect the north and south communities and improve safety for kids	5/27/2016 9:06 AM
56	Hole more recreational activities in the town	5/27/2016 8:27 AM
57	add a protected bike lane or multi-use path around Commerce as a BeltLine of Decatur	5/27/2016 6:35 AM
58	For years, the one complaint I've heard from people is "why doesn't Decatur have a larger greenspace in downtown Decatur? We need a new downtown Decatur park.	5/27/2016 12:54 AM
59	More respect for the past.	5/26/2016 10:11 PM
60	Secede from DeKalb County.	5/26/2016 9:56 PM
61	lower taxes	5/26/2016 9:33 PM

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62	Bike lanes that are separate from cars and don't end suddenly	5/26/2016 9:31 PM
63	How difficult it is to afford a single family detached house. Our family brings in about \$100k a year from a single earner and that amount is well above the average household income in GA and our ability to own a single family home feels like a dream that's unobtainable.	5/26/2016 9:22 PM
64	Lower taxes - and stop the town home/condo developments! Parking is already ridiculously difficult.	5/26/2016 7:37 PM
65	Make it more affordable for middle income people.	5/26/2016 7:21 PM
66	Gentrification should be curbed.	5/26/2016 5:44 PM
67	Lower taxes.	5/26/2016 5:40 PM
68	Taxes	5/26/2016 5:07 PM
69	increased diversity	5/26/2016 5:05 PM
70	See above. I'd like more and faster action, less snails' pace bureaucratic procedure.	5/26/2016 3:54 PM
71	More bike lanes	5/26/2016 3:36 PM
72	Continue to support the diverse community, not just the affluent.	5/26/2016 3:05 PM
73	The ridiculously huge, overpriced houses need to stop.	5/26/2016 12:46 PM
74	Lower taxes somewhat.	5/26/2016 12:03 PM
75	Not so many upper class well off folks. They are diluting the diversity and interesting culture of Decatur	5/26/2016 11:36 AM
76	Add more bike racks downtown and more bike infrastructure in general.	5/26/2016 11:11 AM
77	Reduce size of infill housing footprint and height...demand more reasonable structures that fit into existing neighborhoods and preserve historic quality of neighborhoods	5/26/2016 11:08 AM
78	Traffic congestion surrounding railroad crossings. I don't know how but...	5/26/2016 10:54 AM
79	More walk-ability connecting different pedestrian areas.	5/26/2016 10:45 AM
80	Improve traffic at the N. McDonough/Trinity intersection. Traffic there is a disaster and will only get worse with anticipated changes to the Streetscape	5/26/2016 10:40 AM
81	summer humidity	5/26/2016 10:27 AM
82	Encourage parking at the perimeter of downtown, walking/biking within	5/26/2016 10:21 AM
83	the incredibly high tax rates	5/26/2016 10:06 AM
84	Housing costs and economic divesirty	5/26/2016 9:35 AM
85	Stop the tear downs.	5/26/2016 8:49 AM
86	Lack of affordable housing for people who serve our community - educators, city workers, etc	5/26/2016 8:19 AM
87	a moratorium on multi-unit constructions	5/25/2016 10:58 PM
88	Make more space for economic diversity.	5/25/2016 10:09 PM
89	West Howard from the marta station east to commerce drive would be greatly improves by a road diet. The road diet will improve walkability in that corridor and will make crossing the street easier.	5/25/2016 9:54 PM
90	No	5/25/2016 8:53 PM
91	Traffic calming on Scott, West Howard, College ave	5/25/2016 7:32 PM
92	More parking to attract diners	5/25/2016 7:20 PM
93	A road diet on Howard Ave. I am an 18 year resident who has traveled that road extensively. The 35 MPH limit is rarely obeyed and I believe this results from the road design. We and our children would prefer to walk to Oakhurst to visit friends and shops but the pedestrian experience is horrible. Road diets have been used on many other City roads and I feel the City just ignores our neighborhood.	5/25/2016 4:43 PM
94	tree ordinance- more carrot, more equitable, flexible development rights in order to preserve large trees (ie greater setback to preserve a big tree, etc.). See Seattle for example.	5/25/2016 2:11 PM
95	Make Decatur a Historic district so there was more thought and consideration put into new housing requirements.	5/25/2016 1:04 PM
96	better shuttle connectivity to marta and downtown decatur	5/25/2016 11:41 AM

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97	Cost of housing needs to come down. I'd love for our school teachers and employees to be able to afford to live here.	5/25/2016 9:14 AM
98	Stop overspending.	5/25/2016 8:11 AM
99	Fix the unified development ordinance so that it includes parking and traffic considerations and get some residents to sit on the boards approving these development plans. We are not being properly represented.	5/25/2016 3:14 AM
100	I am happy here, proud of our community. Perhaps the bizarre tree ordinance? That is a pretty minor complaint.	5/25/2016 12:55 AM
101	Trash! I want to be able to throw something in the dumpster without having to bother with the blue bag that may fall to the bottom. Maybe families can pay per bag or per dumpster? Also bag quality is not good	5/24/2016 11:36 PM
102	Improve the traffic flow of vehicles especially the east west corridors.	5/24/2016 11:21 PM
103	Would it be possible to have all of this without the property taxes? Holy balls we got our new assessment last year, and it was painful! Attract more businesses, so we could work here and cut our commutes further.	5/24/2016 9:14 PM
104	Stop unfettered development.	5/24/2016 9:13 PM
105	Lower taxes	5/24/2016 9:05 PM
106	pedestrian area expanded, especially on weekends	5/24/2016 7:09 PM
107	Reverse the trend of tearing down small houses and building huge ones.	5/24/2016 6:24 PM
108	school crowding	5/24/2016 6:13 PM
109	Don't outsource environmental and safety inspections including building inspections. Promote more modern, affordable housing stock.	5/24/2016 5:18 PM
110	A "Blakeford at Decatur" or similar Independent Living / Assisted Living/ Nursing home complex for me to retire to in 5-10 years.	5/24/2016 5:09 PM
111	Cut property taxes	5/24/2016 4:54 PM
112	stop the influx of new & expensive housing development	5/24/2016 4:50 PM
113	More diversity	5/24/2016 4:37 PM
114	To add a pedestrian bridge over College Ave. and the train tracks.	5/24/2016 3:55 PM
115	taxes	5/24/2016 3:36 PM
116	The difficulty in getting to/from Decatur from elsewhere in Atlanta. Traffic becomes a nightmare, so better public transportation options would be helpful.	5/24/2016 3:26 PM
117	There should never be multistory apartment building constructed with stick-framing. Never. They wouldn't build a single-family home that way in Europe. We should be building our city to last 150 years, not letting builders nickel and dime the construction. People are selling houses for 900,000...require an architectural review process. They don't have to look the same...but they should be built well and they should be well-designed.	5/24/2016 2:52 PM
118	Better use of under-utilized / under-developed parcels in downtown.	5/24/2016 2:45 PM
119	the slowest of the city to respond to issues	5/24/2016 2:37 PM
120	to increase outreach and sharing of resources with surrounding schools. DeKalb schools right next door are struggling. I understand why CoD schools outperform, but the degree of difference is disgusting. We have the ability to model loving thy neighbor, including those just outside our borders.	5/24/2016 2:17 PM
121	Enforce the speed limit. Decatur is known for being family-friendly, yet drivers speed through all parts of Decatur - residential and commercial districts alike - without fear of getting a speeding ticket. Sooner or later, some kid is going to get run down by a driver going 45 mph down a residential neighborhood road.	5/24/2016 1:44 PM
122	Change the building codes in regards to the impervious rules. They are absolutely ridiculous.	5/24/2016 1:13 PM
123	Narrow major arteries and provide bike lanes, wider sidewalks. Primarily Commerce east.	5/24/2016 1:05 PM
124	Develop/implement a transportation plan that acknowledges the right of cars to exist and keeps them on main arteries wherever possible while facilitating their flow through our city.	5/24/2016 12:57 PM
125	Housing prices.	5/24/2016 11:20 AM
126	There's too much construction of new housing. The schools are already overflowing. What do you expect is going to happen with all the new construction of apartments?? People looking for cheap housing to send all their kids into the school system. It has happened in our condo building; two sisters and 5 kids in a 1-bedroom condo!! City Schools filed a lawsuit. This is not an uncommon practice.	5/24/2016 11:01 AM

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127	Lack of sidewalks on both sides of street	5/24/2016 10:50 AM
128	The housing market would stop going so high for sale prices. We need to maintain and develop great neighborhoods with lots of different families and having houses that are too expensive is going to minimize diversity.	5/24/2016 10:44 AM
129	See above	5/24/2016 10:35 AM
130	More affordable housing	5/24/2016 10:29 AM
131	The demographic trend toward racial and wealth homogeneity.	5/24/2016 10:22 AM
132	the ability to afford reasonable housing	5/24/2016 10:20 AM
133	West Howard Avenue. I would implement traffic calming measures similar to those on West Ponce coming into the city from Scott Blvd. Drop down to two lanes or three (with a turn lane). Provide street parking in the lane that abuts the residential and provide bike infrastructure on the north side of the street to mirror the PATH on the south (just a lane or signage, not another full dedicated path). This is a huge issue for me and all those who live along that road. Though the speed limit is 35, the design signals drivers to travel much faster with four wide open lanes and limited signalization and stop signs. This is a neglected and underappreciated corridor in Decatur that connects the southside neighborhoods to the northside and vice versa. We enjoy walking to the shops along College and to Oakhurst, but it can be dangerous with limited opportunities for crossing to access the PATH and the high speeds with which automobiles travel.	5/24/2016 10:16 AM
134	Work with the county to get a greenway/beltline like path out several miles from the city. like connect to the south peachtree creek path	5/24/2016 9:23 AM
135	Proactively identify potential incongruous zoning situations and eliminate them. For example, townhome zoning on single family lots has been a problem in my neighborhood and I don't think reflects anyone's goals for the city.	5/24/2016 8:52 AM
136	Seems builders are able to plow down huge lots of trees for condos with much less regulation than people building new homes. Trees are important and should be equally regulated.	5/24/2016 8:36 AM
137	Lack of affordability	5/24/2016 8:31 AM
138	More ethnic diversity	5/24/2016 8:24 AM
139	More walking friendly, your close.	5/24/2016 8:05 AM
140	I would love to be able to walk my children to school, but Scott Blvd is too dangerous.	5/24/2016 7:42 AM
141	Less traffic	5/24/2016 7:36 AM
142	More affordable healthy/fresh restaurants (like Victory, for example)	5/24/2016 5:52 AM
143	Remove all the recently built apartments and condos.	5/24/2016 5:03 AM
144	Leash law for cats.	5/23/2016 11:29 PM
145	Slow down the over building. Decatur is losing it's small town feel and diversity. Grant tax exemptions so that I can continue to live here	5/23/2016 11:23 PM
146	Make a clear comprehensive plan for schools that keeps walkable neighborhood schools and considers exiting the 4-5 concept and returning to K-5 schools.	5/23/2016 11:11 PM
147	The lack of community focus and engagement by the police department.	5/23/2016 10:29 PM
148	Current City leadership	5/23/2016 10:06 PM
149	Slow construction until the schools can catch up.	5/23/2016 9:07 PM
150	safer biking and walking across the tracks	5/23/2016 8:42 PM
151	Better access across the City for pedestrians - easier, quicker, crossings; pleasant walks between key points.	5/23/2016 8:30 PM
152	Less traffic, easier parking near the square.	5/23/2016 8:27 PM
153	More bike lanes and better sidewalks. A good bookstore.	5/23/2016 8:03 PM
154	Having mostly rich white families moving in.	5/23/2016 7:25 PM
155	the seeming disregard for the integrity of existing neighborhoods	5/23/2016 7:14 PM
156	Railroad noise/crossings	5/23/2016 6:32 PM
157	Somehow better forecast the school capacity and plan for it more proactively. The schools are overcrowded already and the quality will begin to go down and in some aspects already has begun to deteriorate.	5/23/2016 5:53 PM

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158	Try to accommodate ALL people. While many come to take advantage of CSD, there are other demographics which need consideration.	5/23/2016 5:15 PM
159	trolley service to other areas of the City, like Oakhurst, so we can enjoy other aspects of the city without having to drive and find parking, which is always limited.	5/23/2016 5:05 PM
160	a better and safer route to midtown	5/23/2016 4:59 PM
161	More sidewalks	5/23/2016 4:54 PM
162	See question #36.	5/23/2016 4:48 PM
163	Make it as pedestrian and bike oriented as possible.	5/23/2016 4:44 PM
164	safer route to Westchester Elementary	5/23/2016 4:39 PM
165	Get rid of many of the apartment buildings.	5/23/2016 4:31 PM
166	Knocking down houses and building huge houses that are really expensive. It is taking away the diverse population and one of the reasons we chose to move here. All of the housing construction is straining our schools making them overpopulated. People are not going to want to move into a district with overcrowded schools and houses that all look the same and only wealthy people can afford.	5/23/2016 4:22 PM
167	Stop multi family dwelling from being built	5/23/2016 4:07 PM
168	No more huge, out of scale houses on tiny lots with no trees.	5/23/2016 4:01 PM
169	Move the courthouse and county offices out of the city. Replace with offices.	5/23/2016 3:54 PM
170	For the social deviants, kooks, and busy-bodies to mind their own personal business.	5/23/2016 3:52 PM
171	Encouragement of individual business rather than franchises.	5/23/2016 3:50 PM
172	reduce regulations	5/23/2016 3:49 PM
173	more diverse mix... working class... it is really getting a bit pretentious.	5/23/2016 3:33 PM
174	Add more commercially zoned property, without additional households, to support the growth and strengthening of our schools.	5/23/2016 3:20 PM
175	Slow the traffic down throughout the city.	5/23/2016 3:20 PM
176	more safe connections through railroad tracks	5/23/2016 1:20 PM
177	Less school crowding	5/23/2016 12:44 PM
178	Crime	5/23/2016 12:37 PM
179	The prices of housing	5/23/2016 12:15 PM
180	public greenspace	5/23/2016 12:01 PM
181	The rapid change due to the new construction!	5/23/2016 11:52 AM
182	Better/more bike and pedestrian paths	5/23/2016 11:44 AM
183	get rid of the blighted properties.	5/23/2016 11:37 AM
184	Worried about increasing lack of diversity and affordability	5/23/2016 11:13 AM
185	Less whining.	5/23/2016 10:53 AM
186	Greater diversity	5/23/2016 10:15 AM
187	Safety	5/23/2016 10:06 AM
188	Find a way for older families to keep living in neighborhoods esp Oakhurst where more and more teardowns/buyouts are hugely impacting the diversity of the neighborhood.	5/23/2016 9:53 AM
189	make it more affordable	5/23/2016 9:38 AM
190	Growth is good, but at what cost? Is it really worth it to keep adding more housing and businesses? Can the infrastructure we have really support this growth? I think before adding all this we need to take a look at the infrastructure we have and improving it first.	5/23/2016 9:25 AM
191	Crack down on nuisance homes that over-burden the city by having children who do not actually live there attend city of Decatur schools. Due to the volume of people in and out of these houses, there is always trash within 100' of the house--which is exempted because it is in a grandparents name.	5/23/2016 9:13 AM

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192	Lower property taxes	5/23/2016 9:09 AM
193	Stop growing in numbers. We are large enough.	5/23/2016 9:03 AM
194	Build affordable homes instead of immorally huge ones.	5/23/2016 9:01 AM
195	Building of apartments & added cement features (like the awful parking structure for the apartment building by the train tracks... Who let something so ugly be approved?).	5/23/2016 8:56 AM
196	Put a break on the building of super-big, super-expensive housing.	5/23/2016 8:44 AM
197	Property taxes. Keep them in line with what people are earning and what they can afford to pay; not just in line with this artificially inflated real estate market	5/23/2016 8:39 AM
198	STOP BUILDING!!	5/23/2016 8:34 AM
199	Be more fiscally responsible - lower taxes, especially on seniors.	5/23/2016 8:30 AM
200	Focus more on diverse populations and less on families with children.	5/23/2016 8:30 AM
201	Street conditions and traffic.	5/23/2016 8:23 AM
202	Less traffic congestion	5/23/2016 8:22 AM
203	Traffic	5/23/2016 8:20 AM
204	Safer biking options. Stricter enforcement of biker safety. I regularly get accosted by drivers when I bike on the road in accordance with state abd local laws.	5/23/2016 8:15 AM
205	More affordable housing.	5/23/2016 7:50 AM
206	Reduce our taxes.	5/23/2016 7:31 AM
207	Preserve the trees from developers who just tear down, clear cut the lot. Build a mansion	5/23/2016 6:38 AM
208	Lower taxes on property.	5/23/2016 12:04 AM
209	slow growth that is affordable	5/22/2016 11:22 PM
210	Stop painting hideous murals on already hideous structures.	5/22/2016 11:21 PM
211	More oversight and control over tear downs and construction of McMansions. The lack of a diversity of sizes of homes is partly because smaller and more affordable homes are being bought by developers and torn down with little regard for land to house ratios etc.	5/22/2016 10:48 PM
212	It's growth rate	5/22/2016 10:26 PM
213	Create a nature center and a large natural park	5/22/2016 10:26 PM
214	The ridiculously large, expensive, and unnecessary newer houses being built.	5/22/2016 9:39 PM
215	Traffic	5/22/2016 9:34 PM
216	Less tear downs/new construction	5/22/2016 9:31 PM
217	Get rid of plane noise	5/22/2016 8:56 PM
218	Work better with Dekalb County on roads, sewers, and other services. Probably very hard, since Dekalb is a mess.	5/22/2016 8:51 PM
219	Save big old trees. Add bike lanes. Build actual buildings at the schools	5/22/2016 8:43 PM
220	Home prices are crazy. More mixed income housing	5/22/2016 8:43 PM
221	The ability to tear down as many trees (and natural wildlife that depends on those trees) as a builder sees fit in order to make larger homes and developments. It astounds me how quickly things are torn down and removed, only to be built with cookie cutter homes and businesses. Decatur feels like it is losing a lot of its charming character.	5/22/2016 7:43 PM
222	Help maintain the diversity that is why we selected to live in and appreciate this city	5/22/2016 7:05 PM
223	traffic speed abatement for pedestrian/cyclist friendly corridors into town	5/22/2016 6:17 PM
224	Be more sensitive to ideas from the residents rather than controlling the coutcome of group input.	5/22/2016 6:13 PM
225	Stop building apartment complexes that will not withstand the test of time	5/22/2016 6:11 PM
226	The railroad crossings	5/22/2016 2:02 PM
227	property taxes	5/22/2016 12:31 PM

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228	Better law enforcement of traffic laws. Obeying of posted speeds, No Turn on Red signs are routinely ignored by drivers. More city police patrolling in all neighborhoods.	5/22/2016 11:24 AM
229	The emphasis on drinking as a way to have fun together.	5/22/2016 11:18 AM
230	add bicycle infrastructure	5/22/2016 9:34 AM
231	Stop building condos and create more greenspace and bike paths	5/22/2016 12:07 AM
232	More affordable housing that is not sold based on market value. Stop allowing tear downs and \$1m homes to be built.	5/21/2016 8:59 PM
233	Encourage more affordable retail rents so that turnover/vacancies in business district is less pronounced and so that funkier less well-capitalized edgier retailers can get some toe-hold	5/21/2016 8:36 PM
234	I pay a FORTUNE in property tax for being a single female...paying for a top of the line school system that I will never use. I am fine with that because of my property value (and educating our future), but it would be nice to get some sort of reimbursement for not adding to the school system. :)	5/21/2016 6:07 PM
235	Too much emphasis on improving the tax base with high density housing at the expense of quality of life that brought us to (downtown) Decatur.	5/21/2016 5:09 PM
236	Reduce traffic	5/21/2016 4:48 PM
237	More deliberate planning for housing and parking in the central business district.	5/21/2016 4:42 PM
238	It is turning into an Alpharetta-like suburb with the infill and lack of affordable housing. I would create policies supporting affordable housing with more appropriate architectural scale.	5/21/2016 4:01 PM
239	Have some consideration for tax breaks for adults without children in City schools. The property taxes are out of control and will force us from our home. Diversity is not just race; it also includes singles, couples w/o kids, and seniors.	5/21/2016 3:58 PM
240	Fix crossing at college/McDonough	5/21/2016 3:41 PM
241	As property values increase, the millage should decrease more to lower taxes. Taxes have been going up too much!!	5/21/2016 3:35 PM
242	The crossing st College /McDonough is unacceptable for pedestrians, school children. Make overhead crosswalk between Renfro & DHS joining Commerce & College	5/21/2016 3:32 PM
243	Traffic due to building without providing adequate vmchanges to road width, or traffic lights.	5/21/2016 3:26 PM
244	The shoddy transportation infrastructure. It's only bike-able and walkable because it's compact.	5/21/2016 2:56 PM
245	Ban priuses.	5/21/2016 2:34 PM
246	Reducing the tear downs and McMansions	5/21/2016 2:30 PM
247	more affordable housing	5/21/2016 1:50 PM
248	Make it safe for my 6 yr old to bicycle with me to downtown	5/21/2016 1:42 PM
249	greater diversity of shops and eateries	5/21/2016 1:07 PM
250	Slow the current pace of development	5/21/2016 12:26 PM
251	Lower taxes, more city parking options, improve safety and convenience of railroad intersections like McDonough and E. College.	5/21/2016 11:53 AM
252	housing prices	5/21/2016 11:49 AM
253	More affordable homes--350k or so for a decent sized home, which I know is not going to happen.	5/21/2016 11:05 AM
254	Limit the amount of high density housing developments (apartments/condos) to keep the school populations manageable.	5/21/2016 10:49 AM
255	less crowded schools	5/21/2016 10:25 AM
256	Reduce car dominance	5/21/2016 9:58 AM
257	to slow down the building. I think Decatur is growing faster than it can support. We don't have the space in the schools, the traffic is getting worse every day and the building continues. Just slow down! We need to let everything grow together: the infrastructure, the schools.	5/21/2016 9:42 AM
258	The number of huge homes.	5/21/2016 9:40 AM
259	Increase shuttle/bus service	5/21/2016 9:29 AM

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260	encourage affordable housing to restore the original mix of the neighborhoods I fell in love with in the 90s.	5/21/2016 9:07 AM
261	How rich you currently have to be in order to live here as a family.	5/21/2016 8:49 AM
262	Schools are great now but quickly becoming overcrowded and almost completely rich & white! The culture is changing for the worse -we are becoming victim of our own success	5/21/2016 8:37 AM
263	For city leaders to recognize that Oakhurst exists	5/21/2016 8:04 AM
264	Keep working on traffic.	5/21/2016 7:46 AM
265	Housing prices	5/21/2016 7:12 AM
266	Improve sidewalks	5/21/2016 6:05 AM
267	Slow the development of new housing	5/21/2016 2:33 AM
268	Slow the gentrification	5/21/2016 1:00 AM
269	Reduce wasteful city government spending.	5/21/2016 12:57 AM
270	traffic. it doesn't feel safe/enjoyable to walk downtown and traffic and parking can be a nightmare. my daughter was booted this week running in to grab something at chick fil a before school. her fault for not parking where she should, but also pretty sad that this is the state of affairs at 8:00 am on a Thursday morning. That chicken biscuit cost her \$80.	5/21/2016 12:25 AM
271	improve pedestrian access across College Avenue/railroad	5/20/2016 11:27 PM
272	School uniforms.	5/20/2016 11:06 PM
273	more efficiency in the government regulation of private property should encourage residents to improve their property as to deter improvement.	5/20/2016 10:48 PM
274	Add separate bike lanes.	5/20/2016 10:47 PM
275	Better traffic control on South Candler. Law enforcement for those who speed and run traffic lights. I've almost been hit (with my baby in a stroller) trying to cross South Candler when someone ran a red light at Kirk Road.	5/20/2016 10:45 PM
276	Do not want schools to get over crowded.	5/20/2016 10:03 PM
277	Separated bike paths (for kids mainly)	5/20/2016 9:34 PM
278	Too much negativity on list -serves...	5/20/2016 9:09 PM
279	Affordability	5/20/2016 8:58 PM
280	We need reassessment for ALL properties in cod. I know a bunch of people that live in houses worth \$600,000+ and they are paying taxes for a \$200k equivalent property. This is simply not right. We keep increasing taxes when we should be focusing on reassessing. I bet we will have enough money if we do so.	5/20/2016 8:43 PM
281	Ease of biking downtown and connecting Decatur to other neighbor hoods via bike	5/20/2016 8:40 PM
282	stop the endless construction	5/20/2016 8:36 PM
283	More restrictive new dwelling codes. Make houses fit the lots. I.e limit the towering McMansions. Address problem intersections. Require increased building quality of mega apartment complexes they will define the city for generations to come.	5/20/2016 8:30 PM
284	Current house prices and taxes in the city have created this notion that people are rich at Decatur. Current levels of gentrification and the tax-friendly attitude from the city is forcing middle class residents and many academics to leave and not be able to afford the city.	5/20/2016 8:25 PM
285	Close of area around square to auto traffic.	5/20/2016 7:57 PM
286	Wish development could of been controlled more. Feel very sad about all the solid older homes that are now gone.	5/20/2016 7:39 PM
287	Biking and walking connectivity. (Being able to get from one end to the other safely)	5/20/2016 6:39 PM
288	The commute :)	5/20/2016 5:23 PM
289	Noise from trains in residential areas.	5/20/2016 5:19 PM
290	That I could run in to shop like Little Shop of Stories to quickly but a birthday gift without driving around for 20 minutes and then eventually paying at least \$2 to park.	5/20/2016 5:18 PM
291	The overcrowding and the tear down of older homes	5/20/2016 5:11 PM

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292	i live at first & oakview (right inside the wonky part that hangs off the map on the sw corner). all of the houses in this group have kids that need a sidewalk on oakview to connect to the sidewalk that begins at second. as it is, we have to cross the street & then cross back again at second (which is busy intersection). there are currently two studentst having to do this to attend FAVE & my son will be there in two years. the rest of the kids are younger. plus, it would look better to have a sidewalk here.	5/20/2016 4:52 PM
293	I do not like the proliferation of high-end, high-rise condominiums.	5/20/2016 4:49 PM
294	I'd put a stop to all the tear-downs of smaller, lovely old homes, being replaced by McMansions. Seriously, it should be stopped. Renovating existing homes is fine, but these all these tear-downs are unnecessary and indicative of an affluence similar to Buckhead. As a Decaturite since 1986, the economic shift in residents is alarming and disturbing.	5/20/2016 4:36 PM
295	It needs to be more affordable.	5/20/2016 4:28 PM
296	I would ban chain stores within city limits.	5/20/2016 4:05 PM
297	Too many million dollar houses being built.	5/20/2016 4:03 PM
298	safety - concerned about speeding cars thru neighborhood streets & distracted driving	5/20/2016 3:50 PM
299	Fewer wine crawls & other alcohol-fueled festivals.	5/20/2016 3:16 PM
300	more young professionals mixed with families and older people. the infrastructure of decatur mixed with more age diversity you see in other areas of atlanta.	5/20/2016 3:08 PM
301	Ability for handicapped people to get around, which would also help the people who want to walk & bike.	5/20/2016 3:01 PM
302	Add more housing options	5/20/2016 2:59 PM
303	It's emphasis on cars	5/20/2016 2:49 PM
304	Improve parking for residents.	5/20/2016 2:36 PM
305	Less construction	5/20/2016 2:28 PM
306	Refresh the leadership, new blood	5/20/2016 2:25 PM
307	Better/safer ability to bike and walk with families from all different neighborhoods and city centers within Decatur.	5/20/2016 2:25 PM
308	Crowded classrooms	5/20/2016 2:15 PM
309	Affordability. It's not very accessible except to a relatively highly compensated professional class, and the market only aggravates this by fueling construction of larger and more luxurious homes at the expense of more modestly proportioned/appointed and denser development.	5/20/2016 2:10 PM
310	Greater diversity - racial and economic.	5/20/2016 2:10 PM
311	better bike and pedestrian infrastructure outside of downtown	5/20/2016 2:01 PM
312	The wealth disparity.	5/20/2016 1:52 PM
313	High cost of housing	5/20/2016 1:51 PM
314	less multi family house (apartments, condos)	5/20/2016 1:49 PM
315	lower traffic speeds	5/20/2016 1:30 PM
316	Expand the city center	5/20/2016 1:25 PM
317	price of rent and housing to live here. It gone out of control because everyone wants to have their kid in the school system.	5/20/2016 1:22 PM
318	To have more one level housing options for senior citizens.	5/20/2016 12:51 PM
319	I wish it had a water-based natural feature	5/20/2016 12:48 PM
320	Add more art/creativity back to the city look and feel. The change in the city population has it feeling like one big generic school district. While I'm proud of our school system, the city can also promote its artistic side too. The funky part is getting whitewashed. We don't want to be Roswell. (do we?)	5/20/2016 11:58 AM
321	Make it safer for bicycling.	5/20/2016 11:28 AM
322	Maintain economic and racial diversity	5/20/2016 11:28 AM
323	Traffic, high property taxes, over crowded classrooms/schools, lack of field space for school sports	5/20/2016 11:27 AM

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324	Yard debris pickup is not good enough. We have a large yard and pay significant taxes. I would like to be able to place yard debris on the curb without having to bag or put it in a container, in particular larger dropped tree branches or brush. We had this when we lived in Avondale Estates and Decatur needs to do better.	5/20/2016 11:02 AM
325	How easy it is to tear down older homes and old growth trees to build cookie-cutter (suburban) homes in town	5/20/2016 10:58 AM
326	Less traffic, takes twice as long to get anywhere if you have to cross ponce now. Also the city feels like a building site, so much endless construction.	5/20/2016 10:42 AM
327	i wish those in the community would spend less time being critical and more time being thankful for and enjoying what we have.	5/20/2016 10:33 AM
328	Have more diversity.	5/20/2016 10:29 AM
329	City Administration.	5/20/2016 10:27 AM
330	Population. I miss the quaint, funky, friendly Decatur. The leadership that brainstormed how to get Decatur out of the car lot, crime, tumble weeds days could not predict the fall of the US economy or APS. We all know (hopefully) the population influx is for the schools. Now housing and attitudes mimic a stereotypical Buckhead affluent neighborhood. I can't change it. Can you? Once upon a time when people asked "Where do you live" and I responded "Decatur" they'd say "Oh I love those bungalows". I used to say "Yes, me too, they're charming. Now I say "I did too, but they're gone."	5/20/2016 10:25 AM
331	Affordable/efficient housing.	5/20/2016 10:23 AM
332	More bicycle paths	5/20/2016 10:20 AM
333	Bring back people with more modest incomes. No one who moves here now has a modest income.	5/20/2016 10:19 AM
334	Lower taxes	5/20/2016 10:14 AM
335	The 60/40 coverage rule.	5/20/2016 10:11 AM
336	Addition of light rail, more business districts sprinkled throughout residential areas	5/20/2016 9:46 AM
337	Slow growth, turn the clock back and keep more small homes, limit the size of new ones.	5/20/2016 9:45 AM
338	More of a focus on environmental issues, less about new tax avenues	5/20/2016 9:42 AM
339	Stop the clearcutting and overbuilding.	5/20/2016 9:16 AM
340	Pay-as-you-throw. I would love a city issued can for trash and recycling. The kind with a hinged lid and large wheels. I don't mind buying the bag but I'm sick of paying for my own trash can only to have the lid left in the street and run over.	5/20/2016 9:16 AM
341	get rid of the non stop building destroying why I moved to Decatur 20 years ago	5/20/2016 9:14 AM
342	Have a developers lottery: the City should figure out what they want (e.g., x # of 300,000\$ houses) and then have developers be strongly encouraged to build or meet the City's goals (not theirs). The current model has developers shaping our city to meet their profit goals, which are often in direct conflict with our City goals.	5/20/2016 9:06 AM
343	Consider 20 mph zones in neighborhoods.	5/20/2016 8:38 AM
344	Reestablish the left turn from northbound Trinity onto Howard, and prohibit construction companies for operating ON CITY STREETS, co-opting the common good for an individual business. Ticket and prosecute all construction companies that block a single lane for more than an hour.	5/20/2016 8:35 AM
345	Maintain some diversity in the city.	5/20/2016 8:30 AM
346	More bike and pedestrian crossings at the railroad tracks.	5/20/2016 8:28 AM
347	create secondary, charming, walkable business districts to ease the pressure on downtown.	5/20/2016 8:20 AM
348	Change the trend of increasing homogeneity of population.	5/20/2016 8:17 AM
349	Slow down the practice of demolishing small homes to create large homes. Provide incentives to those of us in smaller homes to keep them small and keep more affordable housing options in Decatur.	5/20/2016 8:13 AM
350	Take away parking meters	5/20/2016 8:13 AM
351	Get the new rich people to contribute their time and effort to keeping the city great. Their tax dollars are good, but they don't even support all their kids' education.	5/20/2016 8:12 AM
352	No more high rise, expensive apartment/condos	5/20/2016 8:09 AM
353	more office space in inner core - seems we're too heavily dependent on residential taxes for our tax base. Would like to see the city continue to encourage small/midsize business to relocate here, leveraging the 'live/work/play' positioning and easy access to Marta	5/20/2016 8:09 AM

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354	Stop chains from moving in	5/20/2016 8:05 AM
355	Stop the influx of LARGE homes being built.	5/20/2016 8:00 AM
356	Stop road diets.	5/20/2016 8:00 AM
357	traffic	5/20/2016 7:52 AM
358	Make sure that senior citizens who have spent decades in their homes are not priced out by rising taxes. Provide housing opportunities for younger people who can't afford the stratospheric home prices.	5/20/2016 7:41 AM
359	The homogenization of our community	5/20/2016 7:31 AM
360	Decrease traffic between here and Clifton corridor	5/20/2016 7:07 AM
361	Get the diversity back.	5/20/2016 7:02 AM
362	Make the schools larger to eliminate trailers.	5/20/2016 6:42 AM
363	Crime	5/20/2016 6:37 AM
364	Toss up between Drastically reduce the tear down/infill housing and do something about the lights going North on McDonough and S. candler so cars don't get so backed up and have to idle through multiple traffic signals (in front of people's houses--causing pollution).	5/20/2016 6:28 AM
365	Less high density housing.	5/20/2016 6:24 AM
366	Add a green walking/biking safe path that cars are prohibited	5/20/2016 6:18 AM
367	Lower property taxes	5/20/2016 6:03 AM
368	Stop contractors like Sullivan and Thrive from tearing down great old homes to build their cheap cookie cutter homes that are going to fall apart in 10 years.	5/20/2016 5:52 AM
369	As the tax base increases, the mil rate has not gone down enough. taxes are more than my mortgage payment.	5/20/2016 5:44 AM
370	Pedestrian Mall on Ponce.	5/20/2016 4:39 AM
371	Lower property taxes.	5/20/2016 4:00 AM
372	More things for our teens to do that are safe, yet relaxing and fun. More opportunities for seniors to live in Decatur long-term and not get priced out. Maintain diversity-it's the key to teach and maintain an open mind and open heart.	5/20/2016 3:37 AM
373	Facilitate access throughout the city so that it's easier to get there	5/20/2016 2:54 AM
374	See above	5/20/2016 2:25 AM
375	CLEAN UP THE LITTER	5/20/2016 12:09 AM
376	I think you have allowed too many multi-family units in the downtown area. It feels like a clogged, congested space. The small town feel within the big city is gone.	5/19/2016 11:48 PM
377	Reduce downtown traffic	5/19/2016 11:14 PM
378	More diversity and more separate bike paths and more affordable housing for families and more preservation of original housing styles..enough with the McMansions	5/19/2016 10:54 PM
379	I hope the schools can keep up the pace of growth and maintain quality	5/19/2016 10:46 PM
380	Find a way to make it easier to use cars less frequently.	5/19/2016 10:44 PM
381	Go back to being the small quaint not all white town!	5/19/2016 10:27 PM
382	More regulations for new, huge, expensive housing.	5/19/2016 10:25 PM
383	Make more of the sports fields accessible. I would rather have less than perfect ball field I can go and use when games are not taking place, than a pristine field I cannot access outside of league play. I grew up in a less affluent, much smaller community and could readily access softball fields, baseball fields, track, and tennis courts. These are pretty basic items, that we in Decatur do not have direct access too.	5/19/2016 10:23 PM
384	Would love to see the square better utilized throughout the year. Let's encourage local artists & musicians to frequent it on weekends. Farmers market once a week would also be a great use of the space.	5/19/2016 10:20 PM
385	Redo and improve the cross walks at McDonough/College and Candler/College. They are not safe.	5/19/2016 10:18 PM
386	More affordable housing	5/19/2016 10:17 PM
387	better planning for schools and development	5/19/2016 10:16 PM

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388	bike lanes	5/19/2016 10:15 PM
389	The tree ordinance is crazy. There must be a more simple approach.	5/19/2016 10:10 PM
390	Lacks of safe walking options on neighborhoods. Take Winona Park where there is an elementary school, there aren't consistent sidewalks & Street lights are lacking. It isn't safe for residents, especially children walking to school.	5/19/2016 10:01 PM
391	The loss of diversity...the reason we moved here 27 years ago.	5/19/2016 10:00 PM
392	gentrification	5/19/2016 9:39 PM
393	Help preserve the longtime residents, so we can have a balanced community.	5/19/2016 9:19 PM
394	Make the culture more of an outdoor culture (more walking and biking, more outdoor time in ALL schools, more outdoor events)	5/19/2016 9:18 PM
395	Lower taxes	5/19/2016 9:17 PM
396	Restrictions on cars flying down Commerce, Clairemont, Scott Blvd. through Decatur, on their way to some other part of Atlanta - using Decatur as a cut-through. I've almost been struck numerous times crossing streets.	5/19/2016 9:14 PM
397	Stop road diets.	5/19/2016 8:53 PM
398	Go back 10 years.	5/19/2016 8:51 PM
399	fewer bars.....high alcohol rate with kids. They see adults all over or 30 somethings and think beer and social life is aspiration	5/19/2016 8:40 PM
400	Slow down on all the building to see if it will be sustainable and not ruin the city that Decatur is known for being. Need better traffic lights	5/19/2016 8:03 PM
401	Stop letting so much new development in....tearing down small houses, putting up huge million dollar houses. Stop letting new construction tear down so many trees!	5/19/2016 8:00 PM
402	Slower, controlled growth.	5/19/2016 6:33 PM
403	more parks and green space and less construction everywhere.	5/19/2016 6:32 PM
404	quit - or limit - the teardowns in Oakhurst	5/19/2016 6:20 PM
405	Get rid of ramshackle buildings/ facades on Ponce.Enforce picking up dog poop and/or pay someone to pick up dog poop. More cameras to identify offenders!	5/19/2016 6:19 PM
406	Clean up the litter in the "square" area.	5/19/2016 5:45 PM
407	More grass and trees downtown. A big lawn for festivals, play and picnic	5/19/2016 5:42 PM
408	Stop the influx of people and the grabbing of what little green space there is in order to preserve some of Decatur's charm.	5/19/2016 5:35 PM
409	re-introduce glass recycling	5/19/2016 5:30 PM
410	More leadership from elected officials rather than having the staff run everything.	5/19/2016 5:18 PM
411	Have leaves in the Fall picked up by a leaf vacuum truck instead of requiring residents to bag all leaves.	5/19/2016 5:15 PM
412	Better enforcement of statutes and laws that are in place. This includes zoning rules , traffic laws and parking rules. Grant fewer zoning variances, ticket cars parked in illegal spaces and drivers who are speeding and ignoring stop signs.	5/19/2016 5:06 PM
413	Better planning when it comes to high density housing in the downtown.	5/19/2016 5:04 PM
414	Expense	5/19/2016 5:00 PM
415	More downtown parking free	5/19/2016 4:47 PM
416	The traffic	5/19/2016 4:45 PM
417	More parks	5/19/2016 4:41 PM
418	Provide a police officer to direct traffic at the intersection of Oakview and East Lake during the hours where crossing guards are present. This intersection backs up terribly, and the crossing guards aren't very effective at managing the traffic flow.	5/19/2016 4:37 PM
419	Make housing more affordable	5/19/2016 4:28 PM
420	Require development projects to include money for green space development and maintenance .	5/19/2016 4:27 PM

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421	For CSD to recognize dyslexia and become a model for remediating this learning difference.	5/19/2016 4:25 PM
422	Go back 11 years and push harder for historic preservation	5/19/2016 4:24 PM
423	A green park where family and friends can get together	5/19/2016 4:04 PM
424	Stop building condos.	5/19/2016 3:52 PM
425	to slow down the number of tear-down/new construction houses and to educate newcomers about the value of smaller footprint homes.	5/19/2016 3:49 PM
426	Asking Dekalb to synchronize their traffic lights and get turning signals for easing traffic	5/19/2016 3:47 PM
427	the cost of housing	5/19/2016 3:43 PM
428	Hard to say....the parking lot between the high school and the court is an eyesore.	5/19/2016 3:41 PM
429	Enact serious tree ordinances!	5/19/2016 3:20 PM
430	Change all the giant, new houses with 5 bedrooms and 5 bathrooms back into traditional smaller cottages. School costs would go down too!	5/19/2016 2:39 PM
431	Cost of living.	5/19/2016 2:29 PM
432	Property taxes	5/19/2016 2:20 PM
433	To focus more on overall beautification of public spaces.	5/19/2016 2:14 PM
434	Overcrowded schools	5/19/2016 1:55 PM
435	Traffic lights- Timing. To reduce emissions and better flow of traffic!	5/19/2016 1:53 PM
436	Protect our schools. Rapid growth is hurting them.	5/19/2016 1:51 PM
437	Go back to the way it was before all the apartments were built.	5/19/2016 1:50 PM
438	I would put the school system on a tighter budget and accept that having a darn good school system instead of the best school system is ok. Nobody wants to pay for the best school system, although all the parents are ok with spreading that cost out to everyone.	5/19/2016 1:41 PM
439	maintain or increase passive greenspace	5/19/2016 1:37 PM
440	People would drive slower on Oakview rd.	5/19/2016 1:31 PM
441	Traffic	5/19/2016 1:26 PM
442	Entitled folks moving in.	5/19/2016 1:20 PM
443	Providing safer opportunities to commute without a car.	5/19/2016 1:19 PM
444	More green space downtown.	5/19/2016 1:14 PM
445	Dekalb ave	5/19/2016 1:14 PM
446	Wave a wand and reduce the degree of self-absorption, entitled-ness. Why were upper middle-class dog owners able to make a long time agency for under-served kids feel unwelcome in Oakhurst? Why were some anonymous posters so rude and cruel regarding Dr. Dude and CSD housing discussion? (I get that it was a tone-deaf discussion, but people have no business being nasty and rude. If I were part of the Dude family, I would be making plans to live elsewhere.) This is the Dark Underbelly of our cheerful little city.	5/19/2016 1:13 PM
447	Fewer trees being cut down.	5/19/2016 1:08 PM
448	manage gentrification batter	5/19/2016 1:08 PM
449	Planned removal of Dekalb county office building	5/19/2016 11:08 AM
450	Traffic. With increased density, the traffic around my home has increased significantly.	5/19/2016 10:51 AM
451	Make it easier to park downtown.	5/19/2016 10:51 AM
452	Get more retail; we already have enough restaurants. Block Ponce, free parking, and live with the consequences	5/19/2016 10:42 AM
453	Lessen traffic congestion ... difficult to with the continuous building projects in downtown Decatur	5/19/2016 10:25 AM
454	I would like to see the city take it's homeowners concerns more seriously. I feel like the city does not respond to the concerns of it's residents if a problem is complex they ignore it.	5/19/2016 10:01 AM
455	Stop tearing down medium sized homes to put of charmless monstrosities.	5/19/2016 9:58 AM

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456	Traffic Calming and enforcement on major arteries	5/19/2016 5:52 AM
457	STOP BUILDING HIGH DENSITY UNITS	5/19/2016 5:44 AM
458	Stop letting children sit at the bar in restaurants. It's nuts that a single diner has to sit next to a six-year old at a bar.	5/18/2016 11:40 PM
459	Pricing of everything out of sight for seniors and long time residents	5/18/2016 11:28 PM
460	Lower property taxes	5/18/2016 11:17 PM
461	*see previous commentary on affordable housing	5/18/2016 10:16 PM
462	Slow development	5/18/2016 3:17 PM
463	The lack of housing options. I own and am happy, but worry that this will turn into a monocultural Buckhead.	5/15/2016 9:05 AM
464	The speeding cars, especially on Commerce	5/14/2016 4:52 PM
465	Keep and expand our diversity: affordable housing + reduce the education achievement gaps + reduce income gap	5/14/2016 11:05 AM
466	Need to re-evaluate laws ensure they adequately address quality-of-life issues for residents of the downtown area (e.g., noise ordinances, car-alarm and noisy construction/maintenance work performed in the morning).	5/13/2016 4:58 PM
467	stop trying to compete with large cities	5/13/2016 3:02 PM
468	Require developers to either pay impact fees or set aside a portion of their development as green space. Othe cities do it very well.	5/13/2016 11:20 AM
469	Cleaner appearance downtown and more flow to the traffic congestion	5/12/2016 9:16 PM
470	I believe the city budget could be leaner and city could have fewer employees in marketing type jobs.	5/12/2016 3:49 PM
471	Traffic.	5/11/2016 11:27 AM
472	Less complaining.	5/11/2016 8:18 AM
473	Help people to expand their vision of 'our back yard' to include ALL of Decatur	5/10/2016 12:12 PM
474	to slow down the growth. The prices of housing is changing who can afford to live in the neighborhood and is decreasing the diversity that was previously a part of this community	5/10/2016 10:45 AM
475	Provide better opportunities for downtown parking to counteract the negative image visitors seem to take away.	5/10/2016 7:27 AM
476	lift the skateboarding ban in downtown; it discriminates against one popular alternative form of transportation	5/8/2016 11:14 AM
477	City should consider consequences of approving all the housing units now being built in downtown. How will this affect our quality of life. Especially for people living in downtown?	5/7/2016 10:05 PM
478	better code enforcement. People park wherever they wish, bock driveways, fire hydrants.	5/7/2016 6:15 PM
479	Decrease taxes	5/6/2016 8:53 PM
480	Control increases in property taxes.	5/6/2016 7:49 PM
481	More walkability from one side of the tracks to the other.	5/6/2016 7:08 PM
482	Focus less on development and more on improving the environmental output of the City	5/6/2016 6:30 PM
483	Decatur should protect its brand. News media should be informed that where the city limits are so that they do not stand on Covington Highway or in front of the VA and say that they're in Decatur. If this would not important we wouldn't have the stampede to incorporate/annex.	5/6/2016 4:35 PM
484	Better enforce and expand anti-public-smoking efforts and push more for better public energy use and conservation.	5/6/2016 3:44 PM
485	Sidewalks on every street	5/6/2016 3:34 PM
486	Traffic	5/6/2016 3:16 PM
487	More attention paid to esthetics— more pretty enjoyable parks, fewer monstrosity buildings (e.g., Alexia), fewer surface parking lots, replacing junky old commercial space with well designed interesting buildings.	5/5/2016 2:16 PM
488	See above	5/4/2016 7:21 PM
489	High taxes	5/3/2016 2:48 PM
490	Apparent love affair with "gentrification"	5/3/2016 10:22 AM
491	prevent total clear cutting of trees with large developments. permitting cutting of old large trees with only small token fines and trees is not a good idea. I would also have the police get to know their communities in a friendly way.	5/2/2016 12:02 PM

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492	Trailers at the schools	5/2/2016 2:38 AM
493	I would improve the appearance of Church Street around Glenlake Park. The temporary poles placed for what was meant to be temporary parking there look cheap and tacky. If Church Street will remain two lanes through that area, that is OK, but please let's make it look as if it was nicely designed that way.	4/29/2016 12:42 PM
494	That it would not sell out the needs and values of long time residents to developers who are just here to make a quick buck and move on.	4/29/2016 10:41 AM
495	Put the primary responsibility of approving zoning back in City Commission. Presently, it has been delegated to the Planning Commission, an unelected body of bureaucrats who are not accountable to the electorate.	4/29/2016 10:34 AM
496	Stop multi family development, unless it is affordable housing... and kept as affordable housing with strict city controls. Can the city control who is able to purchase affordable units?	4/29/2016 9:11 AM
497	Eliminate all the pass through vehicle traffic.	4/28/2016 11:46 PM
498	Slow the infill housing of apartments, condos, cluster housing and MacMansions.	4/28/2016 9:57 PM
499	Regulate lot coverage, especially downtown. Preserve greenspace including mandatory set-asides by high density developers!	4/28/2016 7:10 PM
500	Intolerant people. They are only tolerant if you support their social deviant advocacy. Otherwise, you are not welcome.	4/28/2016 7:07 PM
501	Require town houses and multi family to face the street, provide sidewalks and shade street trees, and create a very pedestrian streetscape with street parking as a barrier between the street and pedestrians.	4/28/2016 6:19 PM
502	I can't choose between traffic & property taxes	4/26/2016 5:03 PM
503	Easier biking/walking trails/bike lanes. I would like for my daughters to be able to ride their bikes to downtown safely. I would like for them to be able to safely cross Candler on their own.	4/26/2016 9:57 AM
504	Fix the traffic problems. Synchronize traffic lights and stop putting roadways on diets. I would love to spend more time and money in Decatur, but until traffic changes I will continue to take my business elsewhere.	4/26/2016 12:17 AM
505	Add a great next work of protected bike lanes.	4/25/2016 4:48 PM
506	Over crowding	4/25/2016 4:02 PM
507	Traffic calming	4/25/2016 2:38 PM
508	Lower the citywide speed limit to 25 MPH.	4/25/2016 2:30 PM
509	To don't the compromise quality from inclusion, and be careful accepting huge new developments in the area as traffic can become a nightmare	4/25/2016 2:27 PM
510	make housing more affordable though I have no clue how to do that	4/25/2016 1:19 PM
511	tear downs and new construction of too large homes	4/25/2016 1:00 PM
512	Lower speed limits.	4/25/2016 12:24 PM
513	Make our shopping more upscale like downtown Roswell.	4/24/2016 9:41 PM
514	stop the building of large housing units/condos	4/24/2016 8:42 PM
515	entitled attitude of many of my neighbors. Exhibit A is the dog park debacle. Doing a favor for the neighborhood cost the Boys & Girls' Club an opportunity to fund their mission.	4/22/2016 10:09 PM
516	require construction dumpsters to be in driveways and not on the street.	4/22/2016 6:23 PM
517	Modify the commercial building codes and tree ordinance to force developers and builders to be greener and save more trees.	4/22/2016 3:29 PM
518	More land and money for schools to ensure that our great schools stay great. If overcrowding continues the desirability of this city will drop!	4/22/2016 10:30 AM
519	better assimilation of transplants	4/22/2016 10:03 AM
520	More parks	4/21/2016 10:24 PM
521	Curbside Leaf pickup (no bags necessary!)	4/21/2016 9:17 PM
522	Fewer parking lots.	4/21/2016 8:19 PM
523	improve the crosswalks and appearance of the streets, and improve the sidewalks...too many are broken up including next to schools..	4/21/2016 5:34 PM

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524	Less exclusive	4/21/2016 1:27 PM
525	increase diversity	4/21/2016 12:04 PM
526	Figure out how to improve traffic on Clairmont Road within the City.	4/21/2016 11:32 AM
527	more condos (owners) less apartments.	4/21/2016 10:43 AM
528	less apartments	4/21/2016 9:44 AM
529	The square design with grass that never seems to grow. I hate the teal lights. I find the area cheesy. I wish it were more elegant, like a square in Savannah or Europe. Brick, gas lights maybe.... Something with a bit of beauty. I also hate the signs to keep off the lawn for certain periods of time for this grass. I don't think grass can grow there. There must be an alternative.	4/21/2016 5:47 AM
530	More visible police presence at night. On bikes or walking.	4/20/2016 10:47 PM
531	Put a bike friendly pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks at the high school. Make it a student competition for the GA Tech Civil Engineering Department. Tie in the bike greenways to Olmstead Linear Park then to the Beltway.	4/20/2016 7:37 PM
532	improve traffic flow and parking options	4/20/2016 7:16 PM
533	Narrow roads	4/20/2016 6:49 PM
534	Lack of smaller, affordable residences.	4/20/2016 4:08 PM
535	New management who knows how to manage growth to ensure quality of life for all	4/20/2016 2:43 PM
536	Friendly, responsive city government	4/20/2016 2:40 PM
537	I would like to see the older houses protected from total destruction. Could Decatur encourage rehabilitation of older properties rather than demolition?	4/20/2016 2:36 PM
538	the absurd asking prices of most houses	4/20/2016 2:22 PM
539	The number of large scale apartment developments that are being built now. I think higher-quality, smaller footprint developments that are more pedestrian friendly would be better for long-term quality of life here.	4/20/2016 1:59 PM
540	Overcrowded schools	4/20/2016 12:27 PM
541	Making it a place where I could afford to continue to live.	4/20/2016 11:35 AM
542	Getting rid of the ugly ATT Service Center on Talley St. and replacing it with a park.	4/20/2016 11:15 AM
543	The misconception that everyone is welcomed. Low income families are not treated the same and alot of times don't have the resources to participate in the city's many festivals because of financial restrictions. African American Children in City of Decatur schools receive disproportionate amount of disciplinary actions that their Caucasian counterparts. In order to really provide diversity or the image of diversity really begins with asking our children how they feel, asking the teenagers what they would like to see in our community, and really working together to make that happen. We focus alot on the wealthy and the seniors, but our youth have an important place in our communities ability to thrive. Maybe look into providing more internships for high school students to work as city employees.	4/20/2016 10:57 AM
544	Figure out how to allow home owners to defer property taxes until property is sold. This would enable persons to remain here when retired or when increased property values make the taxes unaffordable.	4/20/2016 10:56 AM
545	Parts of downtown, sketchy parking lots you can't use around church and commerce	4/20/2016 10:53 AM
546	The changing of diversity	4/20/2016 10:37 AM
547	Eliminate train horns at RR crossings	4/20/2016 10:28 AM
548	Increased code enforcement for dilapidated/poorly maintained homes.	4/20/2016 10:11 AM
549	lower property taxes and give breaks for people who turn 65	4/20/2016 9:40 AM
550	The City needs to get back to truly valuing the public input process. Our elected city officials need to take a good hard look at what is and isn't being properly done. An outside agency should be brought in to analyze staffing and how jobs are being filled, what's going unfilled, and where folks are not doing the job to the level of their position.	4/20/2016 9:28 AM
551	more greenspace	4/20/2016 8:53 AM
552	STOP all multi family housing immediately.	4/20/2016 8:52 AM
553	More community input before goals are decided - many questions in this survey have pre-determined responses	4/20/2016 7:58 AM
554	Green space in the downtown area. With all of the people moving into downtown apts and condos a green space needs to be preserved or developed.	4/19/2016 11:07 PM

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555	More greenspace	4/19/2016 10:38 PM
556	Affordable housing for single and senior residents.	4/19/2016 10:09 PM
557	improve sidewalk	4/19/2016 10:05 PM
558	More dog friendly Fewer strollers	4/19/2016 9:49 PM
559	Less government interference. Stop wasting tax payer money fixing non existent race problems.	4/19/2016 8:32 PM
560	The pace of all new construction. It needs to be put on pause. We need to take a deep breath and let all this rapid change settle before we loose our character/culture.	4/19/2016 8:03 PM
561	having the laws enforced for traffic, parking, pedestrian right of ways.	4/19/2016 7:55 PM
562	better schools	4/19/2016 4:27 PM
563	Not have so many high rise in the downtown area	4/19/2016 4:08 PM
564	Dump the idea that heavy tree canopy is good. One or two very loud persons can influence City policy without considering the psychological impact of blocking sunlight.	4/19/2016 3:40 PM
565	a walkable good grocery store	4/19/2016 2:33 PM
566	Taxes!	4/19/2016 2:32 PM
567	Better biking/pedestrian infrastructure. Promoting the PATH trail to Stone Mountain as the huge deal that it is. Encouraging MARTA use.	4/19/2016 2:24 PM
568	We need more retail businesses...too many vacant stores.	4/19/2016 2:24 PM
569	I have heard that even successful businesses are getting forced out by the rising rent. I need to learn more about whether this is due to the whims of the landlords or rising taxes, but I suspect it's as much the former as the latter. If you could figure out a way to help smaller businesses with their rent we would help to avoid the possibility of reverting back to a bunch of chain restaurants and dollar stores in the next 20 years!	4/19/2016 1:45 PM
570	Sidewalk repairs	4/19/2016 1:41 PM
571	support local, not franchise businesses	4/19/2016 1:29 PM
572	I don't want my children to attend school in a trailer.	4/19/2016 1:14 PM
573	Less red tape in building department, more local control of street projects, sewer and water issues (that Dekalb controls), more caution on how tax dollars are spent.	4/19/2016 1:09 PM
574	see above	4/19/2016 1:05 PM
575	Encourage more people to enjoy the 'walkability' of Decatur	4/19/2016 1:00 PM
576	Traffic is a big issue. It takes me about 15 or 20 minutes sometimes to get from my home on E. Hancock to Clairmont Road. It would also be great to have a left turn lane on S. McDonough coming up to College Ave. There's a left turn space to turn into the Agnes Scott parking lot and if you could stay in that lane up to the light it would really help traffic in the morning. As it is now they put cones in the few feet of space between the turn in for the parking lot and College Ave. so if you're turning left at the traffic light on College or DeKalb Ave. you have to wait in the long single lane on the right through several lights when there may only be one car in the turn lane but because of the cones blocking staying in that left turn lane from the parking lot you can't get in that line.	4/19/2016 12:22 PM
577	Make housing of all types more affordable.	4/19/2016 12:07 PM
578	It protects it's name better - the news is always talking about Decatur not the City of Decatur.	4/19/2016 11:38 AM
579	Less crowded.	4/19/2016 11:28 AM
580	More options for early childhood education (preschool/pre-k).	4/19/2016 11:10 AM
581	Make it easier to travel across town on the Ponce de Leon/Commerce route.	4/19/2016 9:35 AM
582	stop approving so many apartment and condos so close together. I am leaving after 17 years here b/c of the traffic and drug problem at the high school. Not to mention police harassment of my child. There is a dark side to Decatur and I'm seeing it come out more and more. I am moving OTP. This is enough.	4/19/2016 8:41 AM
583	Improve the safety and looks of Church Street. It's a major entry to Decatur & it's a shame that it's ugly and unsafe.	4/19/2016 7:50 AM
584	Increase the obvious things that make for quality of life. This does not fit easily in one box.	4/19/2016 7:46 AM
585	More engagement for families and more consideration for the trees and land.	4/19/2016 7:32 AM

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586	Upgrade the traffic signals	4/19/2016 5:03 AM
587	More green space downtown.	4/19/2016 4:06 AM
588	Less mcmansions	4/18/2016 11:10 PM
589	Less pretentiousness and self-absorbed demands that government be responsible for the happiness of Decatur's citizens. But I think that's a generational problem.	4/18/2016 10:34 PM
590	Aspire to be different in our development codes. We are bigger than the same old. The City needs to stand up to developers and extract maximum fees for them to disrupt existing trees. We also need to reduce cost of schools and City staff so we do not need to keep raising taxes and give away our natural resources for property tax revenue. The school system and the city need to work together better.	4/18/2016 10:29 PM
591	scale back the focus on family-friendly - develop some adult-only venues - restaurants, neighborhoods	4/18/2016 10:26 PM
592	Quite worrying about diversity. It will happen and is happening. Forcing it in people always backfires. Make sure Marta doesn't destroy our City with a trolley type system, especially through our historic district! That will totally ruin our small town charm and no one rides the Marta buses that run up Clairemont as it is. Destroying trees and ruining our historic district to please Marta is against what the citizens of Decatur want	4/18/2016 10:24 PM
593	I would make it more affordable and dog friendly.	4/18/2016 10:10 PM
594	Eliminate parking meters. Take the City leaders on a field trip to other GA communities and see what works. Madison and Cartersville are great and fun communities -- see what makes them successful!	4/18/2016 10:06 PM
595	Stop building.	4/18/2016 9:49 PM
596	Stop mindless development that is bringing Alpharetta to Decatur	4/18/2016 9:32 PM
597	Traffic	4/18/2016 9:14 PM
598	Reduce crime	4/18/2016 9:07 PM
599	Building too many apartments in downtown DECATUR	4/18/2016 8:53 PM
600	less development	4/18/2016 4:40 PM
601	Stop allowing mcmansions.	4/18/2016 4:27 PM
602	Builders and developers to significantly contribute a fee to help improve our infrastructure prior to construction	4/18/2016 3:53 PM
603	Over-crowding of multiuse buildings (too many people in too small spaces).	4/18/2016 3:34 PM
604	Stop converting the community into a concrete jungle.	4/18/2016 3:23 PM
605	Increase quality, affordable single, family housing options between \$350,000 to \$600,000, in all neighborhoods.	4/18/2016 3:16 PM
606	Stop the alarming increase in really expensive homes, which changes the character of our town, increases the gap between rich and poor in our town, and makes it more expensive in taxes for those who already live here.	4/18/2016 3:13 PM
607	see above	4/18/2016 2:39 PM
608	a denser downtown that reflects the downtown residential growth that is going to happen in the next few years -- I think the city should pursue businesses that can meet that demographic. (e.g. I have repeatedly written to CVS asking that they change the makeup of their W Ponce store to have the product selection of their "urban" stores)	4/18/2016 2:32 PM
609	Undo the latest apartment/condo developments on Commerce, Ponce, etc	4/18/2016 12:28 PM
610	Revisit our development plan and regulations. Apartments and condos right on busy streets will end up with cars in their living rooms. (Note the condos on DeKalb Ave. at Commerce. It happens.) Infill regulations are making more compatible infill housing and renovations, but are encouraging McMansions and the loss of smaller more affordable housing. We are a victim of our success.	4/18/2016 12:18 PM
611	Stop getting in bed with apartment developers!	4/18/2016 12:18 PM
612	Slow down the residential growth downtown. More high quality condominiums, less cheap looking apartments, more construction that will stand the test of time.	4/18/2016 11:19 AM
613	fix crime	4/18/2016 11:19 AM
614	Slower traffic and safer walking conditions in the downtown area.	4/18/2016 11:17 AM
615	Better planning.	4/18/2016 10:40 AM
616	More affordable housing.	4/18/2016 9:48 AM

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617	provide better(free) parking, consistent attention to all neighborhoods with our property taxes and protect those neighborhoods affected by Emory traffic cutting through our streets	4/17/2016 2:36 PM
618	Reduced density - downtown has become overbuilt.	4/16/2016 2:08 PM
619	Lower taxes for older residents on fixed incomes to allow them to remain in their homes.	4/15/2016 11:17 AM
620	REDUCE TAXES!	4/15/2016 10:09 AM
621	Traffic/speeding	4/15/2016 7:48 AM
622	The recent building frenzy.	4/14/2016 9:17 PM
623	Crosswalk signage. Need the chirping countdown signs. Current signage is misleading. I find it safer to jay walk than cross street at designated crosswalks!!	4/14/2016 8:41 PM
624	Lower home prices.	4/14/2016 5:14 PM
625	Acquiring the Calloway Building property for CSD. Stop selling out to developers.	4/14/2016 3:45 PM
626	The timing of the traffic lights!!	4/14/2016 2:18 PM
627	Less condos and apartments, lower parking fees, less tear-downs of beautiful older homes that are replaced by sprawling mansions that don't fit the space or the character of the neighborhood.	4/14/2016 1:45 PM
628	Less traffic.	4/14/2016 12:44 PM
629	Keeping more green space. Decatur's great. I find it a little disturbing that only pretty wealthy people can afford to move here. We moved here 10 years ago because of it's affordability and diversity (diversity in income and race).	4/14/2016 11:49 AM
630	Stop contractors from building 4000 sq ft homes.	4/14/2016 10:29 AM
631	Pedestrian safety crossing Scott Blvd. I'd love to see a bridge or tunnel.	4/14/2016 9:24 AM
632	offer free parking to city residents for, say. 2 hours per week. Those of us who pay city taxes and live North of Scott should be given the same access to the wonderful downtown as those who live on the south side of Scott. Cities like Monterey, CA and even Tybee Island offer residents some free parking.	4/14/2016 8:33 AM
633	Decatur residents should be allowed to park at parking meters for an hour for no cost. If you want to encourage us to frequent the shops in downtown Decatur, you need to make it convenient and affordable and we pay enough in property taxes for you to allow us this one small favor.	4/13/2016 11:01 PM
634	lower taxes-which would require more careful spending of money,everything does not have to be done at once	4/13/2016 9:49 PM
635	Expensive housing risks needed diversity	4/13/2016 9:23 PM
636	if only the inherent conflict between gentrification and diversity could be undone.	4/13/2016 9:11 PM
637	Stop building 5000 sq foot homes and multifamily properties. Encourage smaller home owners to stay in Decatur instead of selling out for tear down.	4/13/2016 8:35 PM
638	Increase greenspace, bike paths and connection to the Beltline. Also help develop movie theater(s), including potential art theater and art performance/ concert space... Also (sorry, more than one) need to solve the crazy congestion on Scott Blvd and Clairmont. (ideally with streetcar connections to MARTA). Also, be mindful that taxes can't be too high or good people will just move away or opt out...	4/13/2016 12:23 AM
639	more diversity in neighborhoods	4/12/2016 8:04 PM
640	more inclusive of low income citizens	4/12/2016 2:34 PM
641	Wider sidewalks,?fewer tables	4/12/2016 10:37 AM
642	have more retail options, especially a quality grocery store (baby Kroger is a problem)	4/11/2016 2:37 PM
643	Traffic in and out of the city- expanding ponce to leon in effort to reduce congestion	4/10/2016 8:50 PM
644	Quiet the traffic area.	4/10/2016 5:40 PM
645	Monster housing development (315) that is completely out of proportion for the property.	4/9/2016 10:51 AM
646	Property taxes are really high, although I feel like I actually get good value. It's amazingly better than city of Atlanta in all regards except for the Beltline and interstate access.	4/5/2016 10:19 PM
647	A really great shoe store. ??	4/4/2016 11:19 PM

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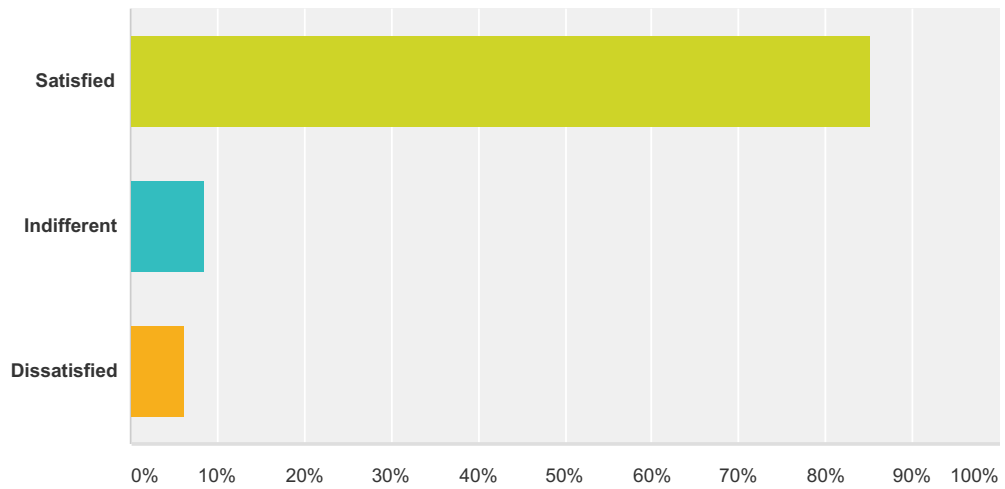
648	Focus initiatives on the huge influx of families coming to Decatur. Stop focusing so much on the aging community. Disallow HOAs. Quit spending tax payer money on meals or retreats. We work hard for that money and can't afford to eat out.	4/4/2016 11:08 PM
649	the only thing I am concerned about is where my kids will go to school when they get to middle and high school, where will they fit in 10 years?	4/4/2016 12:09 PM
650	The financial inaccessibility of it	4/3/2016 9:38 AM
651	The emphasis on growth rather than preserving what we already have.	4/1/2016 10:01 PM
652	Improvements to east Decatur station.	3/29/2016 2:51 PM
653	improve unsafe railroad crossings for pedestrians. Railroad is already a divide, make it better by improving the connectivity.	3/29/2016 12:05 PM
654	Control property taxes.	3/27/2016 6:10 PM
655	Stop promoting Decatur as an alcoholic destination.	3/27/2016 12:48 PM
656	Downtown Decatur master plan is needed to set priorities and make sure we are adequately planning for the future-including downtown greenspace and parks.	3/24/2016 3:09 PM
657	Be a national leader in resisting the "market forces" that lead to rapid gentrification, loss of socioeconomic and ethnic diversity and income and wealth inequality.	3/24/2016 12:08 PM
658	Make more affordable for folks with all levels of income	3/24/2016 11:26 AM
659	More affordable schools	3/23/2016 10:37 AM
660	Hire a city manager and director of public works that believed in active transportation, trails, parks and trees.	3/22/2016 8:49 PM
661	Noise AND traffic lights. The timing of the lights is entirely unreasonable and encourages people to speed up to avoid having to stop. That's because if they stop, they may not get to start again for two minutes! I regularly put my car into park when I stop at a light because I know I'll be there for a long time. I go to a weekly training at Emory and walking there isn't an option. The bus isn't an option because getting there is fine, but since the return bus comes only once an hour, if the timing doesn't work out exactly, I can wait an hour for the next bus. Great in theory but not in actual practice. Anyway, one time I clocked how long it took me to drive to my Emory parking spot. I passed through Decatur at the rate of 1/10 mile per minute. Rather ridiculous. Traffic lights need to be set to promote traffic FLOW. That doesn't mean it has to be fast, but people do need to go beyond 4 square miles to live their lives. Lights need to change more quickly. ALSO it is not acceptable to allow the church at the corner of Commerce and Sycamore to tie up traffic every morning and afternoon as parents come to pick up children at the preschool--one parent per car. I've seen times when drivers get so aggravated by these kinds of traffic situations that they end up doing dangerous things that could be prevented if the needs of other DRIVERS were considered too.	3/22/2016 8:55 AM
662	better cross-walks and signs so those living outside the city of decatur know that pedestrians have right-of-ways when they visit and run their cars through crosswalks, etc.	3/21/2016 3:28 PM
663	A better post office	3/21/2016 3:26 PM
664	Add a grocery store. Lower real estate taxes for young singles.	3/21/2016 12:46 PM
665	More oversight of the schools. I know they are "separate" but they don't seem to have the planning skills they should have considering how much money they have under their care.	3/21/2016 9:32 AM
666	Make it how it was 20 years ago - liberal, diverse, middle-class, forward-thinking, inclusive, welcoming...	3/20/2016 10:24 PM
667	The gentrification of recent years. Decatur is becoming homogeneous. Everything focus towards affluent families with children. We've lost racial, economic and age diversity. The character of the city has changed. I am a 30 year city resident and in my opinion, the change is for the worse.	3/20/2016 10:13 PM
668	Seeing my neighbors who have lived here for decades be able to stay in their homes.	3/20/2016 9:37 PM
669	Change planning and zoning criteria to preclude undesirable structures from being built. For example: no visible garages (put them underground); no ugly CVS and SunTrust type buildings inconsistent with Decatur's style moving forward. Directly notify residents within specific radius of proposed construction and 'exceptions' so they are immediately cognizant of plans and can contribute appropriate input during commission consideration. (Property owners adjacent to proposed projects should be notified by the city by mail, as done in many other cities.)	3/20/2016 7:07 PM
670	Slow the influx of wealthy families with children coming to Decatur knocking down small homes and then building mini mansions not because the like the Decatur way of live but only to take advantage of the schools.	3/20/2016 2:08 PM
671	I would change the idea our city government appears to have that this city needs to grow, over population is costing the long time resident more taxes, more in school cost and a producing denser population.	3/20/2016 10:51 AM

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672	Less density	3/20/2016 10:50 AM
673	Not a thing. I love it	3/20/2016 10:28 AM
674	The arrogance and insincerity of the City Leadership who, while professing their concerns about diversity and caring for people, have ignored what has been so obviously the gentrification of South Decatur, while adding staff to promote image and events. They have effectively pushed out those who make issues of their elitist attitudes and speak up for community. Instead of winning awards for bike paths and book festivals, or cresting a Center for Tourism, shouldn't it be more important to be on the forefront of maintaining diversity, helping all families to succeed and feel a part of the city, helping the elderly age in place?	3/20/2016 7:20 AM
675	Manage housing to lower number of school age children which causes tax burden for seniors.	3/20/2016 7:20 AM
676	Fixing sidewalks, holes in sidewalks, etc. quickly. Need a turning light from Church to Sycamore.walkability	3/20/2016 7:20 AM
677	close Ponce de Leon between Commerce and Commerce - or at least re-route the buses and trucks	3/20/2016 7:11 AM
678	Not so many huge expensive houses replacing bungalow with great charm	3/19/2016 10:01 PM
679	More affordable housing for Seniors	3/19/2016 9:40 PM
680	Borden the tax base by encouraging commercial businesses to locate here.	3/19/2016 9:19 PM
681	Through automobile traffic on Ponce de Leon should be reduced/eliminated Commerce to Commerce. There should be a pedestrian mall between Church and the west intersection of Commerce with restricted vehicle access permitted only during certain hours allowing for delivery of goods to businesses in the area.	3/19/2016 8:46 PM
682	We need truly affordable housing for our city employees!	3/19/2016 5:24 PM
683	More greenspace	3/19/2016 4:48 PM
684	Keep it small	3/19/2016 4:18 PM
685	Make it more walkable by improving traffic lights. Walk lights should be automatic, not dependent on the walker trying to find a push button.	3/19/2016 4:17 PM
686	Fewer apartments	3/19/2016 3:36 PM
687	see above	3/19/2016 11:51 AM
688	Encourage more diversity including economic	3/18/2016 11:51 PM
689	Provide better auto and pedestrian crossings of the darn railroad line!	3/18/2016 5:32 PM
690	too many apt. buildings.	3/18/2016 5:26 PM
691	A better working relationship between the City Commission, the City staff and CSD, AND better inclusion of a variety of voices (with children, without...) to plan a sustainable solution for everyone. We can't ethically throw Granny under the bus as we're putting Susie or Johnnie on it. We have a LOT of challenges to solve, and, once again, we arrive at far better plans when we all participate.	3/18/2016 4:45 PM
692	Build 2-3 new parks downtown	3/18/2016 4:30 PM
693	have a Downtown Park - great space to drive more people to square and more space available for events	3/18/2016 3:36 PM
694	I would go back in time and work to stop the influx of apartments and townhomes which are going to have a huge negative impact on schools.	3/18/2016 9:44 AM
695	Clean up marta	3/17/2016 7:10 PM
696	Change the building requirement. So many houses are/were basically replaced the tiny bit of any historic building is hidden under layers of new giant home. Either allow them to bulldoze since there is no point to leaving unseen old stuff or have the basic "look and feel" of the historic house maintained. Oh, if only we could move Decatur out of DeKalb county...not possible? Rats.	3/17/2016 6:10 PM
697	The fortress mentality of the people moving in and the city's increasing isolation from the communities around it.	3/17/2016 11:07 AM
698	More balanced tax revenue. Need more commercial to relieve residential property taxes.	3/16/2016 4:47 PM
699	Study how to control the amount of new residences with children moving in to attend the Decatur School system	3/16/2016 4:45 PM
700	almost too late to save, too crowded.	3/16/2016 4:41 PM

Q38 Overall, are you satisfied with your experience in the City of Decatur?

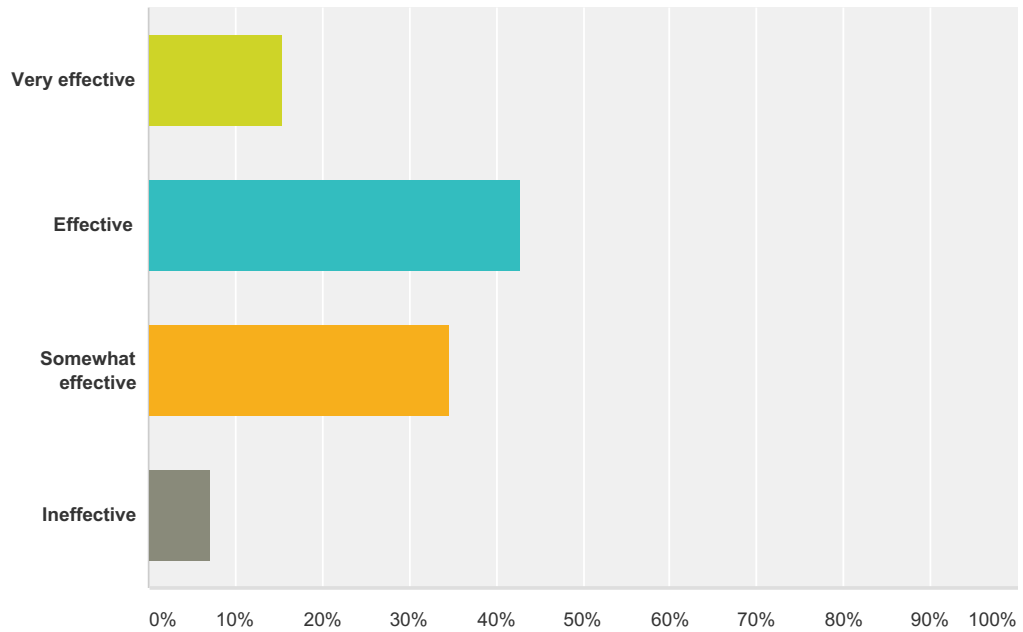
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Satisfied	85.23%	802
Indifferent	8.61%	81
Dissatisfied	6.16%	58
Total		941

Q39 How effective do you think the local government is at solving problems in the City of Decatur?

Answered: 929 Skipped: 123



Answer Choices	Responses	
Very effective	15.39%	143
Effective	42.84%	398
Somewhat effective	34.66%	322
Ineffective	7.10%	66
Total		929

Q40 If someone was thinking about moving to the City of Decatur and you could tell them ONLY ONE thing to convince them to move here, what would it be?

Answered: 764 Skipped: 288

#	Responses	Date
1	Great schools (and the ability to walk to them)	5/31/2016 10:35 PM
2	It's the best combination of small town neighborliness and big city amenities and attitude.	5/31/2016 9:57 PM
3	It is expensive but worth it. Why? Best school system in the state and you can walk to great restaurants	5/31/2016 9:04 PM
4	Its a great community feel	5/31/2016 8:44 PM
5	your kids can walk to some of the best schools in the state.	5/31/2016 8:00 PM
6	It has its own police force to protect them from angry pitchfork-wielding mobs of people who finally get tired of the area's vast inequality.	5/31/2016 7:56 PM
7	Progressive minded and accepting community to raise kids	5/31/2016 7:47 PM
8	Small town in a big city. Lets keep it that way!!	5/31/2016 5:38 PM
9	Decatur has great potential to be a great city. If the issues of roads, over development, loss of woods, & retention of businesses were addressed.	5/31/2016 4:31 PM
10	responsiveness of city government	5/31/2016 4:23 PM
11	Kid-friendly community	5/31/2016 4:02 PM
12	The food!	5/31/2016 2:45 PM
13	Decatur has a great school system and smart government.	5/31/2016 2:39 PM
14	This is truly Berkeley meets Mayberry.	5/31/2016 2:30 PM
15	It is a very friendly and open community.	5/31/2016 2:29 PM
16	Shops and restaurants. I'm not on the "school's are amazing" bandwagon, unfortunately.	5/31/2016 2:23 PM
17	I would urge them to reconsider. Our taxes are extremely high and it's not obvious that we benefit from the high taxes in a commensurate manner. Yes, Decatur is a good place to live. But is it 2X or 3X times better than other places in DeKalb or metro Atlanta. The high taxes are not indicative of how "good" it is to live in Decatur.	5/31/2016 1:39 PM
18	Everything is close enough to walk to - you just have to do it!	5/31/2016 12:10 PM
19	What I tell folks I meet: Decatur is the best city in Georgia. Maybe in the US.	5/31/2016 7:15 AM
20	Walkability.	5/31/2016 6:50 AM
21	Small town feel with city leaders who "get it"	5/30/2016 11:52 PM
22	School system is ranked very high for GA	5/30/2016 10:59 PM
23	Great community	5/30/2016 10:38 PM
24	It's very pricey	5/30/2016 6:29 PM
25	it's the best place I've ever lived :)	5/30/2016 5:12 PM
26	Just having moved here great schools.	5/30/2016 4:06 PM
27	Convenience	5/30/2016 3:57 PM
28	Lots of restaurants!	5/30/2016 3:05 PM
29	Walkability	5/30/2016 2:33 PM
30	Schools are good	5/30/2016 2:14 PM

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31	Great downtown (I would caution against choosing Decatur for its schools because the future of CSD seems very uncertain to me)	5/30/2016 1:50 PM
32	Worth the cost	5/30/2016 1:37 PM
33	great schools	5/30/2016 12:58 PM
34	Schools are great. (Keep the schools great)	5/30/2016 12:02 PM
35	You can be involved	5/30/2016 11:22 AM
36	When you come learn the whole history and stick with proposed changes even when resisted.	5/30/2016 10:15 AM
37	Crowding, pretentious	5/30/2016 9:25 AM
38	Too high prices and property taxes	5/30/2016 7:09 AM
39	schools	5/29/2016 9:54 PM
40	Great restaurants and shops.	5/29/2016 7:28 PM
41	It is a Great place to live!	5/29/2016 7:18 PM
42	I used to tell them it had a college town atmosphere.	5/29/2016 7:02 PM
43	Decatur has a small town atmosphere with actively-engaged residents.	5/29/2016 12:33 PM
44	great places to eat	5/29/2016 12:08 PM
45	It's nice but too expensive.	5/29/2016 11:45 AM
46	Great community	5/28/2016 8:47 PM
47	It is a wonderful small town right next to a booming city.	5/28/2016 8:15 PM
48	Socially active community	5/28/2016 4:26 PM
49	overall a pleasant City	5/28/2016 2:38 PM
50	Quality schools	5/28/2016 5:56 AM
51	walkable city with good restaurants.	5/28/2016 12:54 AM
52	small town atmosphere	5/27/2016 10:14 PM
53	Downtown restaurants and bars	5/27/2016 9:58 PM
54	Downtown bars and restaurants	5/27/2016 9:29 PM
55	Oh I didn't realize you guys made \$200k a year. Way to go!	5/27/2016 2:27 PM
56	The Down Town Area is Beautiful and Safe!	5/27/2016 1:23 PM
57	our high tax burden is worth it in the services we get back, from schools, to public safety and beyond.	5/27/2016 1:00 PM
58	Decatur has the sense of a community of a small town and the culture/food of a big city.	5/27/2016 12:48 PM
59	It's an active place, with bars, restaurants, festivals and other public events.	5/27/2016 12:41 PM
60	It's a lot like other big cities I've been to as far as fun things to do, places to eat and walkable, but it's better because you have the small town feel because you see tons of folks you know and you're happy to see them.	5/27/2016 12:09 PM
61	Festivals	5/27/2016 11:46 AM
62	Has a small town feel, but all the amenities of a big city close by.	5/27/2016 11:41 AM
63	ability to walk places	5/27/2016 11:30 AM
64	The City of Decatur is the most "Liberal" city in Georgia and if you lean that way, Decatur is a great place to live. You'll have plenty of neighbors who share your values.	5/27/2016 10:06 AM
65	Our trees.	5/27/2016 9:37 AM
66	The people/community	5/27/2016 9:06 AM
67	The active spirit and energetic and lively feel of the town.	5/27/2016 8:27 AM
68	middle kids go to downtown Decatur after school on Fridays without parents and the community looks after them.	5/27/2016 6:35 AM
69	Little town in the big city with a unique charm.	5/27/2016 12:54 AM

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70	Buy My House because as Dr. Carl Renfroe told me more than 35 years ago, "You will never regret buying a house in the City of Decatur".	5/26/2016 10:11 PM
71	Good, progressive and careful government	5/26/2016 9:56 PM
72	great community	5/26/2016 9:33 PM
73	Marta in the heart of downtown	5/26/2016 9:31 PM
74	The school system is great.	5/26/2016 9:22 PM
75	A thriving community that values its diversity	5/26/2016 8:49 PM
76	Convenient to all that the metro offers while still feeling like a small town and not a suburb	5/26/2016 7:37 PM
77	Traffic is bad in Atlanta. If you live in Decatur you won't have to leave the city to have a good life.	5/26/2016 7:21 PM
78	Great place to raise kids	5/26/2016 7:00 PM
79	A great sense of community	5/26/2016 5:44 PM
80	Great schools...even though I don't have any kids that attend	5/26/2016 5:40 PM
81	The neighbors are fabulous!	5/26/2016 5:07 PM
82	The community and schools are priceless.	5/26/2016 3:54 PM
83	It's welcoming.	5/26/2016 3:05 PM
84	Little Shop of Stories and the restaurant scene.	5/26/2016 12:46 PM
85	Great place to live.	5/26/2016 12:03 PM
86	It's a great place to live if you can afford it.	5/26/2016 11:11 AM
87	restaurants (I wouldn't tell them about the taxes for sure!)	5/26/2016 11:08 AM
88	Walkability is great you don't have to drive unless you want to.	5/26/2016 11:02 AM
89	Move now because in a few years you'll be priced out of the market.	5/26/2016 10:54 AM
90	Great schools	5/26/2016 10:53 AM
91	Lots of great breweries you can bike to.	5/26/2016 10:45 AM
92	Walkability	5/26/2016 10:40 AM
93	quality of life	5/26/2016 10:27 AM
94	Schools	5/26/2016 10:21 AM
95	Ha! Many people are struggling to survive in Decatur right now. The city is losing its character, progressiveness, diversity, and funky charms. Unless economic disparity addressed head on and significantly, I will leave the city after my child graduates high school.	5/26/2016 9:35 AM
96	A lot of community involvement in the schools.	5/26/2016 8:49 AM
97	A community that cares	5/26/2016 8:19 AM
98	I won't answer that as now i am warning people that it is soon going to be a nightmare : traffic jams, difficulty getting into restaurants and other businesses. The city has already pushed us past our comfortable capacity for the current residents with the new buildings once they are filled. I have thought about moving after years here because of this!!!!	5/25/2016 10:58 PM
99	CSD	5/25/2016 10:09 PM
100	Walkability	5/25/2016 9:54 PM
101	Lots of kids	5/25/2016 8:53 PM
102	Walkability	5/25/2016 7:32 PM
103	Strong sense of community here	5/25/2016 7:20 PM
104	the Square is great	5/25/2016 6:47 PM
105	Schools are great. Walk ability is going to be great.	5/25/2016 5:03 PM
106	A true small town feel in the big city.	5/25/2016 4:43 PM

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107	Worth the investment for the best walkable, vibrant, community-feeling almost urban small town in the state!	5/25/2016 2:11 PM
108	Community.	5/25/2016 2:09 PM
109	School children thrive.	5/25/2016 1:13 PM
110	It's a true neighborhood experience.	5/25/2016 1:04 PM
111	great schools	5/25/2016 11:41 AM
112	Great schools, great parks, kid friendly	5/25/2016 11:19 AM
113	Neighborly	5/25/2016 9:01 AM
114	Small town character	5/25/2016 8:11 AM
115	We're a nice little town, with good schools and great neighbors, close to the big city.	5/25/2016 3:14 AM
116	Great community.	5/25/2016 12:55 AM
117	Good schools	5/25/2016 12:33 AM
118	quality of life	5/24/2016 11:47 PM
119	Very family friendly	5/24/2016 11:36 PM
120	The small town feel of Decatur	5/24/2016 11:21 PM
121	It has great neighborhoods that are very community oriented, meaning that it will likely be easy to meet and find neighbors you enjoy spending time with.	5/24/2016 9:14 PM
122	Great sense of community	5/24/2016 9:05 PM
123	caring community	5/24/2016 7:09 PM
124	You can't beat our neighborhood schools - not only are they fantastic but all but FAVE are walkable. You can't overestimate how good that is for children and the whole family.	5/24/2016 6:24 PM
125	I walk everywhere.	5/24/2016 6:13 PM
126	Sense of small, manageable community with large urban advantages (small town within big city).	5/24/2016 5:18 PM
127	sense of community, born in public schools and fostered by volunteer programs and festivals. (Okay, I cheated - that's at least three things)	5/24/2016 5:09 PM
128	You can walk everywhere (and they may cut the excessive school taxes)	5/24/2016 4:54 PM
129	At this point, I have a hard time telling people to move here - we're already busting at the seams with schools and housing development. I like it here but am very worried about the overcrowding especially in the schools.	5/24/2016 4:50 PM
130	Great neighborhood feel.	5/24/2016 3:55 PM
131	It's walkable..	5/24/2016 3:39 PM
132	Walking to stores/shops/restaurants	5/24/2016 3:36 PM
133	Decatur manages to retain a small town feel even though it's within Atlanta.	5/24/2016 3:26 PM
134	Our kids are able to walk to school safely virtually the entire time they are in CSD (with limited exceptions at Fifth Avenue). This is almost unheard of anywhere else, much less in a major metropolitan area.	5/24/2016 2:52 PM
135	Decatur is the great small town in Intown Atlanta!	5/24/2016 2:45 PM
136	50 plus restaurants within walking distance	5/24/2016 2:37 PM
137	You don't need a car! (But you better be sure to bring a helmet.)	5/24/2016 2:17 PM
138	Just look at the City Schools of Decatur rankings.	5/24/2016 1:44 PM
139	It is the people and the community that make the difference. All of these apartments that you all are permitting could change this community drastically - and the city will be hurt from it.	5/24/2016 1:13 PM
140	Livability	5/24/2016 1:05 PM
141	Top-notch schools	5/24/2016 12:57 PM
142	It is a place where families can enjoy a suburban existence inside of major city!	5/24/2016 12:42 PM
143	The city of Decatur's main selling point (right now) is food.	5/24/2016 11:20 AM

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144	Nice downtown	5/24/2016 11:01 AM
145	It is a place within a big city that has a small town feel.	5/24/2016 10:50 AM
146	The teachers in CSD are amazing. They create a community that will support kids to do some good in the world.	5/24/2016 10:44 AM
147	Walkability	5/24/2016 10:36 AM
148	Walkability	5/24/2016 10:35 AM
149	Great schools.	5/24/2016 10:29 AM
150	The money you spend in high taxes and mortgages is money saved on gas, commute time and private schools. We have everything right in these 4 square miles and the heart of Atlanta is right down the street.	5/24/2016 10:22 AM
151	The schools are great	5/24/2016 10:20 AM
152	This is cheating, but I have different answers for different demographics. For younger people without kids, I say the downtown restaurant/retail scene. For people with kids, it's the schools.	5/24/2016 10:16 AM
153	Quality of life	5/24/2016 10:12 AM
154	Great Sense of Community	5/24/2016 9:34 AM
155	prepare to deal with the dekalb drama	5/24/2016 9:23 AM
156	We have everything in Decatur. You never need to leave.	5/24/2016 8:52 AM
157	Community	5/24/2016 8:36 AM
158	Schools are great	5/24/2016 8:31 AM
159	Great schools	5/24/2016 8:24 AM
160	There's nowhere else in Georgia I would have been as happy to raise my family.	5/24/2016 8:13 AM
161	Restaurants	5/24/2016 8:05 AM
162	schools	5/24/2016 7:42 AM
163	Destinations to walk to rather than driving	5/24/2016 7:36 AM
164	So many things!!! Great schools/fire-police, & great arts! Love Decatur	5/24/2016 5:52 AM
165	I can walk to get just about anything I need.	5/23/2016 11:29 PM
166	It's a vibrant small town in the middle of a wonderful city	5/23/2016 11:23 PM
167	It is a complete independent municipality with all services and its own school system.	5/23/2016 11:11 PM
168	It has the highest taxes in Georgia, but residents generally receive good services for all the money they are paying.	5/23/2016 10:29 PM
169	Decatur does not provide a good value proposition to 99% of the general population, they can not afford housing in the city limits.	5/23/2016 10:06 PM
170	I don't want anyone else to move here. I am extremely worried about what is going to happen to the quality of the schools with all of the overcrowding. I have a rising kindergartner and a rising 2nd grader. We have live in the wider Decatur area since 2002 and withing the city limits of CoD since 2007. I love this city. I love what it has to offer and how it has a small town feel and is still in town. However, I am really worried that it is growing to quickly and the quality of schools will suffer, as well as the general small town/progressive feel of the town.	5/23/2016 9:07 PM
171	Schools	5/23/2016 8:54 PM
172	Great community	5/23/2016 8:42 PM
173	Decatur is absolutely unique in Atlanta: a genuinely walkable small city with a thriving downtown and real community spirit.	5/23/2016 8:30 PM
174	Diverse community	5/23/2016 8:27 PM
175	The schools are excellent.	5/23/2016 8:03 PM
176	Walkable community	5/23/2016 7:25 PM
177	It's wonderful to be able to walk to shops, restaurants, library, parks, doctors, Marta, etc.	5/23/2016 7:14 PM
178	Open-minded	5/23/2016 6:32 PM
179	Small town community feel with access to diverse big city cultural activities	5/23/2016 5:53 PM

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180	Highly educated walkable community with a great food scene. OK, that's three.	5/23/2016 5:26 PM
181	It's Not Atlanta!	5/23/2016 5:15 PM
182	The schools are outstanding.	5/23/2016 5:05 PM
183	just take a walk around downtown.	5/23/2016 4:59 PM
184	Great quality of life	5/23/2016 4:56 PM
185	It's a real community.	5/23/2016 4:54 PM
186	Great schools & great neighborhoods, I've lived in the same house in Decatur since 1972. Wouldn't live anywhere else in Georgia.	5/23/2016 4:48 PM
187	Small city size. But, I would not recommend this City to anyone at this point. Overdeveloped, too expensive, school system that is eating all of the tax dollars, limited housing for a diverse population, very white and wealthy population now.	5/23/2016 4:31 PM
188	Walk ability. It is nice for kids to walk to school and for families to walk to restaurants.	5/23/2016 4:22 PM
189	Come visit	5/23/2016 4:07 PM
190	Community is involved and active	5/23/2016 4:02 PM
191	Lots of good schools and lots of trees	5/23/2016 4:01 PM
192	The best combination of schools, walkability and people in Georgia.	5/23/2016 3:54 PM
193	Convenient location if you work downtown or on the east side.	5/23/2016 3:52 PM
194	Walkable neighborhoods	5/23/2016 3:50 PM
195	schools	5/23/2016 3:49 PM
196	well educated, progressive, population.	5/23/2016 3:33 PM
197	It's a great, progressive small town with terrific schools within the perimeter that stands out from its neighbors.	5/23/2016 3:20 PM
198	Schools.	5/23/2016 3:20 PM
199	Great diversity	5/23/2016 1:20 PM
200	It's a great place to raise kids	5/23/2016 12:44 PM
201	The sense of community	5/23/2016 12:37 PM
202	A liberal and diverse city.	5/23/2016 12:15 PM
203	connected community	5/23/2016 12:01 PM
204	That's a tough one. Would really depend on that persons place in life	5/23/2016 11:52 AM
205	Great schools and involved community	5/23/2016 11:44 AM
206	Walkable	5/23/2016 11:37 AM
207	Visit and you'll know.	5/23/2016 10:53 AM
208	Friendly and vibrant	5/23/2016 10:15 AM
209	Quality of life	5/23/2016 10:06 AM
210	community based city	5/23/2016 9:55 AM
211	good schools	5/23/2016 9:53 AM
212	Your life will be spent paying taxes.	5/23/2016 9:38 AM
213	Make sure you can afford the property AND the taxes because the property taxes just keep increasing.	5/23/2016 9:25 AM
214	Brick Store Pub!	5/23/2016 9:09 AM
215	It is beautiful and the schools are fantastic.	5/23/2016 9:03 AM
216	Safety. Even five years ago, it would have been the schools, but with increasing population and decreasing diversity, the schools have become far less of a selling point.	5/23/2016 9:01 AM
217	Family friendly neighborhoods	5/23/2016 8:56 AM

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218	Walkability	5/23/2016 8:39 AM
219	DON'T COME!! NOT THE COMMUNITY BASED CITY THAT I MOVED INTO ANYMORE!!	5/23/2016 8:34 AM
220	I wouldn't. There are too many people here now as it is. It is distressing to see the vast amount of apartment/condo homes that are invading the area. Traffic is going to become a nightmare - it's only bad dreams right now.	5/23/2016 8:30 AM
221	Great downtown with mix of uses.	5/23/2016 8:30 AM
222	Don't unless you're rich. It's too expensive and higher taxes are driving a lot of us who've been here for years, out. I've lived in Oakhurst for 17 years, and we may have to sell our home due to taxes. "EffEctive" is misspelled above. oh boy.	5/23/2016 8:22 AM
223	It is a small town feel, with kindness and community, with the benefits of a large city mentality which brings lots of diverse cultural activities and opportunities.	5/23/2016 8:20 AM
224	The city is an amazing atmosphyto raise a family	5/23/2016 8:15 AM
225	Great community	5/23/2016 7:50 AM
226	My neighborhood fosters the sort of connections that increase quality of life.	5/23/2016 7:44 AM
227	The schools.	5/23/2016 7:31 AM
228	Community with heart	5/23/2016 6:38 AM
229	Walking in downtown and Glendale park	5/23/2016 1:37 AM
230	It's a wonderful small town in the middle of a world class city, but you pay for it!	5/23/2016 12:04 AM
231	Best of all worlds.	5/22/2016 11:32 PM
232	pedestrian friendly	5/22/2016 11:22 PM
233	Community	5/22/2016 11:21 PM
234	Convenience and school district	5/22/2016 10:48 PM
235	Great police dept	5/22/2016 10:29 PM
236	Sense of community is strong	5/22/2016 10:26 PM
237	Great location within ATL with LOTS of great restaurants and lots of families	5/22/2016 10:25 PM
238	Community feel	5/22/2016 10:12 PM
239	The square is nice.	5/22/2016 9:39 PM
240	It's a great community.	5/22/2016 9:34 PM
241	Great schools	5/22/2016 9:31 PM
242	It is walkable with good schools.	5/22/2016 8:51 PM
243	I'm not sure I would. When we moved to Decatur it was "where Mayberry meets Stanford" but now it is just another city that is starting to decline.	5/22/2016 8:43 PM
244	Decatur is an accepting, family friendly city that loves to celebrate.	5/22/2016 8:10 PM
245	The close knit community!	5/22/2016 7:43 PM
246	the culture	5/22/2016 6:17 PM
247	Pedestrians are accommodated - (But need to do more for safety.)	5/22/2016 6:13 PM
248	Pedestrian compatibility	5/22/2016 6:11 PM
249	spelled "effective" incorrectly on question above. It's expensive, but overall quality of life is high	5/22/2016 2:41 PM
250	Walkability	5/22/2016 2:39 PM
251	Great schools	5/22/2016 2:02 PM
252	great neighborhoods in walking distance to everything you need	5/22/2016 12:31 PM
253	It's a safe place to raise your kids.	5/22/2016 11:24 AM
254	The small town atmosphere and big city excitement make Decatur a great place to live at any age.	5/22/2016 11:18 AM
255	great place to live	5/22/2016 9:34 AM

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256	community	5/22/2016 12:07 AM
257	life is easy here...though it is becoming less easy due to overpopulation daily	5/21/2016 9:07 PM
258	You can walk to the schools.	5/21/2016 8:59 PM
259	Decatur is a city that still takes seriously the conversation about maintaining community	5/21/2016 8:36 PM
260	It really is a special place that is like no other.	5/21/2016 6:07 PM
261	Great schools!	5/21/2016 4:48 PM
262	Access to restaurants	5/21/2016 4:42 PM
263	Don't come. The developers run the place and it is being ruined.	5/21/2016 4:01 PM
264	Good variety of independent pubs within walking distance.	5/21/2016 3:58 PM
265	Schools	5/21/2016 3:41 PM
266	Overall a neighborly town with much to do.	5/21/2016 3:35 PM
267	Schools	5/21/2016 3:32 PM
268	It's safe	5/21/2016 3:26 PM
269	The community is committed to quality public education.	5/21/2016 2:56 PM
270	I couldn't. Most of the people I know could not afford CoD.	5/21/2016 2:26 PM
271	community	5/21/2016 1:50 PM
272	Schools	5/21/2016 1:42 PM
273	Decatur's proximity to Atlanta but with a small town feel	5/21/2016 1:07 PM
274	Great sense of community	5/21/2016 12:26 PM
275	Great neighbors make decatur greater!	5/21/2016 12:00 PM
276	Great schools	5/21/2016 11:53 AM
277	Schools	5/21/2016 11:49 AM
278	I love my neighborhood! Whatever improvements are needed and require working together, there's a sense that we are all in this together.	5/21/2016 11:12 AM
279	It's small enough so that you get to know people	5/21/2016 11:05 AM
280	SCHOOLS ARE WONDERFUL!	5/21/2016 10:49 AM
281	I couldn't anymore because schools and traffic are too crowded now. It wasn't this way 5yrs ago when we moved here.	5/21/2016 10:25 AM
282	Community pride	5/21/2016 9:58 AM
283	the schools are excellent	5/21/2016 9:42 AM
284	The schools are great.	5/21/2016 9:40 AM
285	It is the best, most interesting and diverse place to live and grow a family!!!!!!	5/21/2016 9:29 AM
286	you could save some awesome trees if you move into a house and fix it up from the inside	5/21/2016 9:07 AM
287	That the future of the school system is very shaky. And that they probably can afford a house here.	5/21/2016 8:49 AM
288	I would say walkability & good neighbors but would also tell them that they should have done it 10+ years ago when it was affordable for normal people!	5/21/2016 8:37 AM
289	Schools	5/21/2016 8:04 AM
290	Great Schools	5/21/2016 7:46 AM
291	Strong sense of community.	5/21/2016 7:37 AM
292	Walkability	5/21/2016 7:12 AM
293	Great schools	5/21/2016 7:10 AM
294	Easy access to services and restaurants, we don't need a 2nd car.	5/21/2016 6:05 AM

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295	Close to town, it use to be the schools and while WP is still awesome Renfroe and DHS are not what I thought they'd be. Lots of days where no work is done, lots of substitutes. Leadership at DHS is terrible	5/21/2016 2:33 AM
296	Schools	5/21/2016 1:00 AM
297	Schools	5/21/2016 12:57 AM
298	depends who i'm trying to convince. strong property values to young professionals. strong school system to families. laid back atmosphere to anyone living in buckhead.	5/21/2016 12:25 AM
299	great neighbors who care about each other and the community and are invested in each other	5/20/2016 11:27 PM
300	It's easy! Easy to meet friends, easy to get to schools, restaurants, shopping, parks, easy to Atlanta, easy to the airport, easy to talk to city officials, etc...	5/20/2016 11:06 PM
301	Nice neighbors but rude and uncaring and corrupt city workers.	5/20/2016 10:48 PM
302	The culture is much better than you'd expect for the south.	5/20/2016 10:47 PM
303	It is a nice family-oriented place to live.	5/20/2016 10:45 PM
304	Walkable/ bikeable, small-local community	5/20/2016 10:03 PM
305	Liberal	5/20/2016 9:34 PM
306	Schools are great.	5/20/2016 9:18 PM
307	Schools are great	5/20/2016 9:09 PM
308	We've got a great sense of community	5/20/2016 8:58 PM
309	Schools.	5/20/2016 8:43 PM
310	The schools	5/20/2016 8:40 PM
311	we are well past the point of convincing people to move here. Decatur has become overly-congested!	5/20/2016 8:36 PM
312	Great schools	5/20/2016 8:25 PM
313	Small town feel with a tolerance for all types of lifestyles.	5/20/2016 7:57 PM
314	Don't move here. Hopefully the school stats will drop as the super intelligent children of college professors and professionals are replaced by the children of rich salesman. That should take care of it.	5/20/2016 7:39 PM
315	Just one thing? There are so many great things! Schools, wonderful neighbors, interesting housing, great restaurants and fun boutiques!	5/20/2016 6:39 PM
316	Location is convenient to other parts of Atlanta. Schools are supposedly good from what we've heard.	5/20/2016 6:38 PM
317	Good schools low crime	5/20/2016 6:29 PM
318	During sense of community	5/20/2016 5:23 PM
319	It's a friendly, comfortable place to live.	5/20/2016 5:19 PM
320	It feels like a small town with all of the amenities of big-city living.	5/20/2016 5:18 PM
321	Don't! The taxes are too high, living is unaffordable, the schools are too crowded	5/20/2016 5:11 PM
322	It is a great walkable community	5/20/2016 4:51 PM
323	feeling of a small town with easy access to big city amenities nearby	5/20/2016 4:49 PM
324	Walkability.	5/20/2016 4:37 PM
325	The vibe. Decatur still has its liberal, artsy, caring vibe.	5/20/2016 4:36 PM
326	Great schools.	5/20/2016 4:28 PM
327	Community!	5/20/2016 4:09 PM
328	Strong and "effective"(see above, 2nd choice) SCHOOLS always are surrounded by strong communities.	5/20/2016 4:05 PM
329	Great school system.	5/20/2016 4:03 PM
330	A great community	5/20/2016 3:50 PM
331	Community!	5/20/2016 3:44 PM

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332	The people!	5/20/2016 3:27 PM
333	The people are awesome!	5/20/2016 3:16 PM
334	There is a strong sense of community.	5/20/2016 3:16 PM
335	walkable neighborhoods	5/20/2016 3:08 PM
336	Expensive housing, but fantastic area if you can find somewhere to live.	5/20/2016 3:07 PM
337	Quality of life and neighborhoods.	5/20/2016 3:05 PM
338	Feels like a neighborhood that is close to a city	5/20/2016 3:01 PM
339	Great transit access and small town feel	5/20/2016 2:59 PM
340	Bike friendly and safe	5/20/2016 2:52 PM
341	A small town feel (great local businesses, good schools, sense of community) with easy access to the city of Atlanta.	5/20/2016 2:49 PM
342	N/A	5/20/2016 2:36 PM
343	The people are great and coupling it with the opportunities one has, it can't get better.	5/20/2016 2:28 PM
344	Ample mobility for empty nesters to down size	5/20/2016 2:25 PM
345	Community	5/20/2016 2:25 PM
346	Responsive government!	5/20/2016 2:21 PM
347	Great schools.	5/20/2016 2:15 PM
348	Walkability and connection to transit.	5/20/2016 2:10 PM
349	Walkability	5/20/2016 2:10 PM
350	downtown	5/20/2016 2:01 PM
351	The restaurants.	5/20/2016 1:52 PM
352	Schools	5/20/2016 1:51 PM
353	good schools	5/20/2016 1:49 PM
354	Walkable neighbors	5/20/2016 1:25 PM
355	Look at the city school system	5/20/2016 1:22 PM
356	eat	5/20/2016 1:16 PM
357	The beauty of the natural environment and village like pace of life is appealing.	5/20/2016 12:51 PM
358	People are very friendly and are both willing to help out and yet give you some space.	5/20/2016 12:18 PM
359	The schools are amazing	5/20/2016 12:03 PM
360	Eddie's Attic.	5/20/2016 11:58 AM
361	schools	5/20/2016 11:37 AM
362	Many wonderful restaurants	5/20/2016 11:28 AM
363	the sense of community	5/20/2016 11:28 AM
364	I wouldn't. I feel like the city is getting too crowded.	5/20/2016 11:27 AM
365	Do you make a lot of money?	5/20/2016 11:24 AM
366	great schools	5/20/2016 11:02 AM
367	Commitment to independent locally owned businesses	5/20/2016 10:58 AM
368	Its a great place if you have lots of money.	5/20/2016 10:42 AM
369	Great police, schools, parks	5/20/2016 10:33 AM
370	Strong community	5/20/2016 10:29 AM
371	Expensive!	5/20/2016 10:27 AM
372	Please don't.	5/20/2016 10:25 AM

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373	Beauty	5/20/2016 10:23 AM
374	Quality of life	5/20/2016 10:20 AM
375	You can walk everywhere.	5/20/2016 10:19 AM
376	Feels like a real community.	5/20/2016 10:14 AM
377	It is a GREAT walking city...easy to walk to and from.	5/20/2016 10:11 AM
378	walkability	5/20/2016 10:00 AM
379	walkability	5/20/2016 9:56 AM
380	Great schools	5/20/2016 9:46 AM
381	Progressive community.	5/20/2016 9:45 AM
382	Great school system.	5/20/2016 9:42 AM
383	Strong community life	5/20/2016 9:16 AM
384	Amazing way of life!!	5/20/2016 9:16 AM
385	buy a existing single family home	5/20/2016 9:14 AM
386	That the homes remind me of a Stony River; lots of them and they look exactly the same. I'd say it's a great, walkable place that doesn't feel like the South.	5/20/2016 9:06 AM
387	nice downtown	5/20/2016 8:58 AM
388	The people make the city. It is better than I thought it would be.	5/20/2016 8:38 AM
389	It's better than the alternative.	5/20/2016 8:35 AM
390	Walkability!	5/20/2016 8:31 AM
391	Schools	5/20/2016 8:31 AM
392	We have great schools.	5/20/2016 8:30 AM
393	Decatur has genuine identity. It balances great urban attractions with a strong sense of resident community.	5/20/2016 8:28 AM
394	Schools are good.	5/20/2016 8:28 AM
395	great schools	5/20/2016 8:20 AM
396	Quality of life, walkability and school system	5/20/2016 8:17 AM
397	Walkability (compared to Atlanta)	5/20/2016 8:13 AM
398	Bring enough money to buy a house and enough patience to deal with the entitled attitudes of those who will use your street as a pedestrian zone, assume the side walk is theirs, barrel down a narrow road in their SUV, and bring their kids to nice restaurants.	5/20/2016 8:12 AM
399	It's longtime citizens are TRYING hard to keep the Hometown Feel that we are known for	5/20/2016 8:09 AM
400	schools	5/20/2016 8:09 AM
401	Feels like a real community	5/20/2016 8:05 AM
402	It is a great community	5/20/2016 8:00 AM
403	good schools	5/20/2016 7:52 AM
404	Wonderful sense of community	5/20/2016 7:41 AM
405	Great public schools	5/20/2016 7:07 AM
406	Schools	5/20/2016 7:02 AM
407	School quality	5/20/2016 6:42 AM
408	Lots of fun things going on that are close to you (even if you have to uber)	5/20/2016 6:37 AM
409	There are some great old houses to live in--at least for the time being!	5/20/2016 6:28 AM
410	Great neighborhoods.	5/20/2016 6:24 AM
411	Community	5/20/2016 6:18 AM

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412	Entertainment	5/20/2016 6:10 AM
413	City services are good...but you pay for it.	5/20/2016 5:44 AM
414	The sense of community is amazing.	5/20/2016 5:41 AM
415	It is a family friendly environment.	5/20/2016 4:39 AM
416	It is a great small community.	5/20/2016 4:00 AM
417	For the most part, the people in Decatur are real. They care about things that really matter--education, health, music, the environment, community, fun and so much more.	5/20/2016 3:37 AM
418	Public schools are very good	5/20/2016 2:54 AM
419	Depending on where live you can walk to lot of stores & restaurants	5/20/2016 2:25 AM
420	Small town with city benefits	5/20/2016 12:09 AM
421	Great neighborhood schools!	5/20/2016 12:02 AM
422	Able to walk to restaurants and activities	5/19/2016 11:48 PM
423	Great places to eat.	5/19/2016 11:40 PM
424	Good schools	5/19/2016 11:14 PM
425	Great sense of community	5/19/2016 10:54 PM
426	Schools	5/19/2016 10:46 PM
427	It's close to the big city, but it has more of a mid-sized town feel. I love the locally owned restaurants.	5/19/2016 10:44 PM
428	All the positive things you hear people say about Decatur are true!	5/19/2016 10:39 PM
429	People are great	5/19/2016 10:31 PM
430	It's a city with a unique wonderful personality. Many beliefs and walks of life under one roof. Inclusion and diversity, quality of life - that is why we have chosen Decatur as our new home. We're from Germany.	5/19/2016 10:27 PM
431	Walkable and friendly neighborhood!	5/19/2016 10:25 PM
432	The schools	5/19/2016 10:23 PM
433	Family oriented	5/19/2016 10:20 PM
434	True sense of community with great schools, parks, downtown and programs for its residents.	5/19/2016 10:18 PM
435	Convenience	5/19/2016 10:17 PM
436	It used to be great and it still has potential to be so	5/19/2016 10:16 PM
437	Great community	5/19/2016 10:10 PM
438	Family friendly	5/19/2016 10:01 PM
439	Community	5/19/2016 10:00 PM
440	I live here	5/19/2016 9:39 PM
441	Great sense of community and you can make it what you want for your family	5/19/2016 9:19 PM
442	Lots to do in a small space: shops, restaurants, library. Lots of fun to live here.	5/19/2016 9:14 PM
443	Great people.	5/19/2016 8:53 PM
444	There are still a lot of nice people living here. Better hurry though it's getting to be too expensive for a lot of them.	5/19/2016 8:51 PM
445	open minded people....still safe inside perimeter	5/19/2016 8:40 PM
446	Police/fire service	5/19/2016 8:14 PM
447	Beware the out of control building going on and lack of green space downtown	5/19/2016 8:03 PM
448	Schools	5/19/2016 8:00 PM
449	Neighbors/Community	5/19/2016 6:33 PM
450	liveable and walkable community	5/19/2016 6:32 PM

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451	sense of community	5/19/2016 6:20 PM
452	real community	5/19/2016 6:19 PM
453	how walkable, how friendly, how convenient it is, how dog friendly, and how, sort of, a little bit hip/artsy/un-ordinary it is. Definitely not yuppy.	5/19/2016 6:19 PM
454	Great sense of community.	5/19/2016 5:57 PM
455	Convenience of necessities and restaurants.	5/19/2016 5:45 PM
456	Ggood neighbors here	5/19/2016 5:42 PM
457	Nice people.	5/19/2016 5:35 PM
458	Amazing vibe	5/19/2016 5:30 PM
459	For the most part there are some great people in Decatur.	5/19/2016 5:18 PM
460	It has a great downtown.	5/19/2016 5:15 PM
461	I would tell them to come here and spend sometime walking around the city. Look beyond restaurants and festivals to try to understand the character of the city itself.	5/19/2016 5:06 PM
462	Friendly and inviting to all.	5/19/2016 5:04 PM
463	Great schools great people	5/19/2016 5:00 PM
464	It is a great place - great people, schools, restaurants, and community life	5/19/2016 4:45 PM
465	Can walk everywhere. Especially Marta	5/19/2016 4:41 PM
466	Everybody's kids go to the same schools, so you'll never have to worry about getting redistricted.	5/19/2016 4:37 PM
467	It's walkable.	5/19/2016 4:28 PM
468	It's an inclusive community for all families.	5/19/2016 4:27 PM
469	You can buy my house	5/19/2016 4:24 PM
470	It's lovely sense of family and community.	5/19/2016 4:09 PM
471	Walkable community	5/19/2016 4:01 PM
472	Walkability: e.g. walking distance of Taqueria del Sol :) , town square, Marta, etc.	5/19/2016 3:52 PM
473	Safety and a strong sense of community.	5/19/2016 3:52 PM
474	It is like a small town in a big city - there is a strong sense of being "neighborly" in Decatur!	5/19/2016 3:49 PM
475	Walkability	5/19/2016 3:47 PM
476	No need to drive car!	5/19/2016 3:45 PM
477	good luck, it's a great place to live, 10 years ago... better be super rich if you want to live here now! The above question "Overall, are you satisfied with your experience in the City of Decatur?" does not have good alternate answers. "Indifferent" is absurd... I'm concerned that the satisfaction I have found living here on and off for almost 60 years, will be unattainable for those who move here in 2016.	5/19/2016 3:43 PM
478	You can walk to great restaurants and bars.	5/19/2016 3:41 PM
479	Happiness	5/19/2016 3:23 PM
480	I would love to be able to praise the historic preservation areas but so far have seen too much sacrifice of preservation--trees, character of the neighborhood, catering to development--for the sake of the tax structure.	5/19/2016 3:20 PM
481	Great service from city staff. (High taxes, but worth it - you get what you pay for.)	5/19/2016 2:39 PM
482	Best city in the Atlanta metro for families hands down. Aging baby boomers or individuals, not so much.	5/19/2016 2:29 PM
483	Schools.	5/19/2016 2:20 PM
484	It is perfect for families that value education.	5/19/2016 2:14 PM
485	Schools are great	5/19/2016 1:55 PM
486	Police and Fire Dept are very responsive.	5/19/2016 1:53 PM
487	Small town feel in an urban area	5/19/2016 1:51 PM

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488	Schools	5/19/2016 1:50 PM
489	Police and Fire are less than two minutes away.	5/19/2016 1:41 PM
490	schools - we are incredibly lucky here, with schools the number one best element for the community	5/19/2016 1:37 PM
491	Get a dog.	5/19/2016 1:31 PM
492	We walk everywhere and would be happy never leaving.	5/19/2016 1:20 PM
493	The people are, in general, open-minded, kind neighbors.	5/19/2016 1:19 PM
494	Great schools, great restaurants, great walk ability and a great community feel.	5/19/2016 1:14 PM
495	Schools	5/19/2016 1:14 PM
496	walkability!	5/19/2016 1:13 PM
497	Quality of life in Decatur is incredible (as measured by amenities, level of neighborliness, services, walkability, etc.)	5/19/2016 1:11 PM
498	Walkability.	5/19/2016 1:08 PM
499	Small town feel with large town options.	5/19/2016 12:42 PM
500	Where friendly smart caring people live	5/19/2016 11:08 AM
501	Wonderful restaurants within walking distance of many areas	5/19/2016 10:51 AM
502	Nice people	5/19/2016 10:51 AM
503	convenience	5/19/2016 10:42 AM
504	Centrally located	5/19/2016 10:25 AM
505	The neighbors.	5/19/2016 10:01 AM
506	Move to Kirkwood.	5/19/2016 9:58 AM
507	Sense of community	5/19/2016 9:13 AM
508	It's a happy, tight knit community. I love the people on my street and sitting next to me in the local restaurants that I walk to.	5/19/2016 8:23 AM
509	Great sense of community	5/19/2016 6:47 AM
510	Don't sell your cars...you still need them in Decatur	5/19/2016 5:52 AM
511	Great schools	5/18/2016 11:47 PM
512	You can walk to just about anything you need.	5/18/2016 11:40 PM
513	Some small town virtues still exist	5/18/2016 11:28 PM
514	Good schools	5/18/2016 11:17 PM
515	schools!	5/18/2016 10:16 PM
516	Small progressive town (and hopefully that isn't changing)	5/18/2016 3:17 PM
517	ARTS ARE ENCOURAGED! AMAZING!	5/15/2016 9:05 AM
518	The restaurants	5/14/2016 4:52 PM
519	All indicators for quality of life pursued here: accountable government making greenspace, social equity, better transportation and recreation happen.	5/14/2016 11:05 AM
520	Walkability.	5/13/2016 4:58 PM
521	general atmosphere	5/13/2016 3:02 PM
522	It is very walkable.	5/13/2016 11:20 AM
523	It's a great place to live but could be better!	5/12/2016 9:16 PM
524	Great schools.	5/12/2016 3:49 PM
525	Schools!	5/11/2016 11:27 AM
526	Do it.	5/11/2016 8:18 AM

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527	It's an ongoing celebration in Decatur- don't forget, there's a festival for that	5/10/2016 12:12 PM
528	Its wonderful in Oakhurst to be able to walk to so many places	5/10/2016 10:45 AM
529	Public feedback is constantly encouraged for every aspect of the city planning.	5/10/2016 7:27 AM
530	Just come and visit, and imagine it's all within walking distance...	5/8/2016 11:14 AM
531	Sense of community.	5/7/2016 10:05 PM
532	schools are good.	5/7/2016 6:15 PM
533	It is not just a city, it's a community!	5/6/2016 8:53 PM
534	Feels like home!	5/6/2016 7:49 PM
535	Great sense of community.	5/6/2016 7:08 PM
536	Got a lot of good things going on	5/6/2016 6:30 PM
537	It is a sanity sanctuary within a state where there are too few of them.	5/6/2016 4:35 PM
538	It has all the urban community characteristics you want.	5/6/2016 4:00 PM
539	You can walk to everything, especially craft breweries, restaurants, and parks, and the school system is the best one out there.	5/6/2016 3:44 PM
540	Schools	5/6/2016 3:34 PM
541	Lots of fun things to do in a close area.	5/6/2016 3:16 PM
542	Schools seem to be really good.	5/4/2016 7:21 PM
543	It is an almost perfect place to raise children.	5/3/2016 4:34 PM
544	It's the best place in Atlanta to raise a family without being in the burbs	5/3/2016 2:48 PM
545	Convenience and overall quality of life	5/3/2016 10:22 AM
546	small town in a big city. Can walk places.	5/2/2016 12:02 PM
547	It depends. Decatur is not for everyone. We love it because of the great schools, walkability, community of neighbors, city services that are excellent, great restaurants and shops and pocket of progressive blue in a red state.	5/2/2016 2:38 AM
548	It is a wonderful community where I have made great friends with great neighbors and I spend my time in the community instead of driving all over the place as people have to do in so many other parts of Atlanta. Even my stepkids who hail from Sugar Hill, like this aspect of Decatur.	4/29/2016 12:42 PM
549	Honestly, I wouldn't suggest moving to Decatur.	4/29/2016 10:41 AM
550	The Public Schools.	4/29/2016 10:34 AM
551	Great schools, great family community	4/29/2016 9:11 AM
552	Great small town atmosphere.	4/28/2016 11:46 PM
553	Excellent school system.	4/28/2016 9:57 PM
554	Your house will go up in value.	4/28/2016 7:10 PM
555	Convenience to downtown.	4/28/2016 7:07 PM
556	Great sense of community.	4/28/2016 6:19 PM
557	I would try to convince them NOT to move here. We just don't enjoy it anymore.	4/26/2016 5:03 PM
558	There's a great sense of community.	4/26/2016 9:57 AM
559	I would provide them with other options until changes are made.	4/26/2016 12:17 AM
560	It is safe.	4/25/2016 4:48 PM
561	Decent schools relative to our neighbors.	4/25/2016 2:38 PM
562	Some areas of Decatur are very walkable.	4/25/2016 2:30 PM
563	Schools, walking areas, accesibility to wonderful restaurantsummer within walking distance	4/25/2016 2:27 PM
564	you can walk or take only short drives to get to everything	4/25/2016 1:19 PM

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565	sense of community	4/25/2016 1:00 PM
566	The people are awesome.	4/25/2016 12:24 PM
567	Safety & schools!	4/24/2016 9:41 PM
568	safety	4/24/2016 8:42 PM
569	Nice downtown	4/24/2016 5:33 PM
570	walk-ability and local businesses community	4/22/2016 10:09 PM
571	great sense of community.	4/22/2016 6:23 PM
572	The restaurants & bars are great, but be careful trying to walk to get there.	4/22/2016 3:29 PM
573	I would say it is a walkable city with great schools and a wonderful community feel. I love May and September Saturday music and square and the wonderful festivals. It is a place where people care and look out for each other	4/22/2016 10:30 AM
574	It is a great place that you should participate in	4/22/2016 10:03 AM
575	Walkability	4/21/2016 10:24 PM
576	Great city, charming neighborhoods and a community feel with a nice downtown	4/21/2016 9:17 PM
577	You can walk to whatever you need.	4/21/2016 8:19 PM
578	"there is a very well defined sense of community", in most neighborhoods you will know your neighbors.	4/21/2016 5:34 PM
579	Good schools.	4/21/2016 1:27 PM
580	great walkable and friendly community	4/21/2016 12:04 PM
581	The quality of the public schools.	4/21/2016 11:32 AM
582	taxes are high, but quality of life is worth it.	4/21/2016 10:43 AM
583	It's the greatest place on earth	4/21/2016 9:44 AM
584	Community. A very nice, quirky, liberal and opinionated community.	4/21/2016 5:47 AM
585	Combines urban and small-town living.	4/20/2016 10:47 PM
586	public schools are not terrible	4/20/2016 9:18 PM
587	As close to the ideal community as I've ever experienced	4/20/2016 7:16 PM
588	very safe	4/20/2016 6:49 PM
589	the ability to live in a place that has community driven events, a walkable city to restaurants and other shopping. The shopping is unique with boutiques and galleries, friendly neighbors. Downtown is vibrant and does not close up at night	4/20/2016 5:16 PM
590	The amenities that can be reached easily by most people,	4/20/2016 4:08 PM
591	Fabulous place to live, all the amenities within 5 minutes--but pick where you live wisely as traffic is becoming a problem.	4/20/2016 2:43 PM
592	Excellent connectivity between residents and responsive city government.	4/20/2016 2:40 PM
593	Great schools	4/20/2016 2:36 PM
594	Excellent quality of life.	4/20/2016 2:33 PM
595	Decatur is a small town that constantly strives to be a better small town.	4/20/2016 2:22 PM
596	Walking access to everything you need - post office, shops, grocery, restaurants, etc.	4/20/2016 1:59 PM
597	It is a safe and family-friendly community.	4/20/2016 1:15 PM
598	There is always some awesome going on - on the square, a festival, a park to visit, restaurants, parks etc. Entertainment is easy for any type of person.	4/20/2016 12:39 PM
599	Strong sense of community	4/20/2016 12:27 PM
600	It's a City that gets things done without a lot of politics.	4/20/2016 11:35 AM
601	Decatur is a small town with an urban feel and a good sense of community.	4/20/2016 11:15 AM

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602	How effective the city leadership has been in achieving its vision.	4/20/2016 10:57 AM
603	Decatur has very great teachers in the school system	4/20/2016 10:57 AM
604	Move here if you care about education.	4/20/2016 10:56 AM
605	Its a "real" village	4/20/2016 10:53 AM
606	Come as you are	4/20/2016 10:37 AM
607	Variety of people, businesses with good walkability	4/20/2016 10:28 AM
608	It is a small town within a large city.	4/20/2016 10:11 AM
609	Fantastic police department-- none better!	4/20/2016 9:28 AM
610	schools	4/20/2016 8:53 AM
611	sanitation services are great. That is honestly the only aspect that has been unaffected by the unplanned development.	4/20/2016 8:52 AM
612	Best combination of proximity to Atlanta and schools you can find	4/20/2016 7:58 AM
613	A strong sense of community with superior educational opportunities.	4/19/2016 11:07 PM
614	A very livable, progressive town with great amenities and schools. Been here over 30 yrs and still won't live elsewhere.	4/19/2016 10:38 PM
615	The area is nice and it's a great committee base to raise a family.	4/19/2016 10:09 PM
616	It is a great place to live	4/19/2016 10:05 PM
617	Great food!	4/19/2016 9:49 PM
618	? Tough. With all the new change within the neighborhoods it's too tough. Everything is changing. Not sure.	4/19/2016 8:03 PM
619	people	4/19/2016 4:27 PM
620	Decatur offers the small town amenities within the larger metro area.	4/19/2016 4:16 PM
621	Can walk to so many places	4/19/2016 4:08 PM
622	The city residents support public schooling beyond most other places, and that continued funding makes the public school system very nearly the best in the state.	4/19/2016 3:44 PM
623	It feels like a small town in the middle of a large metro area.	4/19/2016 3:40 PM
624	community	4/19/2016 2:40 PM
625	If I did not live in Decatur, I would not live in Georgia, I would move to Austin, Portland, Seattle, etc.	4/19/2016 2:33 PM
626	I would warn them that the taxes are the highest in the state.	4/19/2016 2:32 PM
627	It has everything you want in a big city but feels like a community.	4/19/2016 2:24 PM
628	A live, work, play community.	4/19/2016 2:24 PM
629	Great community. We are new to Decatur but have been warmly welcomed.	4/19/2016 2:04 PM
630	I walk my kids to school and to restaurants and shops... if I didn't have to drive to work I wouldn't need my car at all	4/19/2016 1:45 PM
631	The closeness of diff.FACilties like library rec.Dept,diff places to eat	4/19/2016 1:41 PM
632	everything you need is a mile or less away	4/19/2016 1:29 PM
633	It is too perfect to name one thing.	4/19/2016 1:14 PM
634	Walkability	4/19/2016 1:09 PM
635	Incredible sense of community	4/19/2016 1:05 PM
636	Sense of community	4/19/2016 1:04 PM
637	Independent shops and restaurants	4/19/2016 1:00 PM
638	schools and community	4/19/2016 12:39 PM
639	Great schools.	4/19/2016 12:22 PM
640	It has a friendly and diverse citizenry.	4/19/2016 12:07 PM

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641	Community	4/19/2016 12:04 PM
642	Decatur is a vibrant engaged community.	4/19/2016 11:42 AM
643	Schools	4/19/2016 11:38 AM
644	It's a nice town.	4/19/2016 11:28 AM
645	Great schools	4/19/2016 11:10 AM
646	sense of involved community	4/19/2016 10:59 AM
647	A great place to live with a small town atmosphere and the advantages of the big city. Atlanta is 1 mile away physically, but 100 miles away in the mind.	4/19/2016 9:35 AM
648	I wouldn't. I think it is ok for younger kids but the staff at the middle school is terrible and the drug problem at DHS is not worth the risk of sending your child there. Plus it takes 20 min now just to get across Decatur in the morning to get out of town. Ridiculous.	4/19/2016 8:41 AM
649	We have beautiful trees.	4/19/2016 7:50 AM
650	Location, location, location.	4/19/2016 7:46 AM
651	Best schools in Georgia in a wonderful community of kind hearted neighbors centered around a walkable downtown with a blend of unique shops and award winning restaurants.	4/19/2016 7:32 AM
652	Marta, Marta, Marta	4/19/2016 5:03 AM
653	Great sense of community spirit and interest in town and schools	4/19/2016 4:06 AM
654	Stay away, it's awful here. <gr> But if I had to, it would be the festivals and community activities. It's just so much FUN to live here.	4/18/2016 10:34 PM
655	Location. I am a huge fan of the Active Living Department. They try their best to accommodate any idea you have to make their department better.	4/18/2016 10:29 PM
656	friendly, welcoming community and neighborhoods, city pride	4/18/2016 10:26 PM
657	Great neighbors and good schools	4/18/2016 10:24 PM
658	Great schools	4/18/2016 10:06 PM
659	Cool vibe and family friendly.	4/18/2016 9:49 PM
660	High taxes	4/18/2016 9:32 PM
661	Convenience	4/18/2016 9:14 PM
662	Community	4/18/2016 9:07 PM
663	School system	4/18/2016 8:53 PM
664	Move downtown!	4/18/2016 7:07 PM
665	the people who live here are friendly	4/18/2016 4:40 PM
666	We have a strong sense of "place."	4/18/2016 4:27 PM
667	Schools are much better than surrounding communities and provide a more diverse student population than is often found in surrounding communities. While it is less true now than in the past, there is still a sense that it is a community where everyone knows everyone else.	4/18/2016 3:58 PM
668	Walk ability	4/18/2016 3:53 PM
669	Good schools	4/18/2016 3:34 PM
670	Restaurants and pubs offset much of the city's demerits, e.g., traffic (vehicle, bike, pedestrian) deficiencies.	4/18/2016 3:23 PM
671	The ability to walk and bike among beautiful neighborhoods, to interesting, diverse, and useful places.	4/18/2016 3:16 PM
672	Walkable.	4/18/2016 3:13 PM
673	be prepared for higher taxes	4/18/2016 2:39 PM
674	responsive community	4/18/2016 2:32 PM
675	Good schools, good walking, some like-minded people	4/18/2016 12:28 PM
676	We have great restaurants and it is a great vibe to live near the square.	4/18/2016 12:18 PM

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677	The lay of the land is what makes Decatur great, not the government.	4/18/2016 12:18 PM
678	The people are great. Mayberry meets Berkeley	4/18/2016 11:19 AM
679	Housing is expensive and parking is a real issue	4/18/2016 11:19 AM
680	I appreciate the diversity and friendliness of the population in Decatur.	4/18/2016 11:17 AM
681	It's better than Atlanta or DeKalb	4/18/2016 10:40 AM
682	It's a small town in a big city.	4/18/2016 9:48 AM
683	Quality of life..	4/18/2016 9:17 AM
684	schools and all of our festivals	4/17/2016 2:36 PM
685	Great quality of life city.	4/15/2016 11:17 AM
686	Its special, like Camelot!	4/15/2016 10:09 AM
687	It's going to be expensive, but you get what you pay for.	4/15/2016 7:48 AM
688	The neighborhoods. I've lived here 45 years, and a big reason for that is my neighbors.	4/14/2016 9:17 PM
689	Walkability to great restaurants, banks, churches, coffee shops, clothing stores!	4/14/2016 8:41 PM
690	It's full of great people...like me.	4/14/2016 5:14 PM
691	Schools are great	4/14/2016 3:45 PM
692	The schools are great (but I do now caution about the rampant drug and alcohol problem - and YES, as a parent of two teens I KNOW it is a problem).	4/14/2016 2:18 PM
693	Heavily wooded areas and creeks are abundant, houses are reasonably priced, and it is quiet here, unless developers are razing houses and cutting down trees.	4/14/2016 1:45 PM
694	It's a true community and family friendly.	4/14/2016 12:44 PM
695	A very walkable and progressive community with great restaurants and always something interesting to do.	4/14/2016 11:49 AM
696	Close to everything	4/14/2016 10:29 AM
697	The schools are pretty good	4/13/2016 11:01 PM
698	Schools	4/13/2016 10:01 PM
699	nice neighbors	4/13/2016 9:49 PM
700	Full of energy and opportunities for networking.	4/13/2016 9:32 PM
701	Schools in relation to other districts in the state	4/13/2016 9:23 PM
702	community based government	4/13/2016 9:11 PM
703	I would not encourage anyone to move here, the fabric of this small town that first attracted us is being torn apart. We need to hit the pause button.	4/13/2016 8:35 PM
704	Great little town in the midst of huge Atlanta, and local foodie capital	4/13/2016 12:23 AM
705	I wouldn't try to convince them- it's expensive and too white right now. I'd say look at East Atlanta and Kirkwood or the south part of the Beltline that's being developed.	4/12/2016 8:04 PM
706	It's peaceful and growing	4/12/2016 2:34 PM
707	Carefully managed tree cover	4/12/2016 10:37 AM
708	can walk to get a good local beer from anywhere in the city	4/11/2016 2:37 PM
709	Great public schools and everything within arms reach	4/10/2016 8:50 PM
710	Beautiful	4/10/2016 5:40 PM
711	Decatur is approaching over development.	4/9/2016 10:51 AM
712	It's like Mayberry	4/5/2016 10:19 PM
713	Well regarded school system.	4/4/2016 11:19 PM
714	The schools.	4/4/2016 11:08 PM

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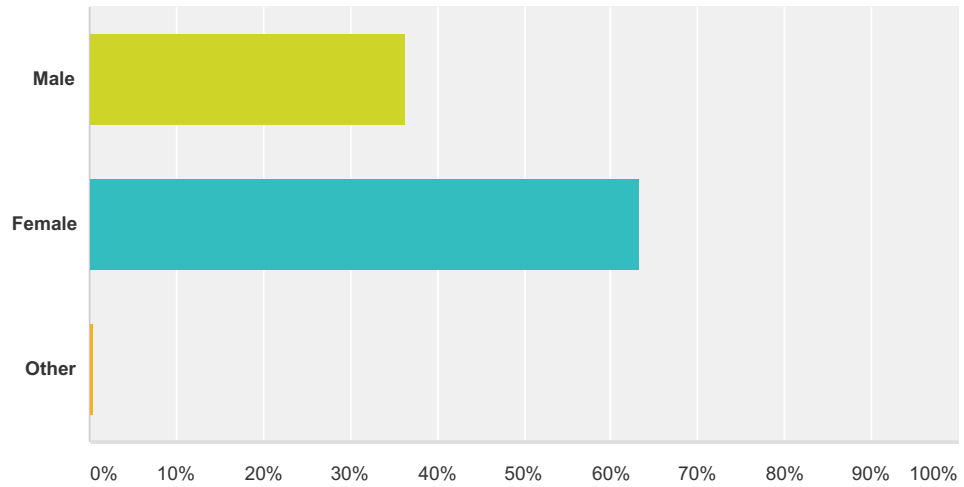
715	the schools	4/4/2016 12:09 PM
716	It's school system is top notch even with its overcrowding.	4/3/2016 9:38 AM
717	You will not be actively discriminated against, but if you do not have money you will be ignored.	4/1/2016 10:01 PM
718	Safety of your family is key and Decatur provides that with walkability, including at night, and police and fire response time.	3/29/2016 2:51 PM
719	Great school system	3/29/2016 2:43 PM
720	it's like living in Europe but with all the hospitality of the south.	3/29/2016 12:05 PM
721	Schools	3/27/2016 6:10 PM
722	We have a unique and distinct history. There is much to be proud of.	3/27/2016 12:48 PM
723	Its one of the best metro-area cities--If you can afford to live here.	3/24/2016 12:08 PM
724	It is a community that listens and responds to its citizens needs.	3/24/2016 11:26 AM
725	Community	3/23/2016 10:37 AM
726	The people! I love my neighbors.	3/22/2016 8:49 PM
727	Progressive enclave in a very conservative state. I value the racial and economic diversity of the community as well as the educated population (people associated with the universities, for example). Good access to intelligent activities such as lectures and concerts at the universities, Carter Center, and the annual book festival.	3/22/2016 8:55 AM
728	the school system - with a caveat... we chose decatur for its amazing school system. That can easily change with improper management. Inclusion and expansion cannot come at the cost of quality. Maintaining exceptional levels should be first and foremost with any other initiatives being secondary	3/21/2016 3:28 PM
729	Walkability	3/21/2016 3:26 PM
730	Decatur 101.	3/21/2016 9:32 AM
731	You can go so many places that you need to go without having to use your car!	3/20/2016 10:24 PM
732	Not sure I am interested in trying to convince people to move here. As mentioned above, I feel the character of the city has changed for the worse in recent years. I have lived in Decatur for 30 years and always thought I would want to stay forever. Not sure of that anymore. Diversity has been lost. Feeling overwhelmed by influx of affluent families with children. Traffic and density make day to day movement around the city more difficult.	3/20/2016 10:13 PM
733	Great place	3/20/2016 9:37 PM
734	Decatur has a great sense of community and you can walk to so many good, unique restaurants at a variety of prices, especially Taqueria del Sol and Victory. Ok, that's two, so here's a third: having just a short walk to access the Marta rail system.	3/20/2016 7:07 PM
735	I would tell them about the small town feel within a big city. Although regrettably this seems to be changing with the rapid expansion taking place.	3/20/2016 4:08 PM
736	Walk as much as possible and to your home which was built before 2014 and do not purchase a home built after 2016	3/20/2016 10:51 AM
737	Besides good schools which seems to be the "go to" answer, lots of restaurants within walking distance.	3/20/2016 10:50 AM
738	Our taxes are well worth it. Police and fire employees are the very best.	3/20/2016 10:28 AM
739	Location	3/20/2016 7:20 AM
740	Decatur vibrates with positive energy poured into the arts of living a good life.	3/20/2016 7:20 AM
741	Being able to walk everywhere	3/20/2016 7:20 AM
742	wonderful community of people - small town feel	3/20/2016 7:11 AM
743	Walkable (especially to Marta)	3/19/2016 10:01 PM
744	Village life amid big-city amenities.	3/19/2016 9:19 PM
745	I would not encourage anyone to move to Decatur at this time. The city needs to be more mindful of how decisions to encourage immigration impacts current residents and their quality of life.	3/19/2016 8:46 PM
746	It is a community of folks who care and contribute to the good.	3/19/2016 5:24 PM
747	Walkability	3/19/2016 4:48 PM

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748	Community feel	3/19/2016 4:18 PM
749	Decatur has good city schools.	3/19/2016 4:17 PM
750	Friendly people	3/19/2016 3:36 PM
751	Great schools	3/18/2016 11:51 PM
752	Decatur Cares.	3/18/2016 5:32 PM
753	Diverse community, feels urban but also small-town. Great place to live.	3/18/2016 5:26 PM
754	People care about each other and look out for each other here.	3/18/2016 4:45 PM
755	The schools are really good.	3/18/2016 4:30 PM
756	Great to be able to walk to everything. More downtown condos would allow more people to walk to everything they need.	3/18/2016 3:36 PM
757	The City of Decatur will waste your tax dollars.	3/18/2016 9:44 AM
758	Great neighbors	3/18/2016 1:04 AM
759	It is the most walkable place in Atlanta. I moved from East Cobb which is not walkable and has no access to MARTA and had no idea that I could walk to a train, restaurants, festivals, bike path nearby that goes all the way to Stone Mountain, and asks how we can make things better. I love this town.	3/17/2016 6:10 PM
760	This is a true community of people who care not just about their own families but about one another.	3/17/2016 11:07 AM
761	It's pedestrian friendly.	3/16/2016 5:51 PM
762	Schools	3/16/2016 4:47 PM
763	It is charming, but be prepared for the morning traffic jams, speeding cars and high taxes	3/16/2016 4:45 PM
764	too crowded, and big taxes	3/16/2016 4:41 PM

Q41 How do you identify your gender?

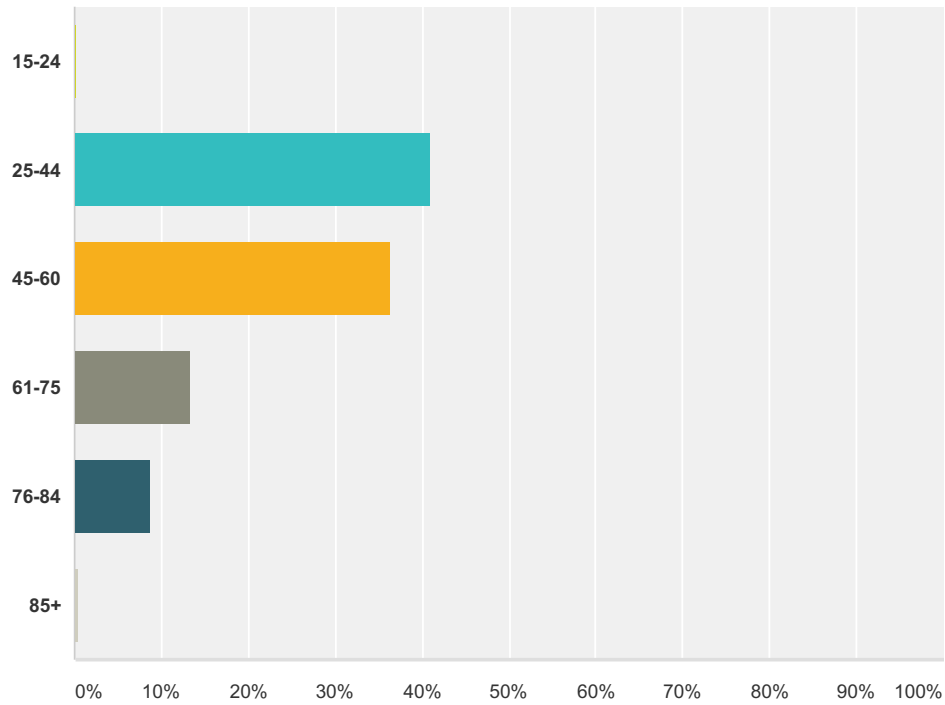
Answered: 936 Skipped: 116



Answer Choices	Responses	
Male	36.32%	340
Female	63.25%	592
Other	0.43%	4
Total		936

Q42 What is your age group?

Answered: 934 Skipped: 118

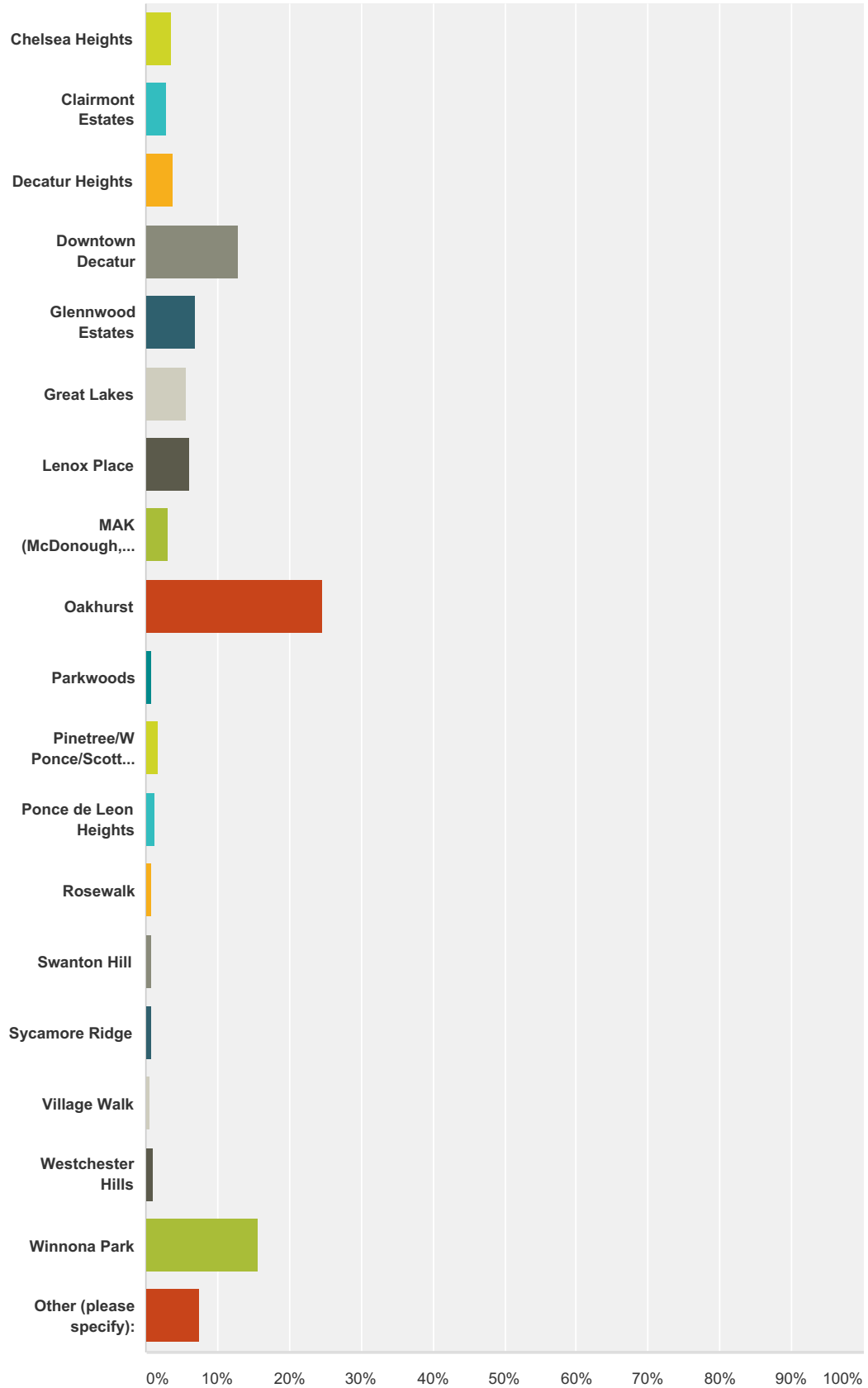


Answer Choices	Responses
15-24	0.21% 2
25-44	40.90% 382
45-60	36.40% 340
61-75	13.38% 125
76-84	8.78% 82
85+	0.32% 3
Total	934

Q43 My Neighborhood:

Answered: 933 Skipped: 119

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Answer Choices	Responses
Chelsea Heights	3.54% 33

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Clairmont Estates	2.89%	27
Decatur Heights	3.75%	35
Downtown Decatur	12.97%	121
Glennwood Estates	6.86%	64
Great Lakes	5.57%	52
Lenox Place	6.00%	56
MAK (McDonough, Adams, Kings Hwy)	3.22%	30
Oakhurst	24.65%	230
Parkwoods	0.75%	7
Pinetree/W Ponce/Scott Blvd	1.61%	15
Ponce de Leon Heights	1.18%	11
Rosewalk	0.75%	7
Swanton Hill	0.75%	7
Sycamore Ridge	0.75%	7
Village Walk	0.54%	5
Westchester Hills	1.07%	10
Winnona Park	15.65%	146
Other (please specify):	7.50%	70
Total		933

#	Other (please specify):	Date
1	Clairemont Avenue near Downtown	5/31/2016 4:33 PM
2	Wilton Drive	5/31/2016 7:16 AM
3	Near downtown	5/31/2016 6:52 AM
4	Not sure... Ponce de Leon Place	5/29/2016 7:20 PM
5	Used to called College Heights	5/29/2016 7:03 PM
6	College Heights	5/27/2016 12:15 PM
7	Sycamore Square	5/27/2016 10:07 AM
8	I live outside Decatur but spend most workdays there	5/27/2016 6:36 AM
9	Norris Street	5/26/2016 10:12 PM
10	Kirkwood but spend a lot of time in Decatur	5/26/2016 9:31 PM
11	Midway Woods	5/26/2016 12:46 PM
12	clairmont/n decatur - not technically decatur but use everthing there	5/26/2016 10:07 AM
13	think we were just named Tower Heights??	5/25/2016 6:49 PM
14	Midway woods	5/25/2016 12:34 AM
15	Medlock Park	5/24/2016 9:14 PM
16	Hibernia Ave	5/24/2016 9:06 PM
17	Scottdale	5/24/2016 11:21 AM

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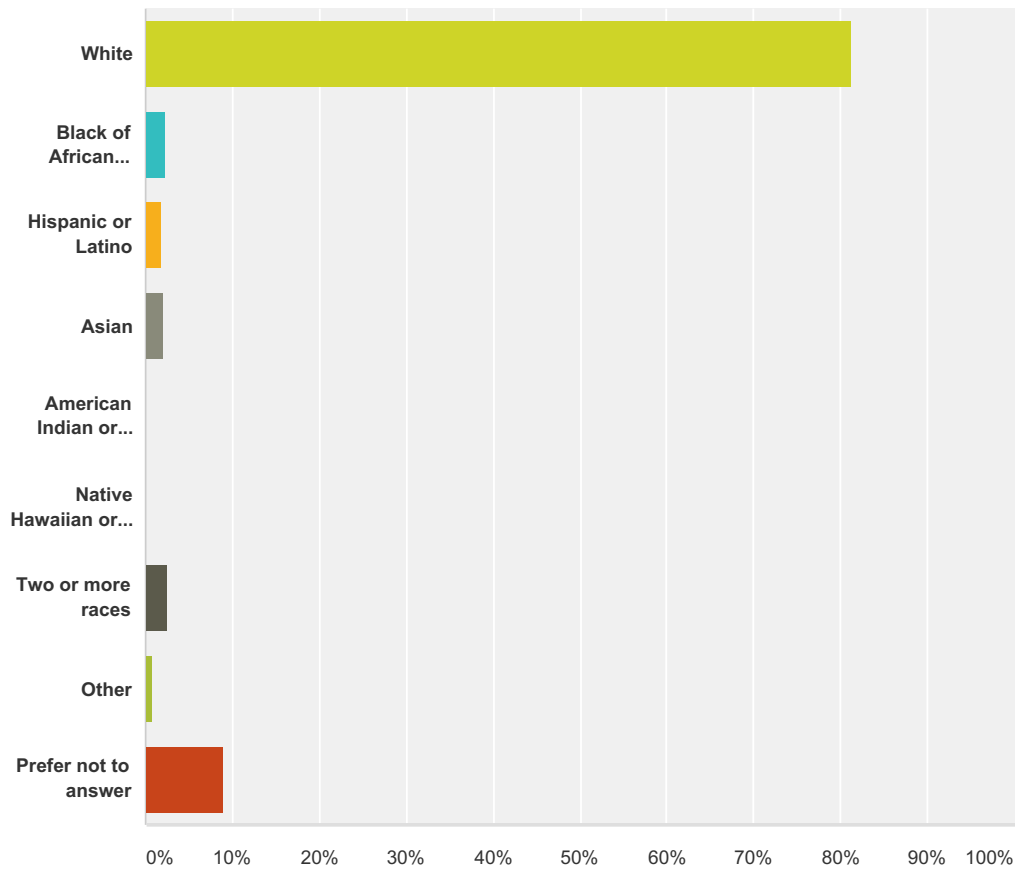
18	East Decatur Station isn't even on this list??	5/24/2016 11:02 AM
19	Ponce de Leon Court Historic District	5/24/2016 10:32 AM
20	unincorporated dekalb, (would have been lavista hills)	5/24/2016 9:24 AM
21	Driftwood Terrace - edge of Oakhurst and Winnona	5/24/2016 8:14 AM
22	East Lake	5/23/2016 8:03 PM
23	forrest hills	5/23/2016 2:00 PM
24	college heights	5/23/2016 9:55 AM
25	Not sure. I live on Willow lane between Church and Scott	5/23/2016 8:16 AM
26	Clairmont/Great Lakes/Ponce Place/Wilton/Oakland/Northern	5/21/2016 8:37 PM
27	Clairemont north of Scott Blvd	5/21/2016 4:49 PM
28	conyers	5/21/2016 1:24 PM
29	Briarcliff Woods	5/21/2016 1:07 PM
30	Northlake	5/21/2016 9:58 AM
31	Winonna Park	5/21/2016 2:34 AM
32	Willow/Glenn creek	5/21/2016 1:02 AM
33	Forrest Hills	5/20/2016 3:13 PM
34	outside Decatur city limits	5/20/2016 2:30 PM
35	Little five points	5/20/2016 2:29 PM
36	Just north of city & Ace Hardwar	5/20/2016 2:26 PM
37	Near the Indian Creek MARTA station	5/20/2016 2:23 PM
38	Reynoldstown	5/20/2016 2:10 PM
39	Candler Park (but I spend a lot of time in Decatur)	5/20/2016 2:10 PM
40	East Lake Terrace	5/20/2016 1:53 PM
41	right by Avvonda Marta Lot	5/20/2016 1:23 PM
42	College Heights	5/20/2016 10:43 AM
43	North Church Street	5/20/2016 9:15 AM
44	Walden square	5/20/2016 7:08 AM
45	Ponce place/Wilton/oakdale	5/20/2016 2:27 AM
46	church street townhouse/apt communities	5/19/2016 10:56 PM
47	Gresham Park, working in Oakhurst.	5/19/2016 10:45 PM
48	College Heights	5/19/2016 10:21 PM
49	college heights	5/19/2016 9:40 PM
50	College Heights	5/19/2016 4:37 PM
51	Medlock Park	5/19/2016 3:52 PM
52	Live in Oakhurst. Kids zoned for Winnona Park, which is great.	5/19/2016 1:37 PM
53	Adair Park	5/8/2016 11:16 AM
54	College heights	5/3/2016 2:48 PM
55	I have no idea what it's called - we live on Clairemont below Scott Blvd.	4/26/2016 5:04 PM
56	Dearboorne	4/25/2016 4:03 PM
57	Old Decatur	4/21/2016 1:28 PM
58	Not listed: Ridgeland Park, adjacent to Greak Lakes	4/20/2016 7:38 PM

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59	Ponce de Leon Terrace	4/20/2016 10:57 AM
60	Artisan Condominiums	4/19/2016 12:40 PM
61	Cottage Grove	4/19/2016 11:11 AM
62	Artisan Condominiums	4/18/2016 3:24 PM
63	Valley Brook Estates	4/14/2016 11:05 PM
64	Great Lakes area	4/13/2016 11:03 PM
65	Prefer not to answer	4/4/2016 11:09 PM
66	146 Norris Street	3/27/2016 12:48 PM
67	Ponce de Leon Court	3/24/2016 12:11 PM
68	Off Church Street, near Glenlake Park	3/20/2016 10:24 PM
69	Oliver House	3/19/2016 9:42 PM
70	Glenlake Commons	3/18/2016 5:33 PM

Q44 How do you identify your race or ethnicity?

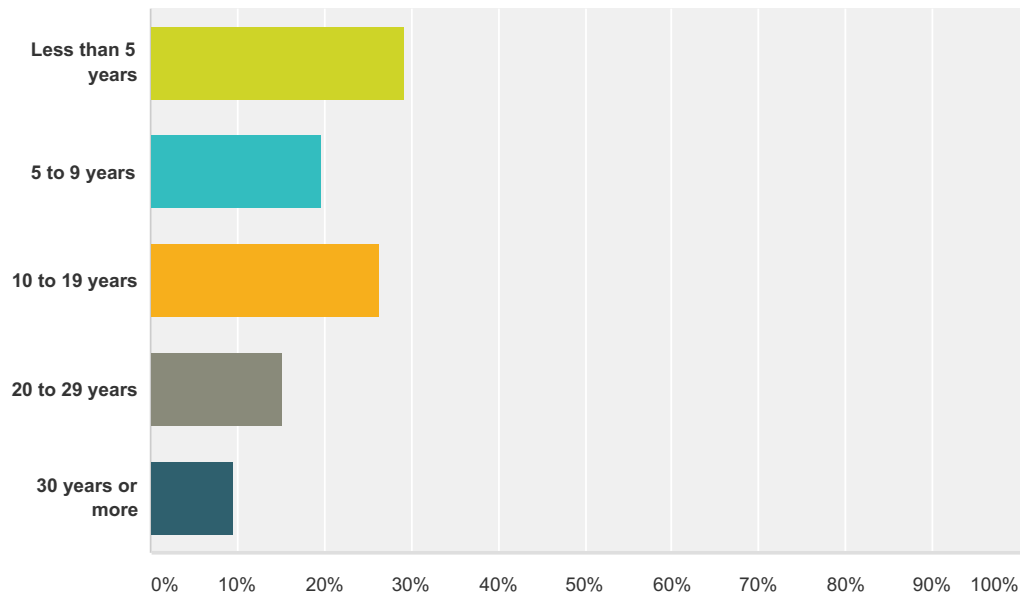
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Answer Choices	Responses	
White	81.29%	756
Black of African American	2.37%	22
Hispanic or Latino	1.94%	18
Asian	2.15%	20
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.00%	0
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.00%	0
Two or more races	2.47%	23
Other	0.75%	7
Prefer not to answer	9.03%	84
Total		930

Q45 How long have you lived in the City of Decatur?

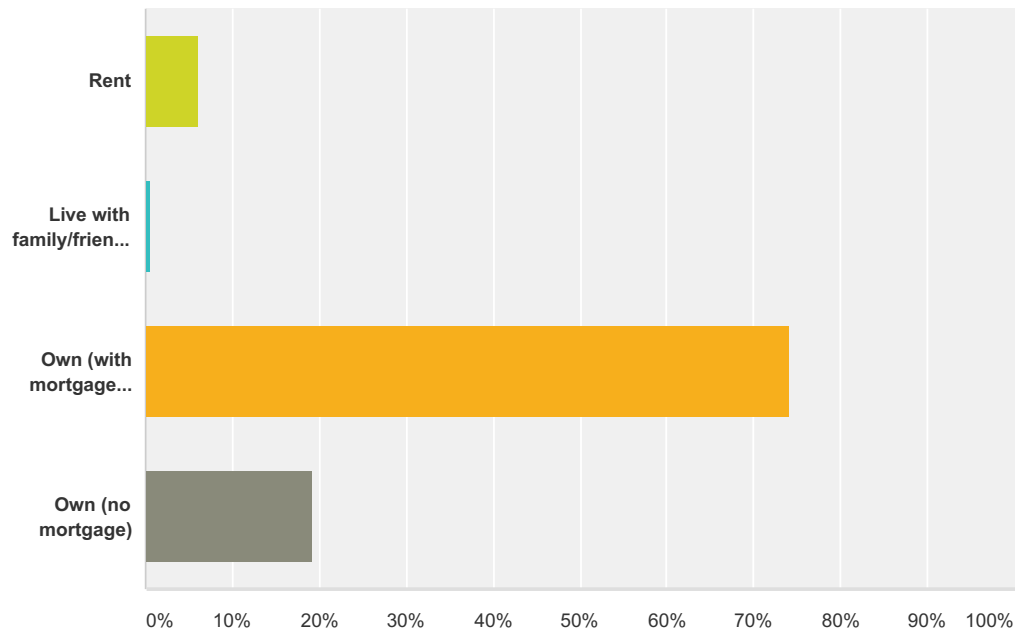
Answered: 929 Skipped: 123



Answer Choices	Responses
Less than 5 years	29.28% 272
5 to 9 years	19.59% 182
10 to 19 years	26.37% 245
20 to 29 years	15.18% 141
30 years or more	9.58% 89
Total	929

Q46 Do you rent or own your residence?

Answered: 930 Skipped: 122



Answer Choices	Responses	
Rent	6.13%	57
Live with family/friend and do not pay rent	0.54%	5
Own (with mortgage payment)	74.19%	690
Own (no mortgage)	19.14%	178
Total		930

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Q48 Do you have other thoughts or ideas that should be considered that are not covered in this survey?

Answered: 237 Skipped: 815

#	Responses	Date
1	The city of Decatur has become a destination place to live. Your job is to ensure that that idea continues. Much easier said than done. But think about what drives that... Schools are great. No other community ITP can claim that, restaurants and entertainment - great. A diverse community where people of all creeds want to live together and make the city a better place.	5/31/2016 9:08 PM
2	Less chains, more boutique businesses	5/31/2016 8:45 PM
3	Housing needs to be balanced with wildlife. Too many small woods are cut down to make housing that is not congruous with wildlife. Excessively large houses taking up too much of the lot, for example. Need more balance. City should actively try to preserve wildlife by buying/making parks & wildlife areas. Traffic Calming & Complete Streets are possibly good ideas in concept, yet, very badly implemented in design. Other ideas are desperately needed to be used to achieve these goals.	5/31/2016 4:40 PM
4	It was interesting that Decatur city's school system, government outreach, the diversity of population and crime prevention were not mentioned as important parts of quality of life. The City of Decatur schools is a huge factor in why Decatur is a popular place to live.	5/31/2016 2:46 PM
5	Stop allowing cars to be booted. Find a way for parking offenders to be ticketed or charged. I love the convenience of parkmobile	5/31/2016 2:33 PM
6	Decatur is becoming a foreign place to me. As said in another comment, the things that have made Decatur a good place to live are also making it a burdensome place to live. On one hand it's "nice" to have a tree ordinance but has it really solved a problem that needed to be addressed? Has the ordinance really made Decatur a better place to live? The ordinance hasn't stopped people from cutting down trees. So, city involvement and politics is a proverbial double-edged sword. Yes, it's a good thing to have active city involvement but that same thing can become a burden if misused. Same thing with schools, other development, other business. Effort is put into making these things appealing then they become unappealing due to the size and complexity.	5/31/2016 1:44 PM
7	We have to get a way to connect the whole town through bike lanes/walking corridors/safe crossing with the busy streets in this city. I would bike or walk even more if I were not for the physical boundaries cutting this town into sections. and I would feel better that the kids in this town would have the same. So a parent would not have to worry as much	5/30/2016 10:43 PM
8	None	5/30/2016 4:07 PM
9	Please make future development decisions in consideration of an overall vision for Decatur, rather than based on immediate need (i.e. More tax revenue etc). Without a long term plan in place to deal with issues like traffic patterns, safety, downtown accessibility, school quality (not just test scores), and community, we will end up just another vapid suburban town.	5/30/2016 1:54 PM
10	Clean up the graffiti by replacing certain staff and committing to the ordinance on this subject.	5/30/2016 10:17 AM
11	diversity	5/29/2016 9:57 PM
12	The sidewalks between North Decatur and North Druid Hills on Clairmont Road are SO dangerous. They are narrow, and there's no shoulder. I wish the city would fix this problem before someone is killed.	5/29/2016 7:31 PM
13	Fixed income residents need to be considered, unless the preference is that those individuals relocate.	5/29/2016 7:05 PM
14	The traffic is already increasing. With all the building, I expect we won't be able to physically move through the city with any ease or safety in the future. The damage is already done.	5/29/2016 11:48 AM
15	Taxes are too high and will make it un-affordable for many people to live in Decatur. Two-thirds of the taxes go to the schools. This is nice if you have children, but unreasonably high for people who don't.	5/28/2016 2:41 PM

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16	The City of Decatur is MUCH too concerned with being politically and socially correct. The wording of one of your questions in this survey is a good example, "What gender do you IDENTIFY with?" Decatur is a small city with big ambitions and depends on its small population to fund its big ambitions. Having lived here since 1970 I have seen the City grow immensely but not all the growth has been positive - traffic is terrible (and forcing residents to walk is not the answer, smart development is), taxes are exorbitant, the school board rules like some royal secret society and developers seem to have more leeway than ordinary citizens when it comes to building and permitting. Instead of worrying about bike lanes, affordable housing and "diversity" the City needs to concentrate on managing on a lower budget, paying off their debts and responding to the ordinary needs of its citizens without raising taxes. The public servants in our police, fire and public works departments are hardworking, courteous, friendly - truly exemplary! City management needs to reassess its priorities as part of Decatur's Comprehensive Plan.	5/27/2016 10:55 PM
17	Congratulations to all of you for making the City Of Decatur, GA. Such a Great and Beautiful Place to Enjoy Life! Please keep up the good job!	5/27/2016 1:36 PM
18	None. Thanks=:)	5/27/2016 11:48 AM
19	The City of Decatur School System "DOES NOT" need to employ SCHOOL BUSES. In addition to the costs, it takes away from the fact that our children need the experience and exercise that walking to and from school provides. Just get rid of 'em.	5/27/2016 10:15 AM
20	You are doing a great job. Other cities throughout metro ATL and the USA look to you for sustainability leadership. Do not screw up!	5/27/2016 6:37 AM
21	Are Community Development Block Funds available to convert abandoned buildings into livable, affordable, environmental friendly spaces?	5/26/2016 9:26 PM
22	It might be good to have the downtown area for foot traffic/bicycles only. Not sure.	5/26/2016 7:23 PM
23	I like that Decatur is embracing change but please don't take away that which made it great in the first place...it has charm and that is starting to fall to the waist side a bit.	5/26/2016 5:42 PM
24	Question #13 is biased. Additional commentary following question is inaccurate and demonstrates that the survey writer and/or City of Decatur is ignorant about pedestrian and bicycling modes of transportation.	5/26/2016 3:37 PM
25	1-2 music/theater venues in or very near the square would be AWESOME.	5/26/2016 12:05 PM
26	Question 13 is biased and should be removed. Misspelling on question 34	5/26/2016 11:37 AM
27	Your question #13 is misleading- often providing bike and pedestrian infrastructure improves traffic congestion by improving the street design or by people substituting driving for biking or walking. You really should change that question.	5/26/2016 11:12 AM
28	I think you need to more carefully watch renovation permits and limit tear-down rebuilds. Some of the houses in Oakhurst seem totally out of place. And, this practice seems to have eliminated the \$300k-\$400k housing stock.	5/26/2016 11:04 AM
29	I think the premise of Question #14 above is completely wrong. I study this issue very closely and believe that meaningful and appropriate bicycle infrastructure will improve, not worsen, automobile traffic.	5/26/2016 10:42 AM
30	Please remove this statement from the survey: "Improving pedestrian and bicycle service can result in increased automobile congestion and slower vehicular movement." Studies have consistently shown that this is not true, even though it may be counter-intuitive.	5/26/2016 10:29 AM
31	Question 14 is crap. You talk a good game about pedestrians and bikes (I commute by bike) yet you scare people by telling them it will cause cars more congestion. too many people are too reliant on cars and therefore would never support any commute alternative that makes their commute worse.	5/26/2016 10:07 AM
32	Question #13 is flat out wrong per pedestrians and cyclists causing MORE congestion as smartly planned pedestrian and cycling infrastructure will REDUCE congestion. The question needs to be struck/disregarded as deceptive and will skew your survey results: 13. In adopting the Community Transportation Plan, the City Commission supported a policy to create a more balanced approach to transportation options. Improving pedestrian and bicycle service can result in increased automobile congestion and slower vehicular movement. Do you support a continued focus on balancing transportation options?	5/26/2016 9:40 AM
33	I think parks need to be a higher priority for the city. When I compare our parks to the city of Atlanta and Dekalb County, I find Decatur's to be lacking in quantity and quality. Considering how much development is happening around the belt line, the city should consider parks as a way to attract business.	5/26/2016 8:53 AM
34	fix the sidewalks and clean up the landscaping. It's very trashy and rundown looking in many places in downtown Decatur. i have loved it here but it will soon not be the city I loved.	5/25/2016 11:01 PM
35	Road diet for Weat howard from Marta station to commerce dr	5/25/2016 9:55 PM

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36	I like your effort but cars ain't leaving the city. People love cars Stop encouraging recreational bikers to drive here . Unload their bikes off the car and ride around town .	5/25/2016 8:58 PM
37	Google Fiber... expanded to all of Decatur (not just the immediate Square bubble)	5/25/2016 6:50 PM
38	The stoplight at Atlanta Ave and Howard Ave must be reconsidered. Atlanta ave has been closed for years and now Adair St. is the cut through. There is no need for a stoplight there. The entire area needs a road study.	5/25/2016 4:45 PM
39	Traffic is the number 1 problem. More than 1000 apartments and condos are being built in and around the city and no one is making any effort to study traffic impact. The developers have NO incentive to address traffic, and no one else is bothering to do it. You can put in dog parks and new shops in town, but if we can't get there, that's a waste of money. I came to Decatur from Atlanta to escape high rises and parking decks and traffic congestion. Let's keep what makes Decatur delightful and dial back on development a-go-go.	5/25/2016 3:26 AM
40	I think you should summarize and post the results.	5/24/2016 11:50 PM
41	I would like to see more dedicated separated bicycle paths throughout the city.	5/24/2016 11:23 PM
42	Really, the taxes.	5/24/2016 9:16 PM
43	Yes, put in traffic round about at the tricky intersections, Nelson Ferry, Northern, Ponce; intersection of Ponce and Church needs help and also Commerce and Ponce.	5/24/2016 7:14 PM
44	I think addressing the schools configuration would help tremendously with traffic - FAVE is not walkable from most of Decatur (unless you get up at the crack of dawn).	5/24/2016 6:26 PM
45	One specific planning request: Please don't close small part of Candler Rd between RR tracks and Howard. This is very important road segment for connecting neighborhoods south of tracks like winnona park to downtown and commerce rd. Especially since trinity st usually backs up all the way to the tracks. I've heard plans to abandon this short 1 block segment. Bad idea. Let's talk. Thanks!	5/24/2016 5:29 PM
46	Thanks for asking for our opinions.	5/24/2016 5:11 PM
47	Save some dang greenspace..	5/24/2016 3:43 PM
48	Street music/food trucks/indoor markets. someplace to dance. city seems older than it should be.	5/24/2016 3:38 PM
49	I've touched on this already, but the regulatory processes in Decatur need to be seriously rethought. They cost homeowners hundreds of thousands of dollars each year with no perceivable benefit for the City and no impact on development whatsoever. Eliminating the entire tree ordinance and putting the savings towards free tree planting would vastly increase the tree canopy and good will of the citizenry. And don't get me started on the 40% rule, which is completely arbitrary and, again, is costing homeowners thousands of dollars for simple projects with no real gain for the city and a huge time impact for regulatory staff.	5/24/2016 2:59 PM
50	Two things: please enable the DPD to enforce the speed limit. With the number of kids that live in Decatur, this city should be known as a city where speeding is strictly enforced. It is not. Number two: continue to strive for excellence in the City Schools of Decatur. The reputation of the City Schools is what attracted many (if not most) of the families with young school-aged kids. The influx of additional students into the school system brings challenges, to be sure, but the additional families and increased tax base bring additional opportunities for the City Schools of Decatur, as well.	5/24/2016 1:48 PM
51	Should keep pursuing commercial annexations where they make sense.	5/24/2016 12:59 PM
52	Seriously, the traffic issues have gotten BAD here, and these delays are slowly creating a collection of Balkanized, time-starved communities ITP. When your residents have to calculate how long it'll take to get just a couple of miles, and then have to weigh whether or not this trip is worth the time, then you know that the traffic here has become a critical problem. These traffic issues will only get worse with time... You have some tough decisions to make here...Good Luck!	5/24/2016 11:34 AM
53	As the city gets more crowded, we are less satisfied with our quality of life in Decatur. We find we are participating much less in community activities and festivals. We will be moving to a real small town within the next 5-6 years; the way Decatur felt a few years ago before all the school crowding and traffic.	5/24/2016 11:07 AM

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54	First, please be cautious about considering the purchase of greenspace. While greenspace is important, I can say from direct experience growing up and living in Boulder Colorado that purchasing too much greenspace can drive up the cost of housing even more because greenspace can limit growth, which in turn can limit affordable housing options. Second, I do think Boulder has done a good job working with RTD (MARTA equivalent) to develop regular bus routes to popular places (like the Pearl Street Mall and University) from various areas of the city. The buses used are smaller and run frequently and were actually free in the very beginning of the service. This could work well for Decatur and could be a good solution to parking issues. I think a lot of Emory and CDC people would be cheering you on, and would happily pay for it, if you could even establish routes to the Clifton Corridor. And finally, I think that you should consider working with GADOT and others to develop "Don't Block the Box" intersections in front of the fire department on Candler and other places where traffic gets backed up in the mornings. These kind of intersections require lots of painting and signage as well as strict police enforcement in the beginning. I get really fed up with the entitled jerks who will actively drive around me when I refuse to pull my car up in zone in front of the fire station on Candler during heavy traffic. Those people deserve a minimum \$500 fine and 10 hours of community service painting the darn street so they know better next time. I think "Don't Block the Box" campaigns have been effective in places like Santa Fe, NM and others and the City should really consider these kinds of efforts to help ease traffic backups and intersection blocking.	5/24/2016 11:01 AM
55	Semones	5/24/2016 10:36 AM
56	please annex us	5/24/2016 9:24 AM
57	The roads in our neighborhood (Glendale Ave) are in bad shape.	5/24/2016 8:09 AM
58	Much more focus on green. Stronger tree ordinance. Community gardens	5/24/2016 7:38 AM
59	It would be interesting to see if we could start a program that matches young people needing a place to live, with older, empty-nesters, who may have room. They could kind of take care of each other.	5/23/2016 11:32 PM
60	We are a demanding constituency with very high expectations. Consider that a compliment for a job well done, and keep our expectations high with your excellent work!	5/23/2016 11:15 PM
61	Our neighborhood would like to see some improvements to calm traffic along West Howard, especially given the very large number of children walking to and from school each day.	5/23/2016 8:29 PM
62	I live just outside the City of Decatur. I hope you don't mind me contributing to your survey. I love Decatur and I spend a lot of time there.	5/23/2016 8:04 PM
63	The pedestrian/bicycle infrastructure around Westchester El. is woefully inadequate; sidewalks are insufficiently sized, road speeds are too fast, needs bicycle facilities, and there needs to be traffic control to allow left turns in to the drop off/pick up area. Traffic speeds on W. Howard are too fast and there are inadequate pedestrian crossings and ADA curb-cuts.	5/23/2016 4:42 PM
64	A lot of us are very unhappy with the direction the Commissioners continue to pursue. There doesn't seem to be a developer you dislike. There is too much concrete in Decatur. The neighborhoods are losing diversity as the only people moving in are young, white and wealthy families. A number of us are looking at options outside of Decatur. Unfortunately, the housing situation isn't much better anyplace. Some of us want some of the amenities and housing in a 55 or 62+ community. Others are just fed up with the endless development downtown and on the edge of neighborhoods. The high taxes convinced four of my neighbors to move this spring.	5/23/2016 4:39 PM
65	Please focus on keeping Decatur diverse and providing safe walking for residents	5/23/2016 4:23 PM
66	Shocked at the lack of time to cross certain streets before the red hand comes on. Some of these routes have frequent wheelchair users and elderly walkers. As an able-bodied person I cannot get more than halfway across Commerce before the signal changes! Very discouraging to walkers. Please fix.	5/23/2016 3:22 PM
67	with the influx of new housing, the consideration of improving the infrastructure to keep up with the housing load.	5/23/2016 12:03 PM
68	Let's keep Decatur great!	5/23/2016 11:45 AM
69	If anything is done with regard to traffic calming, please remember that some people will need to drive regardless, because they live too far from MARTA and have to bring kids to/from daycare and school and themselves to/from work, so please take that into account (and avoid too much increased traffic/congestion as a result of improvements).	5/23/2016 11:15 AM
70	Developers need to stop cutting down trees to make way for huge houses that only the wealthy can afford.	5/23/2016 9:40 AM
71	As a racial minority, I felt like there is an elephant in the quiz: Race. Of course it is not intended, but the quiz suggests the question, "Do you want more or less black people in Decatur?" The idea that a \$360,000 house could be considered "affordable" is insane.	5/23/2016 9:04 AM

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72	School officials and employees should not receive money for housing. My company doesn't pay me extra so I can live in Virginia highlands next to my office. I imagine we pay quite well comparative to any of the Atlanta schools, and I just think this is ridiculous. It is a great place to teach and unless someone wants to give me a stipend for housing just bc I don't get to live where I want in the size of house I want, I don't want to hear everyone else complaining. This is insane! I guarantee students in our schools have parents who make less than these guys, so how disgusting to have their school faculty acting like they're so put out. Why is it that everyone in Decatur seems to now think they should get a city subsidy for just living! The city has to stop all of this but not providing subsidies for anyone... You opened a can of worms! My taxes definitely make me consider moving elsewhere, not bc of the price, but bc instead of going to things like parks, sidewalks, & Street lights that affect me & all residents, they're going to make housing cheaper for other people. It is ridiculous.	5/23/2016 9:02 AM
73	Why is the Decatur government only concerned about "tax basis" when making decisions regarding anything in Decatur any longer? When I moved here 30 years ago we were not afraid to say "NO" to just any "money" that wants to come to Decatur. That is what made Decatur such a wonderful place. Now it is just a rats nest waiting for the next dollar!!	5/23/2016 8:37 AM
74	Paving roads needs to be priority.	5/23/2016 8:25 AM
75	Include LGBT in demographics and consideration since large population in Decatur	5/22/2016 10:30 PM
76	Thank you for seeking input.	5/22/2016 10:27 PM
77	Remember the substantial tax paying citizens who live in downtown and grant downtown residential property owners the zoning protections afforded to single family residential owners.	5/22/2016 6:17 PM
78	Not enough about Land Uses and zoning which are way behind the needs of downtown. WE need to update that part of the collection of Palnds BEFORE 2020 - like 2016!	5/22/2016 6:17 PM
79	more bike trails, greenspace and connected trails to the rest of Atlanta. Also the bike path out to Stone Mountain is very dangerous around 285. This needs to be fixed. I almost got hit by a truck crossing over 285. The exits on and off the highway are way to busy. We can do better than this.	5/22/2016 12:11 AM
80	There is a sense that developers run rough shod over regs and culture that seek to preserve neighborhoods. Recent apartment development is case in point. I oppose additional density in Decatur for the next five years, until we see how well we can absorb 1000+ residential units currently under construction or recently completed, until we can factor in 1500+ residential units currently under construction or planning at city's fringes (Church, North Decatur Rd, etc.)	5/21/2016 8:41 PM
81	Many of us would like to age in place, and sadly I don't think this currently is an option in Decatur, mostly because of sky-high property taxes. Also, crime is still a huge problem, especially when school is out. I refer to summer as "burglary season". I don't leave my house for ANY amount of time without hiding all small electronics and valuables. And for this privilege I pay \$8K+ a year in property taxes??!!	5/21/2016 4:12 PM
82	Add affordable small grocery store at Oakhurst Village. Add shuttle throughout the city for all residents. Add school bus stop at harmony park to DHS to avoid tracks. Add overhead pedestrian bridge between DHS/Renfroe at Commerce, College corner. Fix track crossing/congestion at College/McDonough	5/21/2016 3:43 PM
83	Need a grocery store, small grocery market in Oakhurst. This would avoid need to drive to get groceries. Also, a school bus stop at Oakhurst Village to Renfroe or DHS would allow more kids to get to school without parents' driving, and without crossing the tracks. Kids already hang out there in the morning. They could take bus together	5/21/2016 3:36 PM
84	I was appalled at how the Oakhurst dogpart matter was handled. My neighbors came off as entitled and out of touch. If the Boys and Girls Club needs revenue, then that property should either be purchased from them at fair market value, or they should be permitted to sell it. The fact that my neighbors desired to use zoning to prevent land alienability sets a horrific precedent.	5/21/2016 2:40 PM
85	Thank you for working on the balance between progress and keeping Decatur special. I hate for it to become a victim of its own success.	5/21/2016 12:27 PM
86	I think it's important to keep the city affordable to different people--not just "black/white" but younger people, families, older people without children, retirees, etc. That is slipping away because everyone wants to live here, and the houses are now in the millions. Also, there's lots of talk about "diversity" but the black/white people don't really interact. Just because you have both in a neighborhood doesn't make you the pillar of diversity if everyone just hangs with their own kind.	5/21/2016 11:08 AM
87	Proof read Q #35	5/21/2016 9:59 AM

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88	the schools are what brought many people to Decatur and they are in the most danger with all this growth. There are not enough buildings, not enough teachers to deal with all these kids. We can't keep building and growing at this rate and maintain the quality of the school system. Just slow down the building, don't grant everything that is asked for, just slow down!!@! Also, I see so many people who don't have children leaving. I think that's sad. When I first moved to Decatur there were artists who lived in my neighborhood, elderly, childless couples and they are all leaving. And their houses are torn down and giant houses are built, then filled with a white couple with 2-4 kids--all the same.	5/21/2016 9:49 AM
89	I'm very concerned with the pushing out of the older population and skewing towards families only.	5/21/2016 9:41 AM
90	No	5/21/2016 9:31 AM
91	Racial diversity	5/21/2016 7:14 AM
92	Schools play a big part in choosing a community and we have not been pleased with DHS	5/21/2016 2:36 AM
93	There is a storm water and erosion problem on Buchanan and East Hill street off S. Candler. No one seems to be doing anything. east hill needs to be paved at this point due to erosion and run off.	5/21/2016 12:59 AM
94	The question in this survey about balancing bike lanes vs car traffic was push-polling, telling people that adding bike lanes makes traffic worse for drivers. In fact, getting people out of their cars and onto bikes instead relieves traffic congestion for the remaining drivers. There's research supporting this. Please don't push-poll with these survey questions.	5/20/2016 10:54 PM
95	Please save our green spaces, no more town homes or mid rise buildings. I don't want it to feel more over crowded in schools for our kids.	5/20/2016 10:05 PM
96	We need reassessment for ALL properties in cod. I know a bunch of people that live in houses worth \$600,000+ and they are paying taxes for a \$200k equivalent property. This is simply not right. We keep increasing taxes when we should be focusing on reassessing. I bet we will have enough money if we do so.	5/20/2016 8:44 PM
97	Appreciate what city does	5/20/2016 8:41 PM
98	did i mention a sidewalk on oakview from second to city border? i'm happy to get residents to sign a petition or do whatever needs to be done to get this moving. jenn.wood@gmail.com	5/20/2016 4:54 PM
99	I am concerned about how we are supporting our elderly population. Our neighbor has lived in Decatur her entire life. She has lost her home due to high taxes and there is no where for her to go. All of the senior living in Decatur is either not accepting applications or have a minimum income limit that is too high. What can we do to support residents like her?	5/20/2016 4:39 PM
100	We need a Trader Joes!	5/20/2016 4:38 PM
101	You might ask you how we think apartments effect our city.	5/20/2016 4:08 PM
102	We need to expand the commercial tax base and lessen the burden on residents.	5/20/2016 3:51 PM
103	Given the ever-present construction, a clear (black-and-white, enforceable) city policy about occupying the right of way with cars, trucks, equipment, and materials seems in order. There does not seem to be a specific department nor agency in charge of contractors and their ever-expanding troupes on sidewalks and multi-use trails.	5/20/2016 2:41 PM
104	Prioritize bike lanes.	5/20/2016 2:11 PM
105	There needs to be more done to address the communities south of Memorial and how they relate to Decatur.	5/20/2016 1:54 PM
106	The survey was well thought out. The questions and options for response were excellent. Congratulations.	5/20/2016 12:53 PM
107	Keep protecting the trees! We are moving to one side of the street parking here soon and one thing mentioned at the city meeting was perhaps being able to eliminate the \$5000 tree removal fee for an oak if the homeowner wanted to build a driveway there instead. I get the one side of the street parking, but that doesn't mean one of the few oaks left should go. We're going to need every last healthy oak in the future, since so many others have been lost to infill and disease. Replanting won't give us that amount of shade, oxygen in our lifetime.	5/20/2016 12:03 PM
108	The city needs to find a way to fight invasive plants across the entire city. English Ivy, Poison Ivy and others are taking over many right of ways.	5/20/2016 11:04 AM
109	Yes. Too many. I'll share them another time.	5/20/2016 10:27 AM
110	'nough said.	5/20/2016 10:25 AM
111	We love Decatur!	5/20/2016 10:21 AM
112	Need to do something to keep residents without school age children. Taxes are very high for schools and new bond payment and encourages those without children to move out.	5/20/2016 9:57 AM

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113	Positives: community activities, excellent police dept., festivals, great sense of community. Challenges: overcrowding with apts and condos, air pollution, losing large numbers of trees and green areas in downtown, dangerous traffic with distracted speeding drivers & need better crosswalk signals & enforcement, overpriced housing, cost for businesses going to high.	5/20/2016 9:23 AM
114	Convert the two blocks of Ponce de Leon Ave from Leons to Teds (Church Street westward to Commerce), to a pedestrian mall.	5/20/2016 9:03 AM
115	It was great to run into a teacher at the UJoint on Saturday. It really made an impression on my 4th grader. Having City Workers live in the City is a great benefit. I would advocate for vouchers for tenure/performance/level or the level of contribution to City's mission.	5/20/2016 8:24 AM
116	I would like to know how much input the school system has in your comprehensive planning efforts	5/20/2016 8:20 AM
117	I love living in Decatur. Sometimes it is hard for me (married, no kids) to justify the cost of living here. The taxes are so much higher than neighboring Kirkwood. I think about selling a lot, and I don't want to leave this community I've come to love.	5/20/2016 8:17 AM
118	Those of us who are "revenue positive" for the City in terms of supporting its school system (no kids) should get a break on taxes after a certain number of years, while we are still working. Sure, we hope the value of our lots/homes increase because of the great schools, but it gets old supporting other peoples' children's educations, without any acknowledgment or appreciation, and we are losing friends without kids due to taxes (they move).	5/20/2016 8:15 AM
119	I'd like to see the city continue efforts to build (on public land) and encourage (on private land) iconic art installations. Something more, like the fine works on the square, that identifies and distinguishes Decatur. I'd like to see the completion/enhancement of the spur trail along and behind the cemetery creek (it's a wonderful wild space, but the trail is often impassable after rains)	5/20/2016 8:14 AM
120	Lower taxes for Senior Citizens. We have more than paid our dues.	5/20/2016 8:11 AM
121	No	5/20/2016 8:06 AM
122	I know it's probably too late, but please think about traffic flow from the south side of the city to Decatur High school especially as the student population has grown. Yes, lots students can walk in the daytime, but population growth, severe weather and evening activities at the school do bring more traffic around the school as parents drop off and pick up their kids. Since the city has made it clear that they are never going to allow left turns onto Howard from drivers coming north over the tracks at S.Candler/Trinity, that leaves McDonough as the main access point to the DHS from the entire city south of the tracks. Add commuters, Agnes Scott and RMS traffic, and a traffic light that favors east/west traffic over northbound traffic and McDonough is a mess in the morning. And even other times of the day you have to sit through multiple cycles of the light.	5/20/2016 6:40 AM
123	A splash pad for kids somewhere would be a great addition	5/20/2016 6:19 AM
124	The City Commission and School Board need to work together better. Whatever hatchet they have needs to be buried. There appears to be deep and continued mistrust between the two entities and the non-elected CEOs of each, the City Manager and (at least the past) Superintendent.	5/20/2016 2:57 AM
125	City should work closely with csd regarding school crowding issues.	5/19/2016 10:58 PM
126	The school system is the jewel of our city and should not be discounted in planning for the future. It has become increasingly congested and difficult to live and pay for living here. Traffic congestion has become especially problematic. We should protect the values we have here; otherwise, quality of life will decline.	5/19/2016 10:22 PM
127	More festivals, improved safety	5/19/2016 10:22 PM
128	I don't think we need more apt/condos. People will move into these with children addinnmg further pressure to the schools while avoiding the high cost of real estate.	5/19/2016 10:14 PM
129	Street lights!!! Why is our city so dark? It isn't safe!!!	5/19/2016 10:03 PM
130	Thank you for requesting feedback! Decatur is a great place to live and I am happy to know our leaders are working to make it even better.	5/19/2016 9:19 PM
131	More police patrols, please. Give out more speeding tickets.	5/19/2016 9:15 PM
132	no.....this was fun.....well.except for.men with guns in front of school working "security" for ATT install..That was a little much.	5/19/2016 8:42 PM
133	i think the city is able to find will and the money to create a park in downtown Decatur if it wants to listen to what it's citizens want.	5/19/2016 6:34 PM
134	Nothing that occurs to me now. Just traffic lights and dog poop need to be addressed. It would be nice to have a UPS in downtown (for me, anyway). A movie or live theater (small or smallish).	5/19/2016 6:23 PM

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135	Thank you for the job you do. I think I sounded negative but truly love living here.	5/19/2016 6:21 PM
136	City manager seems dismissive of new ideas	5/19/2016 5:44 PM
137	More attention should be paid to historical preservation and to the performing arts. There is no space for use by small performing arts groups.	5/19/2016 5:37 PM
138	Only one reference was made to historical preservation. That is too bad because there needs to be more focus on what we have left which is very little. There should be some move to stop the desecration of the ranch style, smaller dwellings that give Decatur its charm. Enough of the McMansions and five story multi-family dwellings which block out the sun and light from those smaller houses as mentioned before.	5/19/2016 5:23 PM
139	I have seen tremendous growth and change during my 30 years in Decatur. Most of this change has been positive . Lately though I am concerned about quality of life here. I would like to see the City elected officials and especially City staff spend less time promoting Decatur, and vying for awards and devote more energy to maintaining and improving quality of life for existing residents. I believe we need more staff focus enforcement of existing statues and rules and less time on festivals and visitors. City staff sometimes seems to forget whose taxes pay their salaries.	5/19/2016 5:13 PM
140	I use to be very proud to call this place home. Now eh	5/19/2016 4:25 PM
141	I have lived in Decatur since 1980-Parkwoods and now downtown. We walk the city	5/19/2016 4:07 PM
142	Thank you for taking time to seek feedback from the community!	5/19/2016 3:51 PM
143	Yes, but I'm going back to work. Thanks for the opportunity.	5/19/2016 3:44 PM
144	Thanks for soliciting opinions. I would be interested to see tabulated results on the website.	5/19/2016 3:42 PM
145	Vandalism and robbery is a growing concern. More regular police patrols would be a deterrent.	5/19/2016 2:22 PM
146	Please put the decisive Historic Preservation arguments to rest and let's move on. Our city is great because of what it is and what it will become, not what it was.	5/19/2016 1:43 PM
147	rephrase Q 29. Other than that, great survey and thanks for the opportunity to contribute for those who cannot carve out time to attend meetings in person.	5/19/2016 1:38 PM
148	Only reiterate get rid of buttons to push at crosswalks and have walk signs be automatic	5/19/2016 1:21 PM
149	I would really like to see the city think carefully about further apartment building downtown. Until we fix the transportation problem, the city simply cannot handle the increased traffic. It would also be great to have more walkable space downtown. perhaps we should adopt the plan of Boulder, CO, and make Ponce a pedestrian mall-- imagine a walkable space lined with shops and restaurants--I think this would be a huge draw. Also, we simply need more green space in the center of the city--as more residents with kids move in, the need for space to run and play becomes crucial--I see kids playing soccer in parking lots, which is not safe.	5/19/2016 10:55 AM
150	There are too many gaps between retail spaces in downtown Decatur; fill in the gaps. Deadend all vehicular traffic on Ponce downtown	5/19/2016 10:46 AM
151	Please repave Second Avenue CORRECTLY. The street needs to be milled down about eight inches and paved correctly. There is virtually no curb in front of my house as well as many others, and the water cannot run unimpeded into the storm drains because the pavement is so high.	5/19/2016 10:02 AM
152	EMORY and Cliff Shuttles to the Emory/CDC Campus are very important to the community; Decatur should join the group and help expand the service and number of vehicles. Plow-up the middle of Scott Blvd and place a tree-filled median all the way from Ponce to N. Decatur.	5/19/2016 5:54 AM
153	It is difficult for families to walk (and impossible to safely bike) from Adair to Oakhurst.	5/15/2016 9:06 AM
154	Excellent work on keeping the comp plan a living, active document.	5/14/2016 11:07 AM
155	Do the plan now-make sure utilities and infrastructure can handle all the escalating demands.	5/13/2016 11:22 AM
156	Decatur needs more viable retail to sustain the population growth...there should be no reason for me to leave the city!	5/12/2016 9:18 PM
157	It is very helpful when residents view issues through a wide-lens so that only their interests are important... must react to a rapidly increasing population within Decatur and within close proximity to Decatur as the metro ATL region population is projected to grow by several million people over the next 10 years... We WANT a number of those people here- to help support the interesting and fantastic shops/restaurants/events we have in Decatur	5/10/2016 12:15 PM
158	Have not really lived here long enough to be able to comment.	5/7/2016 10:07 PM
159	Schools and community are the best things about city of Decatur. Crushing tax burden is the worst.	5/6/2016 8:56 PM
160	Ordinances and plans should be re-evaluated periodically to see if the desired effects were achieved. For example, the UDO does not seemed to have slowed the building of "McMansions" in many older neighborhoods.	5/6/2016 5:05 PM

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161	Thank you for asking for citizen-input!	5/5/2016 2:18 PM
162	I think you have done a very good job.	5/4/2016 7:23 PM
163	I am currently on the committee re affordable housing and aging in place so hope we can find useful solutions to keeping people my age here. I appreciate the city government being willing to try/support initiatives to see if they work. I do realize with us becoming a wealthy neighborhood it is hard to do this. I still recommend considering developer impact fees that could help support initiatives in this area. some say it is too late but rather do than not do.	5/2/2016 12:06 PM
164	I don't know how to prevent Decatur from becoming 'too affluent' but I would hate to see the friendliness and neighborliness of Decatur turn towards exclusivity and exclusion. My husband and I make over \$200k per year but we don't forecast moving out of our town home into a larger single family home in our neighborhood -even though we would like to - because the prices continue to climb. I love our restaurants like Cafe Alsace and the Brick Store, but the higher end places like Cakes & Ale and Kimball House are just so expensive.	4/29/2016 12:50 PM
165	The City Commissioners need to be cognizant of their constituents, and keep them engaged and informed. Historically, the City and its elected representatives have done a fairly good job. But rabid, and unabated development of the downtown business district with the proliferation of apartments, is changing the downtown from many perspectives. Recognizing that multi-family zoning has been approved for many years, the City Commission must do all that it can to encourage smart development and discourage "unsmart" development which will put a burden on an already burdened Public School System, and will disrupt the demographics of the community which have contributed to its strength over the years. City Commissioners need to realize that they can be voted out of office just as easily as they were voted into office. That has been lost on many of them over the years.	4/29/2016 10:41 AM
166	I am concerned with the number of old trees being cut down in the city to make way for development. I know there was an attempt at a tree ordinance, but it is extremely ineffective in stopping developers from clear cutting (the small fine developers incur is laughable) . I know the concerns of existing home owners was the reason the ordinance was weakened (I don't want to be told what to do with my trees either), something has to be done to limit developers while giving homeowners the freedom to control their own property. Can a tree ordinance be enacted, that carries a significant fine for large tree removal, but is exempt if the owner holds a homestead exemption for that property, or the owner has owned that property for over 20 years? This would allow the city to levy significant fines on developers who clear cut property, but still allow someone who lives in their home to cut a tree if they need to. A developer would not hold a Homestead exemption on property they just acquired. This would also help slow the number of town homes being built in the city as they would no longer be financially feasible due to high clear cutting costs.	4/29/2016 9:27 AM
167	If we do not do something to preserve truly affordable housing we will lose that small town feeling. My greatest fear is that we will become another Buckhead or Dunwoody.	4/28/2016 11:52 PM
168	The train is a big barrier in our community. More physical improvements should be made to improve the crossings especially for pedestrians, wheelchairs, strollers and bicycles.	4/28/2016 6:24 PM
169	I resent the city spending money on beer blast festivals and that sand-drop festival and that giant thing that people tube down. Decatur should look for ways to reduce property taxes rather than spend money on events that appeal to limited parts of the population. Decatur should concentrate on annexing to increase the tax base - and if the much-vaunted schools can't project population and plan for it whenever annexation gets mentioned, then the school officials should be replaced. It is silly for a small-ish city to not have comprehensive bike paths. The city should try to route through traffic on Church St., not Clairemont - before long, Clairemont may not be a viable street to live on. As mentioned, we are looking to get OUT of Decatur as soon as some school commitments are finished.	4/26/2016 5:13 PM
170	none	4/25/2016 4:49 PM
171	Traffic calming, affordability and less homework at school.	4/25/2016 2:41 PM
172	Please start to take some actions in defiance of the GADOT, or work harder to make changes quickly. If an adult or child is killed by a vehicle, it will be very bad PR for the city, given how activist many neighborhoods have been about this issue.	4/25/2016 2:32 PM
173	People of Decatur are typically not friendly ~ walkers, bikers, joggers. We try to be an example by always saying HI first ~ with little response. Not that you can do anything about this ~ but we find most people here to be self-absorbed. Let's sponsor a "friendliest city in America" campaign for the city of Decatur.	4/24/2016 9:48 PM
174	Appreciate the opportunity to provide input. Hope it helps.	4/22/2016 3:31 PM
175	I feel the city does need to try to annex some commercial areas..n Decatur rd @ Clairmont and Suburban Plaza.	4/21/2016 5:38 PM
176	Relocate the restaurants Noodle and Fresh 2 Go. Make that greenspace so that pedestrians can easily get to MARTA, the REC Center and Library. Make the parking across from the REC Center greenspace. Look at all of the parking decks from an aerial satellite view and create fieldspace.	4/20/2016 7:53 PM
177	Property taxes are way too high	4/20/2016 7:16 PM

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178	Build bigger apartments and condos I want so see Decatur strive	4/20/2016 6:51 PM
179	pike	4/20/2016 6:06 PM
180	I appreciate the city's intentional efforts to make the city a great place to live, work, and shop. Focusing on how to bring the community together with events, farmers markets, and unique local shops with a strong independent school system makes a huge difference. Its proximity to other metro area destinations is a plus	4/20/2016 5:19 PM
181	Yes, please stop all this uncontrolled growth in commercial and multi-family residential that is compromising our quality of Decatur life	4/20/2016 2:45 PM
182	In my opinion the quality of life in and around Decatur will suffer greatly due to continuously increasing traffic. The state's hostility to any solution that does not involve wider expressways means that we need more local (Emory area, east Atlanta, Avondale Estates, etc.) solutions that do not rely on state government.	4/20/2016 11:17 AM
183	Please utilize neighborhood listservs to further expand communications reach. Limiting it to city only communications is just that-- limiting. Please also look for ways to get this survey out to non internet residents who all too often are left out of City's input process. Thanks.	4/20/2016 9:35 AM
184	multi family housing is causing a tremendous loss of greespace and the tree ordinance that we think is so fantastic does nothing to developers and only stops individual homeowners from cutting down trees.	4/20/2016 8:55 AM
185	Decatur has done much right in the last 20 yrs but we are at a critical point in terms of additional development to make sure it is a net benefit. I hear increased unease that we may be reaching a saturation point and Decatur should be very careful and demanding what we allow, and a breathing spell for large-scale complexes may be in order.	4/19/2016 11:06 PM
186	Please seriously consider halting all new construction. The city is changing too fast.	4/19/2016 8:05 PM
187	This barely touches the surface of the issues we as aging homeowners face. I watch speeders going in excess of 60 MPH in front of my house, I have almost been killed several times crossing the street, crime is up, there is no end to the taxes, and everywhere I look in Decatur, there is another apartment development. The traffic is horrible. But the location is good for our family.	4/19/2016 7:59 PM
188	worried that too much new housing will bring disruption, traffic, and too much pressure on schools. Worry that developers are not required to care for public spaces like streets and sidewalks and power lines. Worried that property taxes are too high.	4/19/2016 4:30 PM
189	Pandering to a very small number of bikers has screwed up traffic on many Decatur streets and make many streets completely unsafe. Bikers almost never stop for stop signs and sometimes ignore common road rules.	4/19/2016 3:43 PM
190	Work with builders on not cutting so many trees or when they do don't replace them with ones that are not similar Oak does not equal Bradford Pear. Tighter restrictions and policing of areas of construction, there are so many silt fences down, dirt runoff going into waterways, unkempt areas of construction, be able to request if you want pd to frequent your street with drive by visits, cameras in parks or a more visible police presence,	4/19/2016 2:38 PM
191	Astronomical property taxes have destroyed our community.	4/19/2016 2:33 PM
192	I would like to see some kind of mural on the East Lake Marta station wall that runs along West Howard. It seems like a great place for some kind of "Welcome to Decatur" type signage and/or street art welcoming visitors from Lake Claire, Kirkwood, and beyond!	4/19/2016 2:28 PM
193	Not at this time,except for more benches for walkers to rest	4/19/2016 1:44 PM
194	Bailey	4/19/2016 1:15 PM
195	Not really. Thanks for then opportunity to give my opinion.	4/19/2016 12:09 PM
196	Less taxes on Seniors	4/19/2016 11:40 AM
197	School growth	4/19/2016 11:14 AM
198	We need to add & improve crosswalks. We need to add flashing lights. And the police should be stationed at busy ones in order to protect pedestrians.	4/19/2016 7:52 AM
199	We love Decatur and even though there maybe a few things we'd change, we believe it is the best place to live in Georgia hands down. With better focus on protecting old trees and more sidewalks or paths, it can only get better!	4/19/2016 7:35 AM
200	This is my 3rd plan I have given input and feel that very few the issues I have raised have been addressed despite wide support. I am discouraged to give more time to something that makes close to no difference.	4/18/2016 10:33 PM
201	City needs to figure out how to attract more retail and keep it, and current businesses, here so that residents aren't the main tax payers supporting the City. Retail rents are too high, discouraging new businesses and driving established ones out.	4/18/2016 10:30 PM

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202	Reevaluate the Historic district designations.	4/18/2016 10:08 PM
203	Bike lanes are great but not at the cost of increasing car traffic.	4/18/2016 9:08 PM
204	The city managers need to adapt themselves to our rapidly changing city we've had fantastic Growth in the last five years & our infrastructure cannot begin to keep up Growth for Growths sake is not always a good thing	4/18/2016 3:55 PM
205	Preserve downtown green space!	4/18/2016 3:26 PM
206	Thank you for enabling this opportunity for citizens of Decatur to comment and inform the planning process, in addition to holding the public meetings!	4/18/2016 3:20 PM
207	Nope, thanks for seeking input!	4/18/2016 3:14 PM
208	Senior school tax exemptions are needed so seniors with incomes less than \$100,000 can continue to live in Decatur. Taxes are the biggest negative to living here.	4/18/2016 12:26 PM
209	Get rid of the sticks in the street on Church street by the pool. Those look trashy and like some kind of temporary solution to a problem you didn't know how to fix.	4/18/2016 12:19 PM
210	The City of Decatur is building many apartments that will bring in many more pet-owners to downtown Decatur. Pet ownership will increasingly bring more community problems that need solutions, i.e. noise (barking), pet excrement (environmental issues), biting (human safety). City planning should include planning for pet ownership issues to be faced by the city.	4/18/2016 11:23 AM
211	More downtown park area	4/18/2016 9:19 AM
212	Most of the traffic on Scott seems to be commuters coming in from the eastern suburbs, driving through Decatur, to get to Atlanta. I would love to see an alternative route for these commuters other than driving through our city, because we are terrified of the constant speeding on Scott Blvd. We would walk downtown everyday if that were the case.	4/15/2016 7:58 AM
213	I worry about pedestrians being hit by cars. Too many people texting while driving! It's a big problem. Only solution is more policing and ticketing!	4/14/2016 8:43 PM
214	Pursuing annexation of nearby residential and commercial districts would go a long way toward reducing the property tax burden and increasing affordable housing stock. It would not be popular, but it's smart in the long run.	4/14/2016 5:17 PM
215	I am extremely concerned about the increase in property taxes especially for older people who have lived here for decades, and are now on a fixed income. When I tell people that I pay over \$600 per month just to live in a (fully paid for) home, they are incredulous -- and they certainly would never consider moving here.	4/14/2016 1:48 PM
216	To me, one of the fundamental problems in our city is the strange relationship between the City of Decatur and the City schools of Decatur. The city approves building permits for multi family developments without consulting with the school system to determine the impact, and the school system spend lots of money to do a poor job in expanding the schoolsadd on small amounts of classroom space guys spend a lot of time with surveys like this and planning sessions to figure out how to make our city better. I would like to see the new school superintendent and the new mayor in a city wide planning session.	4/13/2016 11:16 PM
217	Please help the seniors stay in town. I appreciate the work of getting the lowering of our taxes on the ballot. I am so afraid it will not pass due to the way the ages are balanced out(or not balanced out). I do appreciate our good schools and responsive police dept. And please be very good stewards of every cent of our tax money.	4/13/2016 10:04 PM
218	Would like to see more discussion on technology and adopting progressive ideas on transportation. Adding more sidewalks and bike trails, likely supports a "hardcore group" in the community. Biking or walking is not likely a pragmatic option for most to run errands or get to work or help the elderly. Need to ask those questions, like how far is your work, do you drive or use marta, how often do you run errands on foot, or do you walk/bike for fun/exercise/work, etc... My other concern is damaging the environment with tearing up the limited trees (or damaging roots), and adding more concrete to an area that can't support more. Opening up neighborhoods to more transient traffic between Marta stations, bus stops, schools and stores, might become a security issue as well.	4/13/2016 9:50 PM
219	I know you guys think we need density to support business and schools. I think we are at a tipping point to where the growth benefits do not outweigh the negative impact of more people and bigger schools. Yes, maybe we will get more retail, but we don't need it. We need a vibrant, healthy community where people have room to breathe but care for their neighbors and their natural environment. When I see the clear cutting and more parking lots it is sickening. Learn from other progressive cities, bigger is not always better.	4/13/2016 8:40 PM
220	I've added comments along the way - please see those	4/13/2016 12:28 AM
221	Decatur has lots some of its charm recently since so many chain type stores have moved in and we've lost some venerable and beloved small businesses. Chai Pani was a good new addition, but I'm sad to see the scooter store, 17 Steps, Heliotrope, Sawicki's, etc close down.	4/12/2016 8:08 PM

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222	Salaries for public workers	4/12/2016 10:41 AM
223	Please be very careful with adding more high density housing. People move here for the school system. If it is overcrowded and the quality of the schools drop, so does the desire for people to live here.	4/4/2016 11:21 PM
224	I have been constantly frustrated at the lack of ownership of representatives of anyone I have dealt with in City of Decatur to any issues I have tried to get resolved on behalf of my HOA (I am currently President of the HOA Board of Decatur Square Condominiums). I keep getting referred to other people until I give up because I just do not have the time to pursue things. I get the impression this is because we are the lowest cost residential property in Decatur City. There is no support for us that I have been able to find to get our residents on fixed incomes nor in our efforts to get issues we have such as the conditions of Norris Street and the parking/traffic issues being next to the park pose to my HOA.	4/1/2016 10:12 PM
225	Surveys are used to validate decisions already made by government officials. Stop using surveys.	3/27/2016 12:52 PM
226	Please don't let another year go by without doing a master plan for downtown that includes greenspace. We are very behind the curve for this and are not competitive with other cities of our size in the region and nationally. Government needs to be responsive to its citizens.	3/24/2016 3:11 PM
227	I'm concerned that decisions are made without sufficient and reliable evidence. For example, there is much talk about building bicycle lanes, but I haven't heard anyone say what the projected bicycle traffic per day would actually be. Thus it seems like the "plan" is based on a nice idea rather than reality. Maybe the plan is if we build it they will come? Similarly (and as mentioned earlier), psychological states don't seem ever to be considered. As noted with the traffic lights, forcing people to obey unreasonable delays causes them to become frustrated and irritated and behave in counterproductive ways. I'd also LOVE to see Decatur police walking ALL throughout the city, not just the business area. I think they'd have a better chance of observing odd events be surprised by what they saw--like people making left turns where they're prohibited and where there's never a policeman around to notice!	3/22/2016 9:02 AM
228	Decatur needs an updated plan for downtown Decatur, considering the future of downtown Decatur in 5, 10, and 15 years. A plan in the past resulted in a vibrant downtown. It is time for this plan to be updated.	3/21/2016 3:29 PM
229	Look at the innovative things that cities are doing on the west coast - the most progressive communities in our country.	3/20/2016 10:26 PM
230	I feel the size both City Hall staff and CSD administration has grown too large. On the City level we need much less focus on tourism, social media and events . We need more looking inward at quality of life for existing residents than outward to draw attention to the city and more effort towards having essential departments well staffed to function efficiently.	3/20/2016 10:18 PM
231	Be more sensitive to the needs of the Oliver House Seniors	3/19/2016 9:47 PM
232	I often bike from home to my job on emory campus. I must ride on sidewalks since clairmont and nirth decatur too dangerous. Would love to see the city work with county to develop safe bike path connecting city to emory.	3/19/2016 4:50 PM
233	A plan for transition to a decentralized world, with local autonomy and mostly self-reliant economy is needed. https://www.transitionnetwork.org/	3/18/2016 5:36 PM
234	With all the new development going on, and more to come (Callaway, schools, etc.), we need a real Master Plan for Decatur - in particular, the downtown area. We all said we wanted density. We're certainly getting it. Without an updated, detailed plan, we're are likely to end up with some unintended consequences not so easily reversed. (Green space being among them, for sure.)	3/18/2016 4:49 PM
235	Downtown Decatur needs a master plan like the one for East Decatur Station/Avondale MARTA station - and like most other mid-size metro cities have.	3/18/2016 4:31 PM
236	The city seems to cater only to the 65 and up crowd and this has got to end. This has been shown time and time again - a great example that will connect this thought to planning is the tree ordinance. Older folks did not like seeing change, so the solution was to preserve trees as sacred (and stop new housing) in an effort to deny change. The tree ordinance is just about the worst thing I have ever witnessed in this city. City employees (some who are no longer with the City) and elected officials did not listen to residents. A tremendous amount of money was wasted. And to what end - I see old trees fall on a monthly basis, sometimes onto houses. How long until someone is killed by one? And yet it acted as a solution to a problem that does not exist. No one was chopping down trees, but people would like the freedom to decide if a tree should or should not be on their property. I tried at this time to remove what I considered dangerous trees, and I was denied without any reason. The trees are still there and I dare not try to remove them again... total insanity.	3/18/2016 9:53 AM
237	Is there any way to add left hand turn signals at the intersections or College + S. McDonough and at College + S. Candler Rd.?	3/16/2016 4:47 PM