

A photograph of a public engagement event in a large hall with people interacting at tables. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue banner at the top containing the text 'Appendix B'. The main title 'Stakeholder and Public Engagement Summary' is written in large blue font across the center of the image. The background shows several people, including a woman in a white striped dress in the foreground, engaged in conversations around tables. The setting appears to be a large, open-plan space with tiered seating visible in the upper part of the frame.

## Appendix B

# Stakeholder and Public Engagement Summary

# Engagement Overview and Key Findings

Good public engagement lies at the heart of successful planning. It is a genuine and open dialogue between technical experts and those who have the lived experience and local knowledge. It is collaborative, engaging, personal, and involves extensive listening.

In the end, a good plan is developed with the community, and not just for it. This Plan was developed with the community and stakeholders. Through a series of online and in-person engagement opportunities, the planning team was able to collaborate with the community on the thoughts, ideas, and comments that became the recommendations put forth in this Plan; the Plan is better for it. **Appendix B** summarizes both that process and its outcomes.

The planning team worked with stakeholders, city staff members, city leadership, and the community to collaborate on the thoughts, ideas, and comments that, in turn, generated the recommendations in this Plan. Over the course of this process, multiple stakeholder and public engagement activities were conducted, including:

- Public Survey (February – June, 2023)
- Virtual Visioning Workshop (February 28, 2023)
- Planning and Design Charrette (April 11 – 13, 2023)
- Public Open House #1 (April 12, 2023)
- Virtual Open House (April 24 – May 19, 2023)

## Key Findings

The planning team discovered several common themes from resident, stakeholder, city staff member, and city leadership responses that emerged from the engagement activities. The following seven themes provide an overarching idea of what the Plan looked to address.

### Attract More Entertainment, Dining, and Retail Options

Respondents indicated that they would like to see more entertainment options within Hutchinson, including family-friendly and young adult festivities. There were requests for a variety of restaurants, including fine dining, and a general desire to see more retail diversity. Some comments expressed a desire for pedestrian-oriented shopping locations to fill in current gaps of retail, services, and attractions.

### Economic Flexibility and City Attractiveness

The engagement exercises revealed that there was widespread recognition that to attract future businesses, a more welcoming environment needed to be created. This included a desire for the Chamber of Commerce and the City to promote local grassroots efforts and evaluate current taxation structures, redevelopment requirements, and available financial incentives for new, growing, or expanding businesses. There was a consensus among comments highlighting local organizations and stakeholders need a greater effort to revitalize vacant retail, commercial, and business buildings, improve the appearance of run-down properties, and provide pedestrian and landscaping improvements throughout Downtown.



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## Enhance and Create Recreation Opportunities

Respondents indicated that they would like to see a connected citywide sidewalk system that fosters an increase in street engagement via pedestrian activity. There was an expressed desire to see more designated green space and landscaping throughout the Downtown, as well as outdoor amenities to promote community pride and engagement among members.

## Community Health and Well-Being

Respondents expressed concern that there was a lack of diverse housing and recreation options for young professionals and families within the community. Some commentors desired more healthy recreational options catered towards both teenagers and senior citizens alike. With access to a regional hospital, it is important for Hutch residents to have easily accessible opportunities to exercise, socialize and enjoy nature right in Downtown.

## Transportation Safety and Accessibility

Several comments indicated that pedestrian and bike accessibility need to be improved throughout downtown, particularly throughout the city's park spaces. There was a desire to see safe crossings for pedestrians and cyclists, as well as additional wayfinding signs and safe spaces to gather for residents of all ages.

## Unity Among Stakeholders and Open Dialogue with City/Chamber

Community members indicated they would like a high level of participation and communication from the City and Chamber, as well as an enhanced sense of responsibility and teamwork among stakeholders. Residents want to ensure that the Downtown Plan is utilized to enhance everyday quality of life in Hutchinson and that recommendations will set up short-term and long-term goal achievements. There was desire to enhance the variety and availability of city programs/events/services that bring community members together and attract new visitors.

## City Character and Identity

Respondents indicated a desire to make downtown stand out with unique art displays, including a neon light alley. Similar comments included a desire to develop a community gathering space, or small gathering places like coffee shops, breweries, and wineries.

## Renovate and Reprogram Memorial Hall and the Landmark Hotel

Many respondents identified Memorial Hall and the Landmark Hotel as land uses downtown that need to be preserved and highlighted. There were suggestions that new programming be brought to these venues and additional enhancements made to give these historical venues new life in the next chapter for Downtown Hutch.

## Preserve Historic Buildings and Character

Many respondents called out code compliance as being difficult and expensive, especially related to life safety and bringing existing older buildings up to code. Many comments indicated that the old buildings have significant meaning and character in Downtown, however the cost and process of bringing them up to code and renovating them is a barrier to successfully changing the landscape of downtown.

Aside from the items mentioned above, there were a few concerns that were consistent throughout this process. One concern that was expressed time and again was the lack of retail, restaurants, nightlife, amenities, and services in Downtown. Residents have a strong desire to gather and enjoy the existing downtown area, and thus welcome all opportunities to develop attractions, generate economic vibrancy, and enjoy the rich history alive in Downtown Hutch. Despite the current state of the downtown, residents still have a strong desire and passion for the preservation and continued focus on Downtown as the cultural and communal center of the city.

# Project Marketing

Through the engagement process, community members were notified and updated about events and findings. The planning team coordinated with the city and economic development commission to utilize social media and send out community emails, website e-blasts, and postcard mailers.

Additional forms of communication and outreach included a project kickoff video, a Downtown Hutch Master Plan project website, and several public outreach events (both in-person and online). Each of these project marketing methods and the resulting input are summarized in the following subsections.

## Project Kickoff Interview Video

The planning team coordinated with the city to develop a short project kickoff video interview with Debra Teufel, the President/CEO of Hutchinson/Reno County Chamber of Commerce. This video was an announcement of the downtown planning process and provided an overview of the purpose and need for a new Plan. Ms. Teufel emphasized the importance of public involvement and the need for community input throughout the process. This video was shared on the city's website and social media platforms as well as the project website.

## Project Website

A project website was created ([www.downtownhutchmasterplan.com](http://www.downtownhutchmasterplan.com)) to provide members of the community with updates and information pertaining to the Downtown Hutch planning process. The website provides information on topics related to the Plan, including:

- A project overview, which details the purpose of the Plan and the goals of the planning process;
- A project timeline that shows the four key phases of the project;
- A listing of the different ways to engage in the planning process as a member of the public (e.g., public survey, virtual open house, in-person open houses, email notifications, etc.);
- Project downloads that include Plan drafts; and
- An opportunity to ask questions or provide comments directly to the city and planning team.

The website was updated regularly throughout the planning process, serving as the main hub for project-related information.

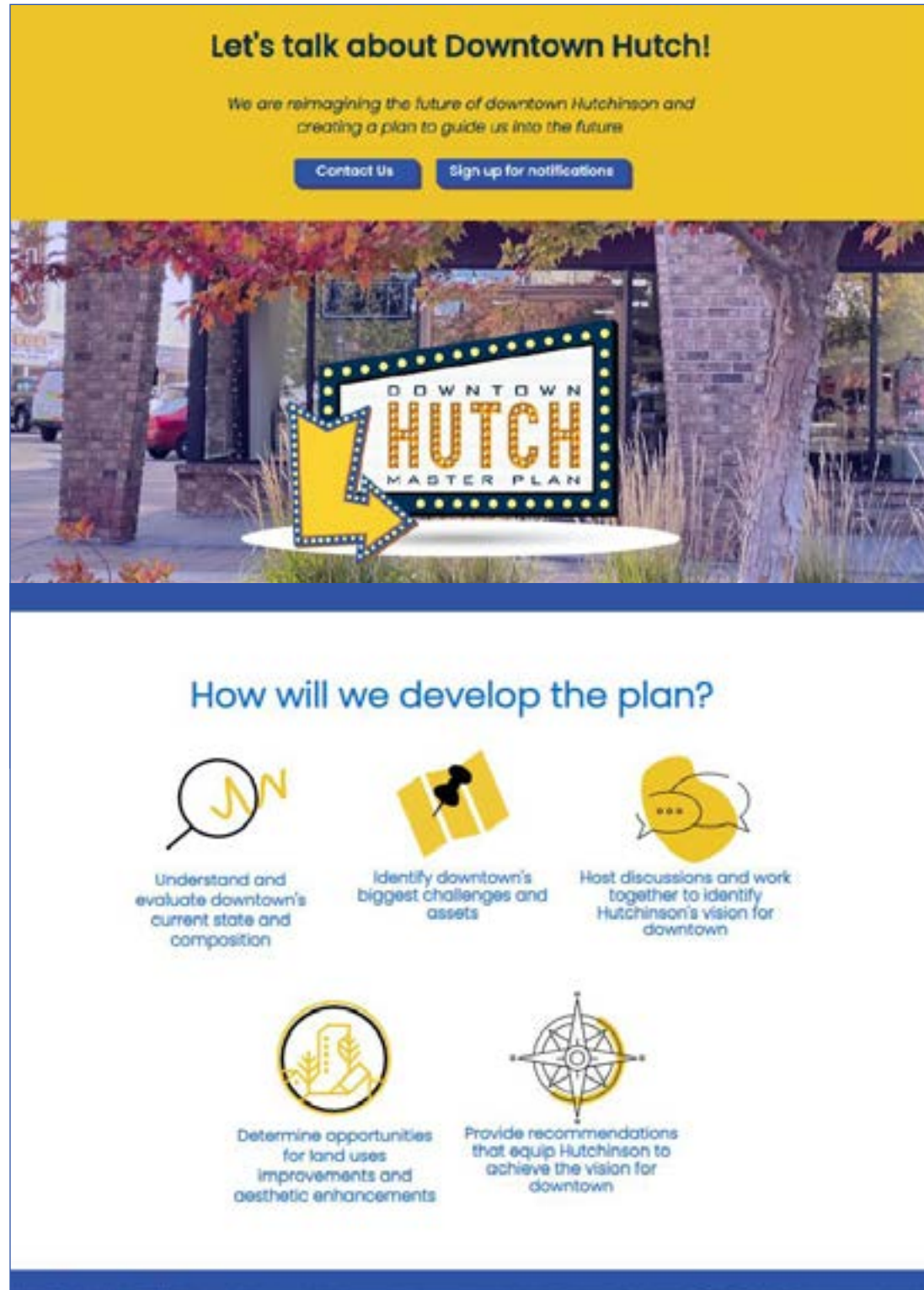
## Social Media

Both the Chamber of Commerce and City's social media pages were used to inform people about the planning process and solicit participation at both in-person and online events. Several posts were made regarding the project kickoff, the public open house, and the online community survey.

# Press Releases

Two press releases were distributed and used to formally announce key milestones in the planning process. Each press release included basic project information and directed readers to the project website. The press releases focused on the following topics:

- **Press Release 1:** Downtown Hutch Master Plan Project Kick-Off Announcement
- **Press Release 2:** In-Person and Virtual Public Open Houses and Online Public Survey



# Public Survey

As part of the public engagement process, a public community survey was prepared and administered, via the project web page. The survey focused on residents' and stakeholders' preferences for the downtown's future. The results of the 735 completed surveys were used to identify potential focus areas for the planning process. The survey was available from January 30 to May 19, 2023, via the project web page.

According to the survey, residents gave three stars to indicate their neutral satisfaction related to the quality and variety of businesses in Downtown. Most residents go downtown for shopping/boutiques (52.8%), grab lunch (49.5%) or dinner (42.9%), visit the farmers market (45.4%), attend an event (41.8%), or visit the post office (41.8%). When thinking about the future, survey responses indicated that entertainment and nightlife (59.8%) and a mixture of business and services (53.8%) are most important to them. The top three development types identified by the survey as the most needed and appropriate for downtown Hutchinson were: commercial space, i.e., retail/restaurant (49.92%); green space, parks, and recreation (52.83%); and mixed use, i.e., three to four story retail/office/dining with residential above (39.9%), respectively. It is clear from the survey that most respondents that are active in downtown are looking for more reasons and ways to live, work, and play there more frequently.

## Survey Comments Summary

A full list of all the public comments that were received during the survey period can be found in the following section, Full Documentation of Responses. A few of the major findings from prominent questions are listed out below.

What physical characteristics of downtown Hutchinson would you most like to see preserved as it evolves over time?

- Historic buildings and architecture
- Public art and sculptures
- Brick streets
- Green spaces
- Memorial Hall

What physical characteristics of downtown Hutchinson would you most like to see changed as it evolves over time?

- Not so many empty or dilapidated buildings
- More streetscape amenities, landscaping, and green spaces
- Signage
- Bike lanes
- Parking

For more details about the public survey, including the complete report of participants' responses—refer to the section: **Full Documentation of Responses** later in this Appendix.

# Virtual Visioning Workshop

## Why Visioning?

The Visioning Workshop was a virtual event hosted with the Stakeholder Committee and Technical Committee to gain key insights into the community and begin the visioning process. Public engagement serves as a critical milestone in any planning process. Not only is the Virtual Visioning Workshop the first opportunity for community members, downtown stakeholders, and project team members to work together, it is the time to set the tone for the downtown planning process. The goal of the workshop is to guide the development of the Plan, ensuring that it is reflective of overarching community goals.

This visioning process is designed to reveal the needs, wants, and desires of the community without being clouded by physical or financial constraints. While it is important to be realistic about what can be implemented, visioning is a time when participants are encouraged to think long-term without price tag and timing concerns.

In addition to providing a dedicated time and space for community members to participate actively in the planning process, this time is also important for the planning team, allowing them the opportunity to listen intently to what the community hopes to achieve from the project. The facilitated dialogue and candid conversations reveal telling insights that are invaluable to the development of the Plan.

## Virtual Visioning Workshop Overview

Before the vision for the Plan is crafted, it is important to meet with stakeholders to (1) ensure a clear understanding of their desires for the future of downtown; (2) gather local knowledge related to the issues and opportunities facing downtown; and (3) build consensus around a multifaceted solution. As the first step in this planning process, the visioning workshop was held by the planning team.

The Virtual Visioning Workshop was held on Zoom on February 28, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The evening workshop was attended by the planning team, downtown stakeholder committee members, and technical committee members.

The downtown Stakeholder Committee was made up of community members with a vested interest in this planning process, such as property/business owners, special interest advocates, developers, and more. The technical committee members are vested community members who possess technical expertise as city staff members.

In preparation for the visioning workshop, the planning team designed a project brand and logo, developed a project website, conducted a site visit, and carried out an existing conditions evaluation. These matters were present to both committees at the visioning workshop, allowing all participants to provide input on and ask questions about these initial findings. After presenting this information, the planning team led a series of exercises. These sessions are described and illustrated in the following subsections.



## Needs, Wants, Desires, Barriers, Obstacles, and Annoyances

Stakeholders were then prompted to record their needs, wants, desires, barriers, obstacles, and annoyances as they relate to downtown Hutchinson. This exercise was conducted virtually using a program called Konveio, which allowed attendees to view a group of posters (one for each of the categories) and leave comments by clicking on the posters. All comments were anonymous, populated in real time, and visible to all other attendees.

Participants were broken up into eight groups using the breakout room feature on Zoom and given 5 minutes to test out the Konveio comment feature. Then, they were given an hour (or ten minutes per category) to record their needs, wants, desires, barriers, obstacles, and annoyances. After a short break, the groups were given an additional hour to select their top three priorities from each category (e.g., three needs, three wants, etc.) onto a communal Google Slides presentation. Each group was provided with a pre-formatted slide with three blank spots underneath each of the six categories. After recording the top three priorities, the groups were then asked to highlight their top priority for each of the six categories. The following images detail each groups' priorities, by category. While there was variation between each groups' selections, patterns began to emerge among the group.

### GROUP #1 PRIORITIZATION RESULTS

#### NEEDS

1. Capital/investment/incentives
2. Safety (address homeless)
3. Address vacant buildings and gaps

#### WANTS

1. More fine dining
2. Entertainment/things to do
3. Diverse housing options

#### DESIRES

1. Hotel
2. Attractions (like conference center, reasons to be downtown)
3. Critical mass of options to attract people, and density/strategic placement (placemaking; block unity)

#### BARRIERS

1. Industrial businesses on South Main
2. Railroads
3. Negative perceptions or attitudes

#### OBSTACLES

1. Code compliance
2. Vacant buildings or absent owners
3. Available capital and quality workforce

#### ANNOYANCES

1. Interest and tax rates
2. Wayfinding
3. Availability of parking at large capacity businesses/events

### GROUP #2 PRIORITIZATION RESULTS

#### NEEDS

1. Permanent housing & a hotel
2. Tourist attraction
3. Public & private investment

#### WANTS

1. Variety of restaurants (breakfast, lunch, and dinner and options)
2. More business downtown (retail)
3. Digital connectivity and public wifi

#### DESIRES

1. Memorial Hall renovation & use
2. River Walk (clean up Cow Creek)
3. Speakeasy/Gin Joint/Cigar Bar

#### BARRIERS

1. Trains
2. Downtown Industrial
3. Life safety codes & regulations

#### OBSTACLES

1. Address downtown homelessness
2. Absentee & deadbeat owners
3. Traditional decision-making processes

#### ANNOYANCES

1. Negative mindset and those who don't participate
2. Parking for residential
3. Skateboarding, loud cars, lous music

### GROUP #3 PRIORITIZATION RESULTS

#### NEEDS

1. Food options
2. Rehabilitate buildings
3. Mixed use buildings - retail/housing

#### WANTS

1. Pet and children friendly/focused
2. Destination events/community events
3. Hotel/convention center/bar

#### DESIRES

1. Parks/green space
2. Young professionals return
3. Redevelopment of Ave B to Carey Park

#### BARRIERS

1. Railroad tracks
2. Cost/business case to rehabilitate buildings
3. Absentee ownership

#### OBSTACLES

1. Meeting historical compliance
2. Perception of downtown
3. Presences of homeless population downtown during the day

#### ANNOYANCES

1. Parking issues
2. Litter
3. Business owners and employees parking in front of other businesses

### GROUP #4 PRIORITIZATION RESULTS

#### NEEDS

1. Safety
2. Attractions/experiences
3. Funding/investments

#### WANTS

1. Multiple housing options
2. Entertainment District
3. Expanded dining options/hours

#### DESIRES

1. Reiverwalk
2. Main Street Trolley
3. Shopping options

#### BARRIERS

1. Avenue A Bridge
2. Trains
3. Length of Main

#### OBSTACLES

1. Codes
2. Negative perception
3. Absentee building owners

#### ANNOYANCES

1. Lack of nightlife
2. Litter & debris
3. Lack of employees

### GROUP #5 PRIORITIZATION RESULTS

#### NEEDS

1. Communication/cultivation of community mindset
2. Animal/Human Shelter/Homeless Needs
3. Public/Private investment

#### WANTS

1. Outdoor space/dining opportunities
2. City Center/Square
3. Community centered events/entertainment

#### DESIRES

1. Public Wi-fi
2. Beautification/signage/outdoor music
3. Variety of entertainment

#### BARRIERS

1. Interpretation of code enforcement
2. Vacant buildings / misuse of space
3. Finance/budget constraints

#### OBSTACLES

1. Negativity of retailers
2. Availability of funds/grants/low interest loans
3. Environmental conditions/walkability/accessibility

#### ANNOYANCES

1. Perception of safety/security
2. Lack of focus on healthy living
3. "Nothing to do"

### GROUP #6 PRIORITIZATION RESULTS

#### NEEDS

1. Housing
2. Dining & entertainment
3. Consistent communication & messaging to reach the masses

#### WANTS

1. Memorial Hall Renovation
2. Public spaces
3. Destination/tourism

#### DESIRES

1. Off road options - ability to use unconventional vehicles in town

#### BARRIERS

1. Memorial Hall renovate or no?
2. Overload of choices (social, news, radio, etc.)

#### OBSTACLES

1. Communication of what programs are available/changes in where to get details
2. Homeless community

#### ANNOYANCES

1. Vacant windows
2. Anything that keeps people from coming downtown
3. Ugly things in windows

## GROUP #7 PRIORITIZATION RESULTS

### NEEDS

1. Improve built environment - signate/shade/greenspace/parking/bike lanes
2. Kid/Teen friendly activities/spaces
3. Vacant property requirements

### WANTS

1. Restaurants/variety/ethnic options cafes/outdoor seating options
2. Existing business participation - i.e. support
3. Outdoor event spaces

### DESIRES

1. People living & visiting /hotel/gas/groceries
2. Bike options/youth friendly/dog park
3. Better merchant hours during peak seasons

### BARRIERS

1. Train tracks/walkability issues
2. Access to outside capital
3. Negativity/attitudes

### OBSTACLES

1. Safety/address homeless/loitering
2. Priority for funding of placemaking/gathering spaces
3. Length of Main

### ANNOYANCES

1. Apathy/lack of buy-in from BOTH the public and private sector
2. Lack of people focused placemaking/design of gathering spaces/parks & public spaces
3. Attention to cleaning/sweeping/debris

## GROUP #8 PRIORITIZATION RESULTS

### NEEDS

1. Reduce vacancies and improve appearance
2. Family entertainment
3. Housing

### WANTS

1. More dining option
2. Shade and green space
3. Chester I Lewis

### DESIRES

1. Assistance with needs for the homeless
2. Cleanliness
3. Youth involvement

### BARRIERS

1. Midwest Iron and Tyson
2. Length of Main St
3. Proximity to better options

### OBSTACLES

1. Businesses closing at Sish
2. Building codes
3. Absentee business owners

### ANNOYANCES

1. Complaints with no contribution
2. Downtown parking, blind spots
3. Lack of shade/seating

# Planning and Design Charrette

The Planning and Design Charrette took place at Memorial Hall (101 S Walnut Street) from Tuesday April 11, 2023, to Thursday, April 13, 2023. This event was designed to solicit iterative feedback from the Hutchinson community over the course of several days. The planning team developed content, questions, and frameworks each day for the community to review and provide feedback on. The below is a summary of the charrette by day.

## Day One

In the afternoon of day one of the charrette, the planning team met with the Downtown Hutch Master Plan Stakeholder Committee and Technical Committee members to discuss several specific questions related to downtown.

In the evening of day one, the Stakeholder Committee and Technical Committee gathered for the planning team to go over the charrette process and the schedule for the upcoming two-day charrette session. The planning team provided participants with an update of recent public engagement efforts and reviewed the existing conditions analysis and presented findings from the economic and market conditions report. Participants were then split into groups and asked to work their way through five different topic stations. Each group was given about 20 minutes at each station to provide comments in response to written questions developed by the planning team. The topic stations included the following questions for community feedback:

### Land Use

- What land uses are missing from or desired in downtown? Tell us using a sticky note.
- What land uses would you like more of downtown? Place a blue dot on this sheet corresponding to these land uses [Commercial, Single Family Residential, Attached Residential, Urban/Multifamily Residential, Parks/Green Space, Public/Institutional, Public Space/Amenity Area, Business Employment, Industrial/Flex, Mixed Use]
- What land uses would you like more of downtown? Tell us using a sticky note.
- Are there existing land uses that are misplaced? If so, which ones? Place a red dot on the map. Tell us why using a sticky note.
- What land uses should be preserved within downtown? Show us by placing a green dot on the map. Tell us with a sticky note.
- Where should future housing be located? Show us by placing a yellow dot on the map.
- What kind of housing should be developed? Tell us with a sticky note.
- What are the important landmarks, attractions, or destinations downtown? Show us by placing a blue dot on the map. Tell us using a sticky note.



## Development & Redevelopment

- What areas, sites or buildings downtown do you consider underutilized? Tell us using a sticky note.
- What areas of the downtown are primed and ready for development or redevelopment? Show us by placing a yellow dot on the map. Tell us why using a sticky note.
- Where do you consider the center or “heart” of downtown? Place a green dot on the map to show us. Tell us why using a sticky note.
- What kind of development or redevelopment would you like to see downtown? Tell us using a sticky note.
- What attractions, entertainment opportunities, programs, and events would you like to see downtown that do not currently exist? Tell us using a sticky note.

## Placemaking, Public Space & Aesthetics

- Should new parks or public gathering space be developed downtown? If so, where? Show us by placing a green dot on the map. Describe your desired space using a sticky note.
- When do you feel like you’ve arrived in downtown? Show us by placing a yellow dot on the map. Tell us why using a sticky note.
- How/where can we make downtown more beautiful? Tell us using a sticky note.
- What would make it more enjoyable or comfortable to relax and spend time downtown? Tell us using a sticky note.
- What changes need to be made to the streetscaping, vegetation, and outdoor furniture downtown? Tell us using a sticky note.
- What do you like or want more of in the aesthetics of your downtown? Tell us using a sticky note.
- What would make your downtown more vibrant? Tell us using a sticky note.
- Is there a need for additional public performance space downtown? Tell us using a sticky note.

## Transportation & Mobility

- Where is it difficult to walk in downtown? Where are missing pedestrian connections? Show us by placing a blue dot on the map. Tell us why using a sticky note.
- Where is it difficult to bike in downtown? Where are missing bicycle connections? Show us by placing a yellow dot on the map. Tell us why using a sticky note.
- What are the missing vehicular connections within or to/from downtown? Show us by placing a green dot on the map. Tell us why with a sticky note.
- Where is traffic congested? Are there any high crash locations? Show us by placing a red dot on the map. Tell us why using a sticky note.
- Where is there enough parking? Show us by placing a green dot on the map.
- Where is there not enough parking? Place a red dot on the map to show us.

## Business Operations & Policy

- What business operations issues exist within downtown? Tell us using a sticky note.
- What district operations issues exist within downtown? Tell us using a sticky note.
- What maintenance operations issues exist within downtown? Tell us using a sticky note.
- What marketing/branding/identity issues exist within downtown? Tell us using a sticky note.
- What did we miss? Jot down any last thoughts or comments about downtown Hutchinson. Tell us on a sticky note.

All comments received from the charrette are listed in the **Full Documentation of Responses** at the end of this Appendix.

## Day Two

Day two began with an open studio from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The planning team worked on drafting initial design concepts and ideas for the Plan based on participant feedback gathered during the previous day’s exercises. During this time, members of the Stakeholder Committee and Technical Committee were able to engage and interact with the planning team. That afternoon the planning team continued to work in a closed studio session, further refining draft concepts. Later that evening, the proposed concepts were presented to the Stakeholder Committee and Technical Committee. The planning team then led participants through a commenting exercise to provide feedback on the concepts and ideas.

## Day Three

During Thursday morning’s closed studio time, the planning team worked to incorporate participant feedback from the initial concept review held the previous day. That evening the planning team presented concepts and ideas to the Stakeholder Committee and Technical Committee in a final concept review session. Stakeholders and city staff members had the opportunity to leave detailed comments on the revised concepts which would then be reviewed by the planning team and integrated in to the creation of the Plan.

# Virtual Public Open House

After the public planning charrette, a virtual public open house was made available via the project website. This virtual public open house was divided into different stations, allowing participants to navigate between the stations by using a drop-down menu. Each station replicated what stakeholders and the Technical Committee saw during the Planning and Design Charrette. This included the questions as well as the initial concepts and ideas generated by the planning team. As they followed the questions through the virtual open house, participants were able to pin their comments to the pages of the virtual stations. These comments were gathered and incorporated into the **Full Documentation of Responses**.

# Full Documentation of Community Responses

## Public Survey

**Q1. Do you live and/or work in downtown Hutchinson? (Select all that apply.) [735 answered]**

- Live in downtown Hutchinson – 3.81% (28)
- Work in downtown Hutchinson – 22.45% (165)
- Live elsewhere in Hutchinson (not downtown) – 70.61% (519)
- Live outside of Hutchinson – 16.05% (118)

**Q2. How often do you come downtown? [736 answered]**

- Every day – 28.13% (207)
- A few times each week – 32.34% (238)
- A few times each month – 29.89% (220)
- A few times per year – 8.42% (62)
- Rarely or never – 1.22% (9)

**Q3. Which days of the week do you typically come downtown? (Select all that apply.) [733 answered]**

- Weekend (Friday through Sunday) – 62.07% (455)
- Weekday (Monday through Thursday) – 73.67% (540)
- Rarely or never – 2.05% (15)

**Q4. What time of day are you most likely to be downtown? (Select all that apply.) [733 answered]**

- In the morning – 42.43% (311)
- Mid-day – 78.58% (576)
- In the evening – 46.11% (338)
- Not applicable – 2.05% (15)

**Q5. For which activities/destinations do you typically go downtown? (Select all that apply.) [734 answered]**

- Going out to dinner – 42.92% (315)
- Going out to lunch – 49.46% (363)
- Farmers’ market – 45.37% (333)
- Grocery shopping – 28.88% (212)
- Shopping/boutiques – 52.86% (388)
- School – 2.18% (16)
- Post office – 41.83% (307)
- Park – 15.53% (114)
- Recreation center – 4.22% (31)
- Entertainment – 37.47% (275)
- Other business – 25.07% (184)
- Going to work – 11.58% (85)
- Business at City Hall – 18.66% (137)
- Attending an event – 41.83% (307)
- Amtrak station – 2.86% (21)
- Just passing through – 28.75% (211)
- Other: ----- – 8.17% (60)

**Q6. When thinking about the future of downtown, what is most important to you? (Select your top three responses. If you select more than three options, you will not be able to advance to the next question.) [712 answered]**

- Business operations and quality: Consider businesses’ hours of operation, whether businesses are responding to community interests/needs, and the general quality of downtown businesses – 32.16% (229)
- Entertainment/nightlife: Add more fun and engaging activities for all ages in downtown, and encourage businesses that support nighttime downtown activity – 59.83% (426)
- Downtown housing options: Increase diversity in downtown housing options, both within the downtown core and in the surrounding neighborhoods, to help support downtown’s economic activity, identity, and success – 14.04% (100)
- Public gathering spaces and amenities: Increase the number of and quality of public spaces within downtown, allowing organic or programmed activities to take place – 20.79% (148)
- Mixture of business and services: Increase the variety of uses within downtown to include everything from retail shops to neighborhood food markets – 53.79% (383)
- Tourism: Promote downtown as a tourism destination that increases the viability of downtown shops, restaurants, and bars – 23.03% (164)
- Employment: Promote downtown as an employment hub to increase daytime activity – 10.81% (77)
- Mobility and connectivity: Enhance the multimodal connectivity of downtown destinations and the ease with which people can easily and safely go to and around downtown – 9.69% (69)
- Design and appearance: Improve the first impression of downtown Hutchinson through aesthetic improvements in new developments and redevelopments and enhanced public spaces – 30.76% (219)
- Character and history: Embrace the history of downtown and the character of Hutchinson, integrating it into the design of downtown – 28.09% (200)

Tell us about your satisfaction with downtown and the desirability of additions or attractions using star ratings, with five stars being the best/highest. You can give the same number of stars to different issues.

**Q7. Rate your current level of satisfaction with business operations in downtown: [627 answered]**

Response	1 Star	2 Stars	3 Stars	4 Stars	5 Stars	Total	Weighted Average
a. Operating hours	6.26% 39	17.82% 111	43.66% 272	27.61% 172	4.65% 29	623	3.07
b. Quality of businesses	4.64% 29	14.56% 91	38.56% 241	35.04% 219	7.2% 45	625	3.26
c. Quantity of businesses	11.8% 74	32.7% 205	39.71% 249	14.99% 94	0.8% 5	627	2.6
d. Variety of businesses	11.7% 73	31.41% 196	40.22% 251	15.54% 97	1.12% 7	624	2.63
e. Quality of business signage	10.88% 68	25.6% 160	39.2% 245	21.44% 134	2.88% 18	625	2.8

**Q8. Rate your current level of satisfaction with downtown mobility features: [629 answered]**

Response	1 Star	2 Stars	3 Stars	4 Stars	5 Stars	Total	Weighted Average
d. Parking quantity	7.18% 45	18.02% 113	35.25% 221	30.14% 189	9.41% 59	627	3.17
e. Parking quality/location	8.0% 50	19.36% 121	33.28% 208	29.06% 185	9.76% 61	625	3.14
f. Public transit access	20.03% 15	20.91% 120	34.84% 200	16.72% 96	7.49% 43	574	2.71
g. Regional connectivity through public transit	24.43% 139	23.73% 135	33.74% 192	13.01% 74	5.1% 29	569	2.51
h. Bike route connectivity in downtown	21.15% 121	23.43% 134	32.87% 188	14.51% 83	8.04% 46	572	2.65
i. Bike route connectivity to/from downtown	19.76% 113	27.10% 155	30.07% 172	15.21% 87	7.87% 45	572	2.64
j. Walkability in downtown	1.77% 11	5.14% 32	21.83% 136	44.46% 277	26.81% 67	623	3.89
k. Walkability to/from downtown	9.8% 59	16.61% 100	32.23% 194	26.74% 161	14.62% 8	602	3.2
l. Vehicular traffic efficiency/ease in getting where you want to go	2.07% 13	9.41% 59	26.63% 167	43.86% 275	18.02% 13	627	3.66
j. Vehicular traffic safety	4.79% 30	11.34% 71	28.91% 181	38.02% 238	16.93% 106	626	3.511
k. Pedestrian Safety	5.46% 34	12.68% 79	28.89% 180	37.56% 234	15.41% 96	623	3.45

Q9. Rate the desirability of adding/enhancing the following entertainment activities in downtown:  
[628 answered]

Response	1 Star	2 Stars	3 Stars	4 Stars	5 Stars	Total	Weighted Average
a. Health and fitness	16.69% 101	22.48% 136	28.76% 174	20.50% 124	11.57% 70	605	2.88
b. Nightlife (e.g., pubs, bars, live music, concerts, etc.)	6.08% 38	7.36% 46	15.52% 97	27.84% 174	43.2% 270	625	3.95
c. Restaurant options	2.55% 16	6.06% 38	9.41% 59	26.16% 164	55.82% 350	627	4.27
d. Cultural venues (e.g., theatres, etc.)	4.66% 29	8.2% 51	25.72% 160	32.32% 201	29.1% 181	622	3.73
e. Events and festivals	2.56% 16	4.96% 31	15.68% 98	34.24% 214	42.56% 266	625	4.09
f. Unique public gathering spaces (e.g., plazas, green space, etc.)	5.49% 34	11.79% 73	26.82% 166	27.95% 173	27.95% 173	619	3.61
g. Youth and water features	10.42% 64	20.20% 124	28.18% 173	20.68% 127	20.52% 126	614	3.21

Q10. Rate the desirability of the following housing types in downtown: [617 answered]

Response	1 Star	2 Stars	3 Stars	4 Stars	5 Stars	Total	Weighted Average
a. Traditional single-family homes	45.39% 271	21.78% 130	18.43% 110	7.54% 45	6.87% 41	597	2.09
b. Live/work units (e.g., <u>work space</u> /studio in the front, with an apartment in the back)	12.44% 76	13.75% 84	30.93% 189	26.51% 162	16.37% 100	611	3.21
c. Mixed use residential (e.g., retail on the first floor with apartments on the floors above)	9.17% 56	7.86% 48	24.06% 147	29.13% 178	29.79% 182	611	3.63
d. Homes with garage apartments or secondary/accessory homes on the same lot	32.72% 197	25.42% 153	22.92% 138	12.29% 74	6.64% 40	602	2.35
e. Duplexes (a building with two <u>separate</u> , but attached units)	40.13% 240	25.92% 155	21.40% 128	9.03% 54	3.51% 21	598	2.1
f. Townhomes (a row of houses attached to other houses)	38.02% 230	20.17% 122	21.98% 133	12.07% 73	7.77% 47	605	2.88
g. Garden-style apartments (two to three story buildings, each with multiple units, arranged around a centralized open space amenity area)	23.34% 141	13.74% 83	26.82% 162	23.51% 142	12.58% 76	604	2.88
h. Bungalow-style apartments (single-story detached homes within a community owned and managed by a single property owner)	38.29% 229	22.41% 134	23.58% 141	10.37% 62	5.35% 32	598	2.22
i. Hotel-style apartments (larger, four+ story elevator served buildings where units are accessed from interior corridors)	19.17% 116	15.54% 94	28.43% 172	20.99% 127	15.87% 96	605	2.99
j. Age restricted or senior oriented communities	30.36% 184	20.63% 125	28.05% 170	14.36% 87	6.6% 40	606	2.46

Q11. Rate the desirability for the following business types in downtown: [628 answered]

Response	1 Star	2 Stars	3 Stars	4 Stars	5 Stars	Total	Weighted Average
a. Mixed use with housing (e.g., retail on the first floor with apartments on the floors above)	9.59% 59	12.2% 75	24.88% 153	29.76% 183	23.58% 145	615	3.46
b. Start-up and small business including boutique retail	3.7% 23	7.09% 44	21.58% 134	35.1% 218	32.53% 202	621	3.86
c. General and medical office	21.39% 132	23.99% 148	27.07% 167	17.99% 111	9.56% 59	617	2.7
d. Hotel and lodging	14.33% 89	12.56% 78	21.58% 134	26.57% 165	24.96% 155	621	3.35
e. Craft manufacturing (manufacturing products by hand)	10.08% 62	14.47% 89	34.15% 210	26.02% 160	15.28% 94	615	3.22
f. Restaurants and nightlife	3.35% 21	2.72% 17	11.98% 75	24.6% 154	57.35% 359	626	4.3
g. Light industrial, such as warehousing and light manufacturing	32.74% 203	26.29% 163	27.58% 171	7.42% 46	5.97% 37	620	2.28

Q12. Rate the desirability of the following employment and tourism opportunities/techniques in downtown: [627 answered]

Response	1 Star	2 Stars	3 Stars	4 Stars	5 Stars	Total	Weighted Average
a. Events and festivals	3.36% 21	3.52% 22	14.72% 92	30.24% 189	48.16% 301	625	4.16
b. Art galleries and studios	7.54% 47	9.95% 62	26.32% 164	27.29% 170	28.89% 180	623	3.6
c. Bars and craft breweries	7.05% 44	8.17% 51	16.35% 102	21.96% 137	46.47% 290	624	3.93
d. Start-ups	3.57% 22	8.6% 53	28.41% 175	28.73% 177	30.68% 189	616	3.74
e. Hospitality and lodging	9.66% 60	11.27% 70	24.64% 153	28.34% 176	26.09% 162	621	3.5
f. Marketing and advertising	10.95% 68	19.81% 123	35.59% 221	19.16% 119	14.49% 90	621	3.06

Q13. Rate the importance of the following features in public spaces downtown: [627 answered]

Response	1 Star	2 Stars	3 Stars	4 Stars	5 Stars	Total	Weighted Average
a. Street trees and shade	2.58% 16	5.32% 33	23.71% 147	29.52% 183	38.87% 241	620	3.97
b. Wide sidewalks and crosswalks	1.92% 12	3.37% 21	15.06% 94	30.45% 190	49.20% 307	624	4.22
c. Dedicated bicycle lanes and bicycle parking	16.8% 104	13.73% 85	25.2% 156	20.36% 126	23.91% 148	619	3.21
d. Comfortable outdoor seating and sidewalk dining	2.08% 13	4.32% 27	12.64% 79	33.44% 209	47.52% 297	625	4.2
e. Wayfinding/directional signage	5.95% 37	12.38% 77	29.42% 183	27.01% 168	25.24% 157	622	3.53
f. Landscape and plantings/planters	4.18% 26	8.04% 50	20.90% 130	29.10% 181	37.78% 235	622	3.88
g. Lighting and safety	0.8% 5	2.25% 14	8.99% 56	29.53% 182	58.43% 364	623	4.43
h. Technology (e.g., public Wi-Fi, mobile applications, etc.)	6.13% 38	8.55% 53	23.39% 145	29.35% 182	32.58% 202	620	3.74
i. Public art	9.84% 61	10.97% 68	25.48% 158	24.19% 150	29.52% 183	620	3.53

Q14. Which three development types are most needed and appropriate in downtown Hutchinson? (Select your top three responses. If you select more than three options, you will not be able to advance to the next question.) [619 answered]

- Work force housing: Housing where a minimum percentage of the units must be affordable for lower income residents and local workers - 19.39% (120)
- Townhomes/duplexes: Townhomes or duplexes that are renter- or owner-occupied - 11.15% (69)
- Live/work units: A single unit (e.g., studio, loft, one bedroom, etc.) that consists of both a commercial/office and a residential component that is occupied by the same resident - 25.85% (160)
- Mixed use (5+ stories): Mixed use development with retail/office/dining on the bottom floor with multiple floors of residential above - 25.04% (155)
- Mixed use (3-4 stories): Mixed use development with retail/office/dining on the bottom floor with multiple floors of residential above - 29.9% (247)
- Mixed use (2 stories): Mixed use development with retail/office/dining on the bottom floor and office or residential above - 34.57% (214)
- Office space: Traditional office space or shared co-working spaces and open office concepts - 16.32% (101)
- Commercial space: Retail/restaurant opportunities without residential above - 49.92% (309)
- Green space, parks, and recreation: Pocket parks, public spaces, outdoor venues, etc. - 52.83% (327)
- Other (please specify) - 4.2% (26)

**Q15. Do you view downtown as a community gathering space and source of identity for Hutchinson? [595 answered]**

- Yes – 79% (473)
- No – 20.5% (122)

**Q16. Would you like to see additional community gathering spaces in downtown? [594 answered]**

- Yes – 79.46% (472)
- No – 15.66% (93)
- Other (please specify) – 4.88% (29)

**Q17. What types of retail businesses would you like to see more of in downtown? (Select your top three responses.) [601 answered]**

- Restaurants/bars – 76.71% (461)
- Brewery/distillery – 25.12% (151)
- Boutiques – 27.79% (167)
- Movie theatre/live entertainment – 36.11% (217)
- Ice cream shop – 25.79% (155)
- Coffee house – 34.61% (208)
- Furniture and home furnishings – 6.49% (39)
- Hair salon/barber shop – 1.33% (8)
- Clothing and accessories – 30.78% (185)
- Farmers' market – 22.96% (138)

**Q18. Which of the following types of food-related establishments would you most like to see more of in downtown Hutchinson? (Select your top three responses). [601 answered]**

- Casual/fast casual dining – 44.59% (268)
- Fine dining – 58.57% (352)
- Café/coffee shops – 40.43% (243)
- Bakeries/ice cream shops – 23.46% (141)
- Bars/pubs/breweries – 38.6% (232)
- Distilleries – 7.49% (45)
- Grocers/butchers/craft or artisan grocers – 27.29% (164)
- Farmers' market/food hall – 25.96% (156)
- Food trucks – 22.3% (134)
- Other – 2.66% (16)

**Q19. What kind of recreational activities would you like to see more of in downtown Hutchinson? (Select your top three responses.) [601 answered]**

- Walking trails – 40.77% (245)
- Bike trails – 23.13% (139)
- Playground – 26.76% (161)
- Swimming pool/splash pad – 17.8% (107)
- Dog park – 24.63% (148)
- Community garden – 27.95% (168)
- Outdoor amphitheater – 61.56% (370)
- Event center – 43.43% (261)
- Other (please specify) – 4.49% (27)

**Q20. What amenities and additions would you like to see more of in downtown Hutchinson? (Select your top three responses.) [601 answered]**

- Trashcans – 14.64% (88)
- Public restrooms – 50.92% (306)
- Public art – 27.79% (167)
- Benches – 34.44% (207)
- Parks/open space – 33.78% (203)
- Picnic areas – 22.46% (135)
- Landscaping and shade features – 54.91% (330)
- Public Wi-Fi – 31.95% (192)
- Other (please specify) – 5.82% (35)

**Q21. What safety and mobility features would you like to see more of in downtown Hutchinson? (Select your top three responses.) [601 answered]**

- Sidewalks – 24.96% (150)
- Crosswalks – 25.46% (153)
- Bike lanes – 27.29% (164)
- Bike racks – 20.47% (123)
- Public transit infrastructure – 21.8% (131)
- Parking – 24.11% (205)
- Streetlights – 30.95% (186)
- Signage and maps of downtown – 35.94% (216)
- Medians with vegetation – 23.63% (142)
- Delivery truck infrastructure/planning – 19.8% (119)
- Other (please specify) – 5.16% (31)

**Q22. What physical characteristics of downtown Hutchinson would you most like to see preserved as it evolves over time? (Blank text box) [350 answered]**

- The old buildings
- Old downtown charm. Historical buildings.
- Old downtown building charm
- Brick buildings, current art.
- The old buildings. I think it's important for the present & future generations to have a connection to the great history of Hutchinson
- Architecture and vintage neon signs
- The feel of places like what used to be the bank on Main and 2nd or Peagues.
- I would love to keep as much of the old storefront look as possible. Preserving history.
- Old historical buildings
- Old buildings kept up
- Murals on buildings
- The old store front brick and dates with history
- Original storefronts
- Historical buildings and original storefronts, flower beds along Main street, Cow Creek access points
- Original building design
- Memorial Hall at Avenue A and Walnut
- Old storefronts
- Nothing, it would be a waste of money.
- Brick Streets
- Historic look and feel
- The historical buildings
- I do like the charm of downtown Main Street when I am walking along and shopping.
- The older architecture of many downtown buildings
- The historical facades and "Main Street" style buildings (storefront, at least 2 story, party walls)
- The original architecture. I like what they did with the Wiley building. It was updated, but the style was left intact.
- Love the sculptures at certain corners and the benches and corner flower beds. Feels more "welcoming"
- The preservation of historical buildings.
- Green spaces
- South end of town needs cleaned up badly. It a eye sore for our visitors
- The buildings downtown (not quite as South as almost to Carey Park) all have so much character. They're unique, such as the Anchor Inn restaurant's look, or many shops downtown such as boutiques.
- Main Street cool architecture should be cleaned up but preserved
- Old style store fronts
- Old historic building facades.
- Historical
- Old buildings
- Appearance of downtown historic buildings
- The History!! Please bring old buildings back to life but preserve the history.
- The old buildings reused for shops
- Buildings fully ADA accessible all main entrances
- I thought it was really cool on the lights on the corner, but then they burned out they slapped in a bunch of crap and called it good
- Maybe when the cops are out, they do not harass people when they are walking

- Maybe places could stay out past 8p on the weekends
- Some of the old buildings themselves that have nice features and characteristics-renovated instead of torn down.
- The natural structure of the original buildings
- Restoration of original building fronts
- Closeness.
- Historical Buildings
- S. Main
- Historical buildings and landmarks that are worth noting for educational purposes.
- The older store fronts, when maintained, have a wonderful charm. The Amtrak station could become more of a focus.
- Brick buildings
- Building sidings
- The historical buildings and the wide two-lane driving.
- Parks, historic buildings (with the stories behind the buildings).
- I like the seating, and the art murals. I like trash containers and flower planters.
- I love the different artwork and murals that have gone up in recent years and I also hope the old charm of the buildings can be preserved.
- Old-time architecture look, but with consistency throughout the buildings.
- Any old buildings give it character, so as long as they are safe, I'd like to see those kept.
- To use the buildings already in place.
- Landscaping
- Preserve the beautiful buildings
- Brick/stone buildings.
- I like the sort of frontier vibe the town has in some areas.
- Historic buildings and their histories
- The original buildings, perhaps upgraded.
- The number of storefronts plus more evening opportunities.
- Needs to maintain classic look, needs to warm and inviting to foot traffic. Windows-hoping friendly
- Original store fronts
- Historical buildings
- Nothing, everything must change that is the beauty of life we should embrace it rather than neglect
- Buildings there renovated into new use...in particular, all the buildings 3 blocks in front of Carey Park... reuse them or tear down...horrific eye sore!!!
- Architectural /historically relevant buildings
- The historical aspects of the buildings
- Historic building preservation, downtown hotels, boutique shops.
- Keep historical looks as much as possible
- Keep the old as much as possible. Celebrate Hutchinson's long, varied history!
- Use old building for homeless or do something with them
- Historic buildings
- PUBLIC ART, FLOWERS, LANDSCAPING
- Memorial Hall
- It's fine
- Old buildings
- Outside architecture of the buildings
- Historical buildings
- Murals, historic buildings, flowers and trees
- None.

- Character of the exterior of the older building. Fix the landmark building
- The brick streets are cool. The old buildings and murals are fun. I like the planters on the streetlamps.
- The character of the oldest buildings should be preserved.
- Building architecture
- The architectural structure of some of the older buildings
- The architectural elements of the buildings. It gives downtown character
- The historic buildings and historic feel of Hutch.
- Store fronts
- Old Hutchinson National Bank
- South Main buildings
- Train station
- Family arts and entertainment for evenings and weekends throughout the year not just holidays, and a nice variety of businesses.
- The older architecture from the start of our town mixed with some modern amenities
- Renovation of old buildings or tear them down.
- Modern, aesthetically pleasing structures. Clean businesses that have the appearance of modern style (fresh paints, clean windows, good color).
- The art/sculptures and beautiful old buildings
- Calm and beautiful. Not too crowded. Feels like a neighborhood for those of us that live here.
- The history of the buildings
- The old buildings update but not destroyed
- Ave A park. Stage and green space
- The old buildings, historical looks.
- Locally owned businesses, public art
- Flowers, flags.
- I think the old historic buildings should be preserved.
- The Pegues wheat; the Jillian's building. I'd love to see the building next to the railroad tracks downtown maybe be a semi-outdoor event venue. Don't tear down buildings that are unique, but clean them up.
- Building facades to remain original.
- Historic buildings preserved, parks and greenery areas preserved
- Original bldg fronts
- Character- the Hallmark feeling
- ?
- Nature
- The architecture of the downtown buildings.
- DCI, Ave A and George Pyle Parks. I would like to see them enhanced (seating options and/or LQC movable furniture for events) and more connected to one another through bike lanes/paths and some kind of interesting pathway/signage.
- All the public art. The seating. The planters and trees that exist.
- Historical signs and buildings
- The landscaping and public art is so visually appealing, I hope to see that quality beautification maintained. I would like to see the parks continue to be maintained and utilized for events and activities, especially in the warmer months.
- THE WIDE WIDTH OF MAIN STREET THROUGH DOWNTOWN AND NORTH TO 30TH.
- Historical
- Store front angle parking, preserving the Fox and Memorial Hall
- None

- Ideal! More opportunities in the gardening industry. Example, land, grants for buying land. Education in this field. Growing food on the outskirts of Hutchinson. Preserve the Hutchinson Community Garden!!
- Historical properties, old signage, unique features that can be used to attract tourists
- Restored brick and stone architecture
- The feel of old Hutchinson!
- Expand seating areas east and west 1 block with small trees for shade
- I'd like to see the buildings revitalized and properly utilized, which isn't happening currently.
- Parks
- Fox Theatre
- Downtown housing
- The unique character of downtown.
- The face fronts of stores and historical exterior elements.
- The streetscape that was done 20 years ago needs some love. There are broken benches and tables, trash cans are looking very worn, and a lot of the curbs are beat up.
- Street art, diverse local businesses, the food markets
- Landscaping is nice. Save old buildings
- Store fronts and original buildings preserved and maintained. Restoring of buildings with historical significance
- Continue artwork displays - add quiriness to downtown
- The Antique District
- Old buildings preserved
- The historic buildings, the old-time atmosphere, friendliness and charm of the town.
- Old buildings
- The older building's original design.
- Brick streets
- I love the downtown art. I love that our downtown isn't corporate! Mom & pops stores are the best and we always try to support them.
- Historical buildings like the Fox preserved
- The older style buildings. They add to the character of the area.
- Older buildings maintained
- Disabled accessibility
- The parks and landscaping are beautiful and need to be maintained. The older architecture needs to be preserved and well maintained.
- The historic building fronts and brick streets.
- Building facades
- Downtown building facades.
- Nothing
- Storefront architecture
- Historical store fronts.
- Original, historic building facades.
- None of it.
- Historic buildings
- Small town atmosphere, historical buildings,
- Old buildings
- Memorial Hall
- General skyline, original facades, historical walking tour
- The historic preservation of the buildings.
- Save the historic old buildings, keep current landscape/parks, but add more Antique district, unique buildings, lofts.



- The Fox theater, Flag theater, the Wiley Building, Memorial Hall, antique district. Fix up Carey Park.
- All the landscaping and Avenue A Park to be preserved
- Historical exterior of the buildings, but with appropriate maintenance
- The buildings
- The character of the old buildings; but making sure they are preserved and kept in good condition (exterior and interior)
- Feeling safe when in the area.
- The old downtown look. Hutchinson's history of downtown is somewhat unique in some ways because of flooding, railroad, salt and founding fathers that cared about this community and put their money into it.
- Ease of traffic flow. It's only gotten more and more congested as traffic lanes get reduced to add in bike lanes that are hardly utilized at all, which results in even more dangerous crossings for pedestrians. Specifically, I'm looking at Avenue A and Walnut, where most people have to try and walk across Avenue A to get to Memorial Hall when most available parking is north of the street. The same amount of traffic flows through, and the city decided to throw in bike lanes on both sides, reduce the street to one lane each direction for cars, reduce the width of Walnut (which requires cars driving through there to pull up further to see oncoming traffic, reducing pedestrians' viewing distance), and the squeeze on traffic means that same traffic flow is now going through half the width and making it take even longer for the intersection to clear and it stays clear an even shorter period of time. All that without ANY TRAFFIC SIGNALS. Not to say I'm asking for even more of those; traffic lights are terrible for traffic flow downtown with virtually every light being timed and timed to force cars to stop at every light instead of actually allowing traffic to flow properly.
- Original storefront and restoration as is reasonable, easily navigable layout of the town center.
- The "quaintness". With so many locally owned businesses, downtown feels comfortable and cozy.
- Old Buildings
- Unique and historical building facades -- wide streets -- uncluttered sidewalks -- roof-line lights on all buildings
- Classic old buildings
- Parks and splash pads
- Old buildings skyline
- Public art and historic buildings (provided they can find modern uses).
- Love the multi-story buildings and the architecture of some of the older bank buildings. Would love to make sure trees are not removed or if they are, they are replaced.
- Historic buildings retain charm, original/renovated facades, no more orange paint. A cohesive look.
- The history of the architecture. Try to adhere to "green" eco-friendly as much as fiscally/responsibly able.
- Key buildings in the downtown area, especially those buildings in the blocks of Ave C through 3rd Ave
- Antique District and hotel/motel
- Historical buildings that bring value to the community. Preserving those that can be is important to me.
- Facades of buildings
- The nice historic buildings.
- Old buildings
- Original buildings
- Character and charm
- The historic make of the buildings.
- Some of the historical buildings brought up and incorporated into the new model of our future
- Storefront appearances
- History
- The history. I think it's important to preserve the buildings with appropriate safety updates as needed. i.e., limestone bricks, window frames, indoor ceilings with historical ornate designs, and definitely consider

history for tasteful signage on a building. To me, this gives our downtown unique character and atmosphere that "big city" living doesn't offer.

- Affordability to live and shop downtown, art
- Occupied retail space.
- Historic buildings and storefronts
- Love the small shops ran by individuals.
- Things that have significance; such as statues. venues: such as Fox Theatre and anything with historic value.
- Doesn't matter to us
- The historic nature of buildings.
- Clean, refurbished store fronts. Some of the empty stores cleaned and refurbished.
- History of old buildings and events and areas reserved for just walking and activity with food trucks
- The Fox Theater, Convention Hall, continue 4 lanes for flow of traffic
- Not to lose the small hometown feel.
- Love the old buildings
- The historical building facades, the newer landscapes areas and the wide sidewalks
- Building designs left alone or enhanced.
- Appreciate when old buildings are re-purposed! Also like clean streets and sidewalks!
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- Original facades, local business parking access on store signage.
- Preserve the History of our Town.
- Building Frontage
- Landscaping
- Bike lanes and Parking.
- Historic buildings
- Historical spots and architecture
- Original Downtown Buildings that have been up kept
- Need a food truck park
- Don't allow cheap signage
- Small town feel and look.
- The wide cross walks at corners and mid street.
- The historical aspect of it. As a collector of Hutch history, I love the rich and vibrant buildings of yesteryear. They need to be preserved and shown to younger generations. I like the small-town feel.
- The murals on the buildings add a lot of character, the flowers and plants always look nice
- Historic well-kept buildings
- Historic buildings, tall buildings, the courthouse, the Landmark building and the Fox Theater. Wiley building and convention hall.
- Sculpture and flower plantings
- The wide Main Street. I think that is a unique and attractive part of our downtown.
- The train depot. The flowing river and parks. The trees memorial hall.
- We don't need more chain restaurants.
- Historic facades
- Fox theatre
- Old architecture
- Don't know!
- Historical view of the existing buildings.
- The brick roads, what trees and natural landscape that is already there
- Historic buildings
- Historic buildings and public art

- The history of the older buildings, bringing back as much of the exterior of buildings to original. Also expand the size of double-sided signage allowed on business.
- Main Street aesthetics, small town vibes, and small businesses.
- Keep the character of the old buildings as much as possible
- Storefronts
- Main Street and how it appears now is great!
- Older buildings
- The Fox Theater and any historical buildings
- Parks, local family-owned businesses, and historical buildings.
- The exposed brick, and craftsman details.
- Clean up the historical buildings
- Local art and pretty flowers < 3
- Locality and history are at the core of hutch
- Historic buildings. Too many rundown buildings.
- The area is already a bit of mixed architectural design, so I don't think there is an existing theme that needs to be maintained. Don't be afraid to tear down dilapidated structures if they'll be replaced with something tasteful.
- Use some of the empty buildings instead of allowing to build new one
- The original facade of buildings.
- Keep the historic look of the buildings.
- The 'original' brick appearances and other aesthetics of buildings carry a nostalgia of what downtowns were in their hay day.
- Historic Buildings
- Condition of historical buildings & landmarks
- The little statues everywhere
- Just a cohesive plan
- Historical buildings
- Fine dining
- Continued redevelopment of existing historical structures and new construction to have similar styles/features
- Landscaping
- Continue adding stores
- Inviting retail and dining
- I love some of the old buildings that have some character!
- Not sure
- The Main Street America feel.
- The older or historical buildings.
- Overall style and look
- Shopping
- Historical buildings
- Unsure. I know Salina's downtown seems like a shining example of Hutch could be though
- I love the small town downtown feel of things. I would like to see more lofts built in the existing buildings.
- Architecture and the look of older buildings.
- Character/history
- N/A
- Restore and preserve the original architectural design of the older buildings. Make new construction conform to original styles and designs.
- The buildings. They have so much to tell and continually renovating them is taking away so much character.

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- Architecture and history
- Nothing. It all needs to be updated so that it doesn't look so run down
- Outside Characteristics of buildings preserved
- The general look of the architecture
- The historical buildings - to reinvent them not torn down.
- Preserve existing buildings where feasible.
- Historic buildings like the Flag, Fox, and Wiley
- The building facade on most of the buildings
- The older buildings should stay; however, they need to be allowed to be fixed or upgraded for better efficiency.
- I like the artwork that's present. I miss Julians, like Salt City, Carl's and Sand Hills
- Keep historic buildings and re-purpose them
- The exterior historical aspects of the buildings.
- We have a strong commitment to public art already, with multiple murals and sculptures, with new ones being added each year. We should maintain and strengthen our commitment to public art.
- I feel the historical characteristics of downtown need to be preserved/enhanced while at the same time integrating the new plans to meld and flow seamlessly. I love Hutchinson & would love nothing more than to see a beautiful and vibrant downtown.
- Playgrounds, vegetation areas
- Preserve and or refurbish old buildings.
- N/A
- The history of downtown and the buildings
- Architecture
- Keep look of buildings
- The architecture and history of the buildings
- Keep the historical charm of downtown but make it a destination for unique shops and boutiques.
- Older buildings
- History
- Old buildings
- Old time feel... No more RIDICULOUS spending on RIDICULOUS art. GET OUR SPENDING AND TAXES UNDER CONTROL OR NONE OF THIS MATTERS.
- The history and old feel
- Historical
- Getting rid of all the old houses and all the old buildings that nobody uses. Also stop getting rid of all the antique shops, roads (like the brick roads) and all the ugly antique houses on Ave A, B and Sherman.
- Historical buildings maintained as part of the design
- Historical buildings of
- Historical buildings
- The mural on the wall.
- The landmark historical buildings that are in good condition to remain fairly untouched from the exterior. Ave A park in place but kept up (urine smell cleaned up), old signs preserved like Steven's building
- None
- Save the old buildings and encourage restoration.
- Landscaping maintained; murals maintained
- The old building facades
- Original storefronts
- Ave A Park and Street Art

- Antique District
- The historical appearance of existing buildings.
- Avenue A park/bridge
- I love the old buildings; however, some need a lot of TLC. The Landmark needs to be fixed or demo'd
- Btw: Totally unrelated but the Eaton building is a huge EYE SORE coming into Hutch.
- Preserve the historical integrity of downtown buildings. Remove false fronts and restore building facades
- The beautiful brick buildings
- The original storefronts
- Buildings with beautiful architecture
- History in the form of pics and plaques.
- Saving older buildings/structures.
- Keep some of the beautiful buildings. Downtown has such an old time feel and if up kept or repaired could be absolutely gorgeous.
- Increase the cohesion of the units by repairing and upkeeping the building fronts and insides. Some of these buildings are breath taking but heartbreaking because they are dilapidated.
- Preserve the original buildings store fronts.
- Landmark Hotel. Great potential and would bring that block to life even more!
- The charm of the store fronts
- Any unique and original architecture still in good condition.
- Faces of old buildings restored
- Amtrak
- Art. Fox Theatre. Longevity of businesses.
- The art
- Original building facades.
- Old buildings and façades. Brick sidewalks. No buildings more than 5 stories.
- The murals. That have been painted. Wish the rest of downtown looked more like Main Street.
- Beautiful old building facades
- Existing buildings re-purposed or rebuilt to make them appealing places to lease/buy for businesses. Renovate Landmark.
- The building facades.
- I most enjoy that landscaping and flower beds in Downtown with the art sculptures worked into them.
- The historic architecture
- The buildings should be preserved. Funds should be allocated to repair/maintain them on a grant basis.
- Character of older buildings

**Q23. What physical characteristics of downtown Hutchinson would you most like to see changed as it evolves over time? (Blank text box) [329 answered]**

- The “good” and “safe” areas are confined mostly from Sherman to Avenue B. Most up to that is kinda sketchy visually, past Smiths Market is also sketchy. I’m not sure about any streets off of Main Street because I don’t request them. The alleyways are pretty sketchy around here too. Would be nice for them to resemble Wichita’s old town district where the alleyways are walkable and feel safer. Eventually, it would be nice to have all of Main Street be a visually appealing and lively place. There are a lot of empty buildings that I need TLC so it takes the life out of the town.
- Not so many dilapidated empty buildings. It’s a waste.
- No empty dilapidated building. Looks dumpy and run down. It is not inviting.
- Unified signage so it captures attention when someone drives down the street.
- More greenery. Trees/Plants/Shrubs.
- The falling apart and the “who cares about these people so let’s not worry about” roads
- Less concrete, more green spaces!
- Fewer shops that say they sell antiques that aren’t of good quality like the one near Midwest Iron
- Less public amenities that homeless would gather at.
- Confusing patterns of traffic signage--started when “Francisco “ was still here--a mass removal of traffic lights downtown to save \$\$\$. Bad move for drivers and pedestrians.
- The store fronts themselves updated with improved lighting and signage for bigger impact. You can have an updated storefront and keep the history of the building on second and third story.
- Renovation of storefronts that have been “updated” to cover historic buildings; fill empty buildings and preserve buildings that have fallen into disrepair; improve entry corridors to downtown (woody seat freeway).
- Older buildings that are present an eyesore
- Lack of parking
- More cycling options
- Let it die.
- Signs on buildings
- General feeling of unsafety - I’m a young single woman walking around
- Move out the furniture stores. Visitors are not coming to shop furniture. Fill those spaces with other shopping alternatives. Gift shops, a game room for kids like Dave & Busters, shoe stores etc.
- While I think that Main Street does a nice job with the aesthetics (flowers, art, lighting, etc.), I do not feel the same on the streets just one block off of Main Street. I prefer not to walk on those sidewalks in certain areas and would like to see those areas become more aesthetically pleasing. I think having more consistency in signage/outdoor curb appeal would help unify downtown and make it more visually pleasing. It would help to have more signage overall of attractions downtown.
- Public transportation and green spaces
- Focus on improving existing dilapidated buildings and financially help existing local businesses relocate to them so that they have an active tenant.
- I don’t like seeing boarded up windows above the main floor of many of the businesses.
- Many closed businesses that have horrible looking fronts (for example Smedleys). Some of the downtown sidewalks are in bad shape. South Main needs to be “evened out” with some of the train tracks.
- Many, many years ago, as a mother and daycare provider I was able to take my kids to the water park. Now I have seen many homeless overtake the park and the restroom as their place to sleep and hangout. Leaving trash, needles and personal belongings. Over time, the change I would hope to see is a way to provide adequate housing for the homeless.
- Also, more small businesses who are able to afford to rent or lease buildings. More events and outdoor concerts. Downtown farmers market with food trucks, live music, outdoor seating or balcony seating.

- No green spaces
- Once you hit a certain point on Main Street, the buildings start to look very sketchy in comparison to slightly more north on Main. Once you hit GunBros, basically everything south of that begins to look like you'd want to turn around and go back North again. Those buildings could be refurbished and turned into businesses, or demolished and turned into parks or picnic areas, or art displays.
- I like the suggestions of the expanded green space block, the convention center, the connected and well-lit walkways and spaces, the suggestion of the future art museum, and updated history museum. We still need a PEDESTRIAN ONLY restaurant block on Walnut just south of Fox Theater. Even if it's only one block, it would be such an asset and a huge mistake to not include it. Two blocks would be even better over time, but we may not have the numbers to justify that right away.
- Parking
- Decrepit buildings/homes revived, remodeled, cleaned up. Community spaces freshened up. No abandoned buildings.
- Empty buildings gone
- Better handicapped spaces
- Wall murals, quality of roads/sidewalks, street lighting
- Add more murals to make it look pretty - by local artists?
- Fill and update vacant/underutilized properties
- Make the downtown feel like one space instead of different sections as you go down main
- Like Salina.
- Buildings that are more "modern" (after the 1960s) that are in bad repair just torn down.
- The old walkways with small tree in the median
- Cohesive look of building fronts, timeless and traditional
- Building/Structure aesthetics.
- Bike Lanes, Improve building conditions
- Renovations made to showcase local performing artists. Visual art has been a focus in the art community for most of Hutchinson development for the last decade, but I would like to see spaces improved so the conditions are favorable for the people in our community that have an inner performer and just need the right stage.
- The older buildings that have deteriorated and been neglected need a facelift.
- Fill empty spaces
- The deteriorating buildings put back into shape.
- More greenery and landscaping with less of the concrete jungle
- More curb appeal, nice landscaping, good night lighting, more parking for restaurants, theater, and window shopping.
- Some of the old store fronts that have not been maintained over the years. Needs painted or touched up. They have neighbors that have fixed their stores up just to be next to a store that's run down. Lighted signs at night would brighten up downtown
- More parking
- It's really sad to see all of the old businesses boarded up/vandalized. It would be great to see empty spaces brought back to life.
- Some store signs could use updating and in the empty storefronts, it would be nice if there was some kind of art or display for people to see as they walked by, so it wasn't so apparent that that store was empty.
- To update all the vacant buildings.
- Vacant buildings
- Less empty buildings but please preserve them
- The empty buildings
- Less empty stores!

- There needs to be a lot more green, especially in the way of trees. A lot less billboard style advertising, that stuff is just tacky looking.
- Availability to senior citizens and safety for those in downtown.
- Quaint small-town vibe (brick, trees, etc.). Maybe reduce the scope. You are taking on a huge area. The downtown nights are a huge undertaking for walking the distance with no parking. (Get rid of the pawn shops, tattoo parlors, etc.)
- Remove the stupid art that mean nothing
- The condition of the street as it transitions to and from the two train tracks south of Smith's market. So rough and so bad for vehicles of all kinds.
- Remove cheap store front cover
- I would like to see the gap between the median and the lower-class change. You high-horse northerners simply love to spend taxes on remodeling and reconstructing a town filled with homeless and poor people but won't do a thing when it comes to helping the community. Spending tax dollars on a new downtown is the biggest waste of money and if you would like a further detailed plan about how we should spend those tax dollars the most efficient and effective way to help the greater population then send me an email [tomnoxuzi@gmail.com](mailto:tomnoxuzi@gmail.com) or (620) 521-8872
- A smaller version of Wichita downtown...
- Make the town look less "old and dusty" so that it is more appealing visually
- Sidewalks, parking, other safety features. Also making train tracks smoother to drive over.
- Removal of signage if operations have ceased. Cleanliness of properties.
- I just want to see empty building filled with businesses and housing
- More green spaces, trees, plants.
- A place that the homeless can go to lock their stuff up during the day so maybe they could get jobs and not have to carry their stuff all the time.
- USING BUILDINGS FOR STORAGE OF JUNK, FACADES OF BUILDING BE MADE MORE ATTRACTIVE
- Put the older buildings back to their original store fronts by removing all the 50's facades
- Less control from the Hutch Rec
- More outdoor opportunities - like sidewalk cafes - outdoor seating for hangouts
- Less road. More median with greenery, and bike lanes
- More shops where people can just walk in to buy things or eat or experience things, less empty buildings
- Old buildings updated or torn down.
- Store fronts. Blending all together for a new clean look.
- Bring back the streetcar
- I love the public art - the murals and art that is created by the community, not necessarily the statues that were from the public art committee.
- Improve the eye sore, run-down, abandoned buildings
- Upgrade Memorial Hall into a modern venue with air conditioning allowing for year-round use of the hall while maintaining the historic look and nature of the building.
- Keep the brick buildings
- Vacant building owners held to at least keep up the cleanliness, upkeep of their building fronts
- I would really like to see old buildings restored and filled with businesses.
- Empty buildings utilized
- I would like to see more vegetation in the medians of the roads like we use to have in junction with crosswalks. Spruce up of the building facades with a little help from the city even if they are empty.
- The out of half of our downtown businesses that are closed and look like a ghetto driving down Main Street
- Places to shop and bars/restaurants

- Have pro-business, friendly tax rates for the current businesses in downtown. It's way too expensive to own and operate a business on Main Street currently. Also, that should lead to growth and the fixing up of the stretch south of Ave B to the Carey Park entrance if you entice individuals to invest in business downtown with friendly business environment and the cutting of red tape from local government.
- The old buildings brought back to life with more living space for Airbnb/hotel for our city's big events like the State Fair, Juco tournaments
- Safer crosswalks. More shopping resources. More low-income housing options, and job opportunities.
- Not having empty lofts and abandoned buildings all over
- Add more beauty/flowers/lighting
- Empty stores/stores closing early or odd hours
- Parking right on Main Street. I think there should be more centralized off-street parking areas.
- More housing
- Buildings updated.
- South of the railroad tracks and before Carey Park needs some help - The cute buildings like the eye dr. place should be kept, but the metal buildings further down could be demo'd and rebuilt for other purposes - perhaps industrial.
- Nicer streetlights and Christmas Decorations
- More parking, more aesthetic development north of 3rd street
- Brick roads replaced
- Deteriorating buildings fixed
- Blight, buildings deteriorating
- ?
- Get rid of empty buildings
- Preserve the Landmark Hotel.
- I would actually be in favor of a new parking garage if we could eliminate Main Street Parking... allow streets to be pedestrians with bike lanes in the middle.
- Metal facades. Four lane traffic. Updated banner fixtures and updated/more intentional use of banners on light poles.
- More activities for kids and families to engage in at a low cost
- I would like to see the variety of shops expand downtown over time. Some shops are not well maintained (inside or outside) and it affects the overall appeal of the whole district. Pride of place by those who live and work in that neighborhood should be physically visible.
- RESTORATION OF ORIGINAL STORE FRONTS.
- Deteriorated and empty buildings
- Making downtown a destination place, more nightlife, more public art, salt hawk statues around town similar to the horses in Lindsborg.
- The amount of businesses. Stuff to do in general. No more empty buildings
- Knitting is a type of art, Example, Fair Isle. Use the Art building in town to sell knitted sweaters etc.?! Just a thought!
- Get all covered windows and facades opened up, if windows need to be boarded up have them decorated
- Some of the ugly metal/plastic signage and fascia for businesses.
- The dirty and ran down used part of downtown that look bad.
- Facelift front signage
- More greenery and better overall aesthetic of downtown while walking and or driving downtown.
- I'd like to see a city without outdoor public beer and liquor serving events done away with
- More pedestrian friendly.
- More shade, more seating, more trees. More wind blocks artistically added in.

- I would like to see more effort to keep the gutters clean and the sidewalks free of weeds. The alleys are very trashy
- Bringing in more industry and investing in small businesses.
- The run-down and closed store fronts need to be revitalized
- Better sidewalks and alleys need repaired for safety.
- Landscaping for all four seasons
- Infill of vacant or substandard buildings with all of the above amenities mentioned as quality business options.
- Get rid of vape shops.
- Vacant buildings offering reduced rent so tenants can be found. Nothing worse than vacancies, messy storefronts, dirty and ugly window displays, and dirty sidewalks.
- Hotel at 5th and Main needs fast improvement
- The Memorial Hall taken down and replaced with a building that could be used.
- Center of street parking - hard to see traffic/pedestrians.
- We have a very large downtown with a lot of vacant buildings. We need to consolidate large, deteriorated blocks and turn into fresh new housing or wide-open green space. Not low-income housing, but hip housing for young professionals.
- Parking for downtown area needs to be fixed especially when there are major events like parades or Third Thursday that prevents Main Street parking. Also, the presence of homeless people. We love Ave A Splash Pad but refuse to go there because of all the homeless people bathing and/or hanging out there.
- Possibly taller mixed-use buildings if there is a need. 4 to 10 story buildings like the Wiley building
- More opportunities to cross the street safely
- Parking lots
- Disability access
- Renovations of old buildings that are left vacant and rot away. South Main is in dire need of attention.
- The lack of parking and the rolling up of the sidewalks at 6PM.
- Move away from automobile infrastructure toward bike/walk/public transit with safe transitions to areas surrounding the "downtown" area defined by your map.
- Traffic needs to slow down, more things to do in the evenings/weekends. We have one bar/eatery that closes at 4 p.m. on Saturday?!? Something that could bring youth downtown would be good too. Axe It Up is a great addition to our downtown! But kids have to be 18. What can we do to bring a few activities/businesses that cater to youth. But also, will cater to that couple who want to go out for a nice dinner and show. The loss of Jillian's to our downtown is a negative impact. Where do you go downtown for dinner/drink before or after a Fox Show?? Need to implement a plan that revamps and supplements what we have.
- Remove false building fronts. Return to historical building.
- Alleys throughout the downtown area are absolutely atrocious. They need to be fixed. These are an embarrassment.
- Less Main Street traffic and closed in free parking.
- Encourage removal and updating building fronts that are outdated and unsightly. Try to encourage a certain overall "look" downtown.
- Empty buildings.
- Districting of restaurants, bars, theaters, shopping
- Better transit, more opportunities for disabled
- Removing underground park and flatten bridge.
- The Ave A park
- More outdoor restaurant seating/patios
- Synchronized stop lights. Improved lighting south of 3rd street to match the brightness of the north 300 block.

- Get businesses into existing spaces, more living spaces above/behind current business space
- The empty buildings, ESPECIALLY the one at 5th and Main on the Northwest Side.
- More fun shopping besides clothes boutiques and furniture stores.
- To demolish or refurbish old empty buildings on south main
- Keep it clean, looking nice, make sure the lights on the light posts are all operational, holiday decorations are fully functional, flags/banners are in good condition, etc. Showing pride and investment in our community.
- I would love to see more reasons to go downtown. My family and I don't get down there enough because there isn't a lot of establishments we need to visit.
- Bin N shopping is what brings us downtown.
- The 1960's to 2000 signage is horrid and needs to go
- Traffic lights. TRIPPED lights, not timed! And if they must be timed, let cars go through without stopping as much as possible, because that reduces time vehicles spend running and start/stop time (which have both improved environmental effects AND wear and tear on said vehicles and the roads).
- Traffic flow in general. Driving at the speed limit you're pretty much guaranteed to hit every single light, no matter what route you take. Proper traffic flow should allow people to reach their destinations without constant interruptions (especially when those interruptions are timed lights that have no bearing whatsoever on cross traffic's needs, which usually winds up missing the light and having to also sit). For many people, especially younger drivers, this actually encourages speeding in order to try and find the right speed to make the lights, regardless of what's safe or legal.
- Increased or at least improved parking. Most of it is on Main, and it's incredibly dangerous to back out of those spots with how many pickup trucks park there with beds that sit higher than the roof of most sedans. Even many SUVs have difficulty seeing oncoming traffic or even lights past them to know if it's safe or not. There are many studies that have proven drivers will drive at the speed they feel is safe, regardless of what is actually posted.
- Increased traffic safety. We have WAY too many drivers running red lights in Hutch. It's pretty much second-nature to most of them and it's a true miracle people aren't regularly killed by getting T-boned or run over when the crosswalk signal says to go but someone's running late.
- Better access for deliveries downtown. This will help businesses, pedestrians, and traffic flow, as well as probably also decreasing many parking woes.
- Higher encouragement of foot and bike traffic in central corridor where the predominance of retail space would be. Encouraging development of retail corridors and mixed-use space to encourage more life and centralization toward downtown.
- I would like to see more available parking. With all the downtown living spaces, customer parking is in short supply.
- Signage
- Trees that drop fruit/seeds on sidewalks
- Remove 2 lanes from Main Street and make it pedestrian friendly
- The apartments above downtown buildings would be occupied instead of being empty.
- Better low-income housing. We don't need more housing for high income/middle class, our low-income housing is a nightmare.
- More continuity /cohesiveness is the style of building upgrades or store fronts - honor diversity, but to think about how the 1970's look juxtaposes against the 1800/early 1900's
- Addition of more trees/vegetation, and actual bike lanes and bike racks.
- Would love to really see it kept clean and establish a standard for signage and quality of businesses. Or a program to help those smaller businesses present a better professional look.
- Improve Upkeep and look of certain buildings.... Paint colors, signage, and more, including second/third floor windows that have been covered with wood over time. There are some really nice buildings downtown, but there are more I would consider eyesores, both occupied and unoccupied properties.

- Not bland box type buildings.
- Added shade and green spaces with walkability/bikeability top of mind.
- Not sure
- Would love to see more living options downtown.
- Signage of stores would be held to a higher standard. You can tell some businesses have put a lot of thought and \$\$\$ into their signage and others have not. If it is a new small business that may not have funds available for such a sign then, have the local sign businesses and a small community fund work together to fund signage and offer a repayment system for the small business to take ownership of the property.
- Tear down abandoned old buildings that are bad
- Don't know
- Nothing
- N/A
- Need more of the buildings to put financial effort into looking decent! So much of downtown just looks run down - if you aren't from here and heading south on Main you'd stop and turn around before you get to avenue A to see a nice little block
- Increased livelihood of signage and landscaping downtown. You drive down Main Street and it's gloomy.
- More convenience shopping enterprises, such as grocery marts, butcher markets, and bakeries and such.
- Store front improvements
- Industry
- Tasteful signage on buildings, historical markers, a fun Smallville oriented art piece or marker.
- More accessibility & amenities at DCI park.
- More art and modern architecture
- Empty retail space occupied by businesses.
- Cleanup of areas just off of Main St (Washington and Walnut corridors). Expansion of Main Street streetscape look to these areas.
- Better parking
- I; and I can speak for many people that have the same thoughts; think that we need at least one or two upscale restaurants downtown. As well as something like an ice-skating center (I think that it would do very well). A dog park too
- We absolutely have to have more things to do or areas to gather such as bars, events, street concerts, places to dance, arcade bars, etc. young people are flocking out of hutch. We have decided to give it one more year or we are leaving because of the lack of fun things to do.
- Moving away from traditional roads.
- I like the storefronts that have been redone over the years brought back to the original facade.
- More green and pedestrian friendly
- Current vacant buildings, cleaned up, looking attractive for development. Clearly defined downtown district signage.
- More lighting
- Properties (residential or commercial) that are neglected addressed (cleaned up or torn down) example: Landmark Hotel
- Carey Park bike trail needs resurfacing!!
- The outdated facades and bad signage on businesses
- Eliminate the crosswalk jut out hazards, false fronts over brick and stone.
- Restore the historic building fronts of the buildings on Main Street. Add Character and Charm, so it would be more inviting to tourists and residents.
- Sidewalks that are better kept and not so many height differences with the sinking H blocks. Very much a trip hazard

- More parking, my concern is with more people living downtown there will be less parking for people coming downtown
- Make it more of a destination with signage, art, murals, fun events, more businesses.
- Cheap looking signs
- Lack of biking options
- Crossing mid-block and more bike infrastructure
- Need a food truck park
- Require unique, dimensional signage
- I would like to see the very south end of Main change. One of the biggest eyesores in this town is the south end of Main from B street to Carey Park. The junk yard on Main gives the whole town a bad look if you are a visitor to Hutchinson.
- Buildings with ordinary fronts could be given variety based on what the overall theme is. Make downtown a destination for tourism by making the buildings beautiful will entice people to come in and see what's for sale there.
- South main is in very poor condition. I'd like to see some buildings and infrastructure around there get cleaned up and look more welcoming. When you drive in it really gives Hutch a bad look. I'd love to see that area cleaned up. I'd also like to see some of the aspects of parking and some of the broken-down buildings down by the landmark go away. The board foot and the erectrix building have no roofs and should be torn down. As much as I love the Landmark it's getting to be unsafe.
- No one wants to see more statues. They're expensive and a waste of money. I've lived in Hutch most of my life and I've never once heard a positive statement about any of our downtown statues. EVERYONE thinks they're a waste of money and complains about the money lost that could have gone to something else... and whoever thought a humpty-dumpty statue was a good idea should be fired so embarrassing to drive by that all the time.
- Buildings that aren't kept up
- Less empty store fronts. More housing. More lodging. More restaurants and bars, breweries, wineries, distilleries. More shopping, maybe a small grocery store and a music store and a national chain clothing store. A new hotel /motel. I would like to see more emphasis on the side streets and other areas of downtown get some attention, not just Main Street. Fix up the convention hall, maybe add central heating and air so it would hopefully get used more often. More multi use high rise/skyscrapers.
- Fix the deteriorating outside tables and benches. Many of them are rusting and aren't in good shape.
- The lack of clean flowing river through downtown. More flowering trees and plants a different kind of river walk. Continued cultural events, competitions, public sports, etc.
- Bike paths all over town.
- Get rid of the stupid and expensive statues
- Don't know
- The terrible, unnecessary, and totally random art pieces like the weird gold egg people?????
- More places to eat with outdoor seating, some store fronts look older and dilapidated,
- Less empty storefronts and fewer mattress stores
- Repairing rundown buildings
- Taking more of the physical features back to what it looked like in the past and playing on the Nostalgia. Like lighting, signage and more. From Victorian era to art deco. Anything late 1800s to WWII.
- Empty storefronts and abandoned buildings.
- We need sports bars, breweries, places to eat, and more nightlife other than the trashy bars we have in other parts of town.
- This may sound silly, but signage downtown, with lighting for businesses, like they did many decades ago with neon lighting. The entire Main Street was lit up and it was an adventure within itself to cruise up and down Main Street. I'd also like to see the blocks off of Main Street, to be better improved, updated, and restored.

- Design so people will want to come to Hutchinson
- That it gets updated or cleaned up while evolving
- I would like to see our theaters updated.
- The junky and outdated store fronts.
- Clean out the blight.
- Too many broken buildings.
- We need to continue the beautification efforts all the way South to Carey Park. The South end of Main Street is one of the gateways to Hutchinson and can give people a negative initial impression of Hutch. The sidewalks need fixed and the boarded-up buildings need repaired.
- Get some good retail businesses back in the downtown
- Planting of perennials that look better and perform better than the annuals they switch out continuously.
- Encourage the few businesses that have metal facades to return their building to their original fronts.
- Parking availability, especially around the current multi-level housing & business locations.
- I don't know
- More safe & quality gathering places (ex. Dining places, coffee houses)
- More appealing to the eye with professional landscaping, flowers, colorful awnings on the businesses.
- I think overall it's not terrible now, it just not vibrant. To me vibrant is seeing people making money, providing quality jobs, and creating achievers.
- Less empty buildings
- Fix old building
- More parking, continued redevelopment of existing historical structures, more / better crosswalks east and west of main. i.e., parking by post office to go to downtown events or coming from farmers market to downtown for shopping, eating or simply walking.
- Inviting
- Clean
- Continued landscaping - love the wall created south of Fox Theater!
- Sense of community
- Outdoor fitness - take better care of bike and walking trails
- Stores for shopping
- Empty buildings maintained
- All storefronts should be occupied. Signage consistent, flowers, bushes, trees...I wish it looked like someone cared for our town. I don't care necessarily what the businesses are...can be a tattoo parlor, a CBD store or an upscale salon, but let's make it look like we care. Many look kind of "trashy" currently. Sorry can't think of a better word...
- More people wanting to spend time outside
- Clean up the overall appearance. No homeless people, no run-down buildings. Make it more inviting.
- Property owners maintaining their properties. Or the City tearing down un-maintained properties and billing the owners for the cost.
- More business/ shopping. I buy clothes and other products in Wichita.
- Would be nice to see better/more decor for holidays would like more events
- More stores
- Add retail stores like the old Penney's, Sears, Anthony's and Woolworth's that included eating spots too. As a child, it was great to shop downtown.
- Uniformed signage and appearance codes
- Those dang bump outs on the corners removed as well as the bicycle roundabouts on Washington and the median in the middle of 17th street.
- I love downtown Hutch. It is a beautiful downtown, and I would just like to see that maintained. I feel like the unhoused in this community is an issue and might deter families from moving here.

- Higher end business signage and storefronts. Increase in the number of restaurants and areas with outdoor seating.
- More outdoor space/wider sidewalks for outdoor eating. Allowing restaurants/bars downtown to have outdoor seating.
- Rebuild run-down buildings or just tear them down
- Remove the false fronts and restore to original building architecture and design.
- More consideration to preservation of historic buildings and maintaining the integrity of historical components.
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- Consider input from area residents and those who will be spending their money there.
- We need some affordable places - Academy, Five Below, and a mix of mom-and-pop shops and home style food cafes.
- Hutch needs good food employees- paid a livable wage. I'm tired of ordering food that is old and cold or reheated after sitting under a warmer. Hutch fast food has a terrible reputation. Bigger cities the fast food is hot and fresh. It's an issue worth addressing.
- It needs to be updated and better parking. There's not nearly enough
- Nicer storefront signage on some of the buildings
- The poor exterior signage and facades
- Historical buildings and empty buildings re-purposed with businesses.
- Parking
- Cleaner
- The old motels torn down, the Landmark revitalized/built into hotel. Less industrial use, more retail/destination shops.
- More upscale restaurants and cocktail bars someplace nice to eat and drink and then go catch a show at the Fox
- The water park/ splash pad At AVE A is an eye sore. It's rarely used & always dirty. The space could be better served by a food truck park or small dog park.
- I would like to see an evolution of our parking to reduce the amount of on-street parking and encourage people to use the larger public lots. This will drive more walk-in traffic to businesses, encourage citizens to be healthy. The only spots we actually need on the street in front of businesses are for ADA.
- Downtown has some very impressive & beautiful storefronts however it has also had some sub-par (hideous) ones. Perhaps creating a standard or offering assistance to upstarting businesses to plan & implement a facade that blends & compliments the area.
- We need more fine dining...no more Mexican restaurants. It would be nice to have another bar/club downtown geared toward the 40&up crowd. Something that the degenerates will hate and never come to.
- I believe an outdoor movie area would be cool
- More parking. More measures for public safety with the homeless presence
- More parking lots/garages
- More artwork and events
- Keep the charm of the old buildings but allow modern renovation that doesn't take away from historical charm.
- I believe that we could preserve older buildings but also be a little more flexible on what we allow to modernize those buildings. One example is that having a more modern style of windows on a historic building will make it more efficient and modern but the fact that the old building is still there still give it the original look.
- More character
- Rundown buildings
- Quit blowing taxpayers' money on art and new buildings. Renovate existing buildings.

- Dirty and empty
- Better property owners
- Helping the homeless people that stay downtown and get the drugs off the street.
- Full stores
- Correct the inappropriate merge on Ave A and Main headed south. Engineering poor design!!
- Parking
- The run-down buildings without windows, proper care of exterior either remodeled or demolished.
- Further down on south main
- Stop narrowing the streets. They were designed to be nice wide avenues.
- Clean it up
- Less empty buildings and shabby storefronts need to be gone. If a business goes "out", landlords need to clean and maintain the property to make it more desirable for new business.
- South main needs cleaned up, it looks awful and neglected. Needs to be a scheme throughout the whole street. Can't go from ghetto to nice.
- Bike lanes
- The old Pague building built into something great again!
- Removal of the metal facade on historical buildings to restore to their original architecture
- Salina has it going on!
- More green space and street scape. The median planter at A and Main is lovely
- Decaying, empty storefronts
- Through traffic, would like to see streets closed off
- Demolish buildings that aren't salvageable
- Downtown Hutch has too many 'gaps' in its smile! Parking lots, vacant lots, etc. detracts from the downtown feel.
- The parking. It's horrible and also dangerous.
- Increase the amount of handicap ramps.
- Increase public seating along Main.
- A few more eating establishments. Jillian's is greatly missed.
- Parking and extending the overall safety and cleanliness of the area and surrounding area
- Empty ran down buildings being restored and utilized
- Homeless problem for businesses
- Better roads and parking spaces. I like the idea of a map of downtown!
- Utilizing all the empty buildings
- Would like to see metal and vinyl facades replaced and restore the original fronts.
- Clean up the terrible building infrastructure. Clean up the trash/run down overall nature of downtown.
- More trees on the west side of downtown behind main street to the courthouse it nearly has no trees.
- Excessively wide streets tamed in some way to be more pedestrian friendly
- Re-purposed or rebuilt
- Outdoor seating/gathering space.
- I would like to see absentee business owners take better care of their storefronts. Eliminate the storage/vacant/ugly storefronts.
- The use of vacant buildings with strong historical ties.
- Consolidated parking areas. The checkerboard pattern breaks up too many blocks.
- Dilapidation of buildings, especially those that are abandoned



#### Q24. What is your gender? [596 answered]

- Male – 37.58% (224)
- Female – 58.89% (351)
- Other/Non-binary – 0.84% (5)
- Prefer not to say – 2.68% (16)

#### Q25. What is your current living situation? [597 answered]

- Single, living alone – 12.4% (74)
- Single, living with children – 3.52% (21)
- Single, living with parents – 2.18% (13)
- Single, living with roommates – 1.01% (6)
- Married or partnered, living together without children – 38.53% (230)
- Married or partnered, living together with children – 37.52% (224)
- Prefer not to say – 3.52% (21)
- Other (please specify) – 1.34% (8)

#### Q26. What is your age? [598 answered]

- 17 years or younger – 0.33% (2)
- 18 – 24 years – 3.01% (18)
- 25 – 34 years – 13.38% (80)
- 35 – 44 years – 23.24% (139)
- 45 – 54 years – 18.39% (110)
- 55 – 64 years – 23.41% (140)
- 65 – 74 years – 12.21% (73)
- 75 years or older – 2.34% (14)
- Prefer not to say – 3.68% (22)

#### Q27. Email address [321 answered]

[Email addresses are not disclosed to protect the privacy of survey respondents]

## Virtual Visioning Workshop

#### What do you LOVE about Downtown?

- Buildings
- Community
- Safe
- Parks
- Clean
- Friendly
- Arts
- History
- Variety
- Shopping
- Historic
- People
- Growth
- Unique
- Architecture
- Green space
- Lack of vitality
- Clear physical historic c
- Food and drink
- Affordable living space
- Community support
- Opportunity
- Good food
- Historic essence
- Growth potential
- Third Thursday
- Colorful
- Book stores
- Quiet
- Ave A park
- Walkable
- Diverse-ish
- Great owners
- Unique shops
- Buildings
- Partnership
- Crystal ballroom
- Beauty
- Accessibility
- Diversity
- Closeness
- Compact
- Indie businesses
- Central location
- Landscaping
- Charming
- Art that is displayed
- Anchor
- Murals
- Fox
- Businesses
- Gathering
- Support
- Quaint
- Available
- It has great shops
- Runability
- Streetscape
- George Pyle Park
- Easy access
- Atmosphere
- Diverse
- Activity
- Chester I Lewis Plaza
- Family
- Historical
- Traditional
- Active diverse retail
- Flowers
- Walkability
- Retail
- Camaraderie
- Attractive
- Eateries
- Artwork
- Growing
- Streets
- Homey
- Stores
- Beautiful buildings
- Historic buildings
- Food
- Housing
- Accessibility
- Local feel
- Neighborly
- Camaraderie
- Welcoming
- Sidewalks
- Uniqueness
- Unite
- Long span
- Low crime
- Accessible
- Events
- Convenient
- Potential
- Streetscape
- Character

### What do you NOT LOVE about Downtown?

- Vacancies
- Homeless
- Empty Stores
- Parking
- Closed
- Empty Buildings
- Hours
- Homelessness
- Empty
- Vacancy
- Restaurants
- Vibe
- Dirty
- Vacant buildings
- Big
- Forgotten
- Rust
- Complainers
- Fast cars
- Quiet
- Need more uniqueness
- Lack of night life
- No greenspace
- Needs more for families
- No center crosswalks
- Unusable buildings
- Few outdoor areas
- Few outside gathering spaces
- Barriers
- Store hours
- Lack of restaurants
- Unkempt buildings
- Limited
- Miscommunication
- Few eateries
- Heat
- Exclusivity
- Maintenance
- Naysayers
- Traffic
- Street
- Wide streets
- Needs more shops
- Store variety
- No plan
- Factions
- Use during day
- Taxes
- Entertainment
- Closed stores
- Vacancies
- Shopping
- Cleanliness
- Losses
- Vacant
- Lacking
- Abandonments
- Lack of dining
- Lack of unity
- Low foot traffic
- Lack of diversity
- No food
- Highway streets
- Too much parking
- Ran down in some areas
- Needs more for children
- Homeless population
- Not enough stuff
- Lack of vitality
- Empty buildings
- Poorly maintained
- Little foot traffic
- Sunday
- Demographics
- Disconnected
- Closed stores
- Spread out
- Character
- Fine dining
- Boring
- Unrealized potential
- Nonactive

### What ONE THING must happen for this project to be a success?

- Growth
- Inclusion
- Collaboration
- Cooperation of community
- Most business downtown
- More people going downtown
- Community access
- Restore vibrancy
- Entertainment
- Unified vision
- Togetherness
- More housing downtown
- Food
- Action to a plan
- Development
- Support
- Representation
- Commitment
- Investment
- Implementation
- Vibrancy
- Density
- Teamwork
- Accountability
- Come together
- Economic vitality
- Community buy-in
- Destination planning
- Teenager-attractive
- Welcoming
- Successful small brands
- Increased business
- Hispanic input
- Open
- Strategy
- Synergy
- Inclusivity
- Activity
- Vibrant
- Destination
- Teamwork
- Participation

## Needs

- Lack of evening events. The downtown just rolls up the sidewalks in the evening. Not safe if only one place is open or feasible financially.
- Distinguish downtown by hosting local restaurants and not chain restaurants
- Need evening activities to draw people in at the evening. Block on Salt City Brewery is hopping every night. How do we create more of that?
- Affordable ability to use the buildings without the renovation being cost prohibitive.
- Variety of attractions
- Make it a place for families and connect them to our schools
- Better hours and open businesses on Sunday and Monday
- Address absentee building owners – upkeep
- Homeless
- Long term plan
- Homelessness (group effort)
- Hotel
- Development of the Landmark and the 5th street corridor
- Incentives for downtown housing
- Build more density...people living...people working...people on the street visiting, shopping, etc.
- Less highway effect...two lanes down main street with bike lanes.
- Community support
- Group: increase opportunity for downtown coalition to include retail and not just non-profit
- Road diet
- Marketing
- Public/private partnerships
- More retail options
- Activity
- Housing
- Group: not everyone on the same block have input the same effort
- Hotel
- Improve “destination” options
- Bike lanes
- Connect trails to downtown
- An area more dedicated to teenagers that doesn’t involve filtering in and out of shops. They need somewhere to hang out that is designed for them intentionally.
- More community gathering spaces
- Strategic planning and allocation of spacing for desired impact. Nightlife district, shopping district, etc. All grouped around a city center. Potentially removing road access to two block area to allow safe walking and green space
- Address blight/aging infrastructure in neighboring areas
- Connectivity
- Better entertainment options
- Vacant buildings falling down
- Allow incremental code improvements and creative financing
- Housing
- Restaurants
- Ability to fix up buildings without red tape
- Investors from Hutch and beyond
- Absentee building owners to be involved and care about the community

- Business and event collaboration
- More events to draw families
- Family attractions
- Deal with blighted buildings
- Slower traffic
- Less vacant buildings
- Homelessness
- Blight
- Fire code upgrades. A fund to help out with the upgrades.
- Vacant/unkept buildings
- Need to be addressed
- Fine dining
- Attention to south Main Street...not just north of Smiths Market
- More Nightlife, things to do in the evening
- Extended store hours
- More dining options
- Something for our youth to do. Our youth have very limited options for fun, education, or entertainment
- Need more live-able space that also provides usable space, like apartments with shopping in the area.
- Bicycle friendly
- Restaurants and entertainment
- Wi-Fi
- Empty buildings need to be rehabilitated
- Housing
- Clean swept streets so trash doesn’t blow around for building occupants to have to pick it up
- Unity
- Improvement of streets around Main Street
- Mixed use housing
- Address homelessness in downtown
- Entrepreneurs and Capital Investment
- Make downtown more viable by restoring historic buildings
- More “fine dining”
- Dedicated funding for infrastructure
- Brick street work
- To undertake the process proactively
- Updates to Memorial Hall so it can be fully utilized
- Codes examined – building leases easier/more affordable
- Giving downtown an overall look or personality
- Pedestrian-friendly
- Improve landscaping upkeep. So much trash in the flower beds. Full or overflowing trash cans for too long of time periods. Replace and improve the rusting outdoor seating options.
- Hotel
- Homeless
- Retail for “staple items”
- Access to broadband throughout
- Lighting
- More downtown living WITH good parking adjacent
- Incentives for downtown housing
- Incentives to fix up & repair existing buildings

- Hotels
- Activities
- Community fund for fire code upgrades
- Revitalized housing around downtown
- Placemaking approach
- “Hangout space” open in the evenings (think Metro Coffee) and people COMING to those spaces to justify it
- Classy evening dining with a relaxed atmosphere to hang out and have a drink with friends
- Fine dining downtown
- More entertainment options
- Mixed Use Buildings – Retail & Housing
- Attitudes
- Incentives to invest and choose Downtown over other locations
- Vacant buildings. Tax the owners who are not taking care of them
- Less homeless and mental illness to scare people away from coming downtown with families
- The run-down buildings towards the south end of Main Street
- Nice housing downtown
- More density of dining/gathering places/outdoor dining
- Nightlife
- Best uses for vacant buildings
- Aggressive planning strategies that don’t forsake safety
- Mix use
- Pedestrian friendly
- Building inventory
- Entertainment
- Crosswalks in the center of the streets
- Residential options
- Food options
- Entertainment options
- More businesses
- Restaurants
- Safety/security
- Events and downtown retail available in evenings and at night
- New code disallowing downtown buildings used only for storage
- We need to address the homeless community and safety of our residents at night
- More events for people in 20s-30s
- Financial investment from private and public investors
- Larger variety of shops/galleries/restaurants
- Solve homeless problem
- Prioritize pedestrians over vehicles
- Housing
- More trees. The temperature downtown is too hot in the summer. It takes away from wanting to walk downtown.
- Occupied buildings
- Create pedestrian friendly areas like old town Wichita where you can’t drive a care
- Bike lanes and parking
- Kid friendly activities
- Connectivity to downtown (pedestrian and/or public transport)

- Improve and add to outdoor gathering spaces
- Retailers’ negativity
- Wi-Fi
- Homeless population needs a safer less visible place to gather
- Diverse housing options and availability in the Downtown area
- Investment
- Bike lanes
- We need the various districts to work together as one
- Keep streets clean and take care of weed/grass in sidewalks, etc.
- Offset costs for code compliance
- Clean environment, less trash on windy days
- Inclusive access for disabled, minorities, and LGBTQ+ individuals to feel welcome in downtown activities and businesses
- Vacancies
- Keep the history/architecture with some modern touches
- Empty buildings need to be filled with businesses
- More community events
- Businesses
- More help with animal shelters
- Better parking
- Draw foot traffic to DT!
- More events like the 150th celebration. Why was it successful? Because the organizations felt like they could participate, in a true team effort, unlike Third Thursday. Hutch Rec is not a good collaborator. — Reply: Hutch Rec was one of the main organizers of the 150th and instrumental in collaborating and getting the team together to pull off a truly collaborative event. — Reply: clearly not informed on how Third Thursday works. — Reply: Easy to criticize when you are anonymous.
- Restaurants open late to increase walking access
- Safety
- Develop areas of Main
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- Wants
- Brewery
- Better and more signage
- Restaurants
- Group: common place of green space. Sense of place is important. Can we create that? Healthy living.
- Dog park
- Restaurants
- Downtown pride and camaraderie
- More Dining options
- Group: fix homelessness
- We would have upper floor spaces occupied with residents, offices 24-7 environment
- Parking
- More shade coverage up and down main street. Carey Park to 30th
- Christmas Attractions/lights in our Carey Park
- More shops to choose from
- Food truck gathering place
- Plaza or green space like a town square
- Inviting Environment

- Ability to have people live downtown, shop downtown and dine downtown
- Housing
- Focus on DESTINATION planning for events and static options
- Group: a place where all are welcome...to include the homeless
- Events – Bring Back HutchFest! (150 Anniversary was great!)
- Bars & restaurants
- Shade for Chester Lewis Plaza – Reply: Amen! Shade would make it so much easier to use, more often!
- City of invest in new signage to welcome people at entrances to downtown – Reply: Yes!
- Downtown Hotel / More 2nd story housing / More Night Life / Restaurant Options
- Shopping Center
- Homeless Problem / Repairs to Streetscape (Safety) / Dim Street Lights on Main Street (Safety)
- Nicer Park
- Green space
- Downtown convention center – Reply: Agree
- Healthy living
- Better / consistent communication in event planning
- Bike Trail
- Convention center
- More housing/offices on second floors
- Indoor/outdoor utilization for nightlife, restaurants, etc.
- Hotels
- To foster more overall use the downtown should have items of daily use, like a Pharmacy, re-stored recognizable businesses (Penny's was a draw), and even larger draws that won't take away from local businesses.
- Green space/garden space
- Dining, shopping, office, and entertainment district
- Memorial hall
- Downtown should have more unique shops that relate to the Hutchinson or Central Kansas experience
- Boutique hotel
- Dog park in downtown
- Fine dining
- Marketing for the current businesses downtown. An app with hours and what the shops have to offer with links to local shops websites.
- Restaurants
- More services or areas that address the homeless population
- Convention center
- Greenspace
- Music speakers along sidewalks
- Medians with plants
- Safety for walking and running
- A tourist attraction in Downtown
- Housing options
- Shopping
- Outside dining areas
- Shopping
- Wi-Fi
- More space for animal areas
- Nice place to eat and gather

- Mix use
- Utilize Memorial Hall
- Bike infrastructure
- A hotel
- Use of multiple locations for downtown conventions
- Boutique shopping
- Multiple restaurants
- Entertainment for all ages
- More housing
- More focus on public art and green spaces
- More retail
- Window coverings for empty spaces
- More Green Space
- Loft living
- Activities for families
- Well-lit safe parking
- Public art
- Improved Access to Capital
- Hotels
- Positive attitude
- Narrow main street to two lanes
- Happy people and not grumpy store owners
- Nightlife
- More shopping
- Diversity of eating/drinking options
- Renovate Memorial Hall
- Dining, shopping, office, and entertainment district
- Equal support
- Children focused attractions
- Vacant store fronts reduce the draw to the area
- Less exclusivity of the existing nightlife
- More restaurant options
- Remove the awful '90s wayfinding signs...PLEASE!
- Entertainment venues
- Wi-Fi
- Streetlight and sidewalk repairs towards the park
- Bring "boulevards" back on side streets
- Ethnic restaurants
- Cultural diversity in food
- Public transit – trams, scooters, bikes, etc.
- Chain store/anchor store
- Hip/cool places for families
- Downtown Lawrence, KS...shopping, restaurants, entertainment. Busy all the time and hard to find a parking spot.
- Hotel
- Vibrant signage
- Downtown Hotel
- Better use of memorial hall More dining options available

- More cultural diversity in dining options
- Addressing some of the run-down buildings toward the south end of Main St
- More places designed to accommodate OT and Speech Therapy. More service/medical service-oriented building occupation
- Bike lanes
- Restaurants
- Music played over speakers
- More diverse restaurant options
- Safety
- Develop areas of main
- Longer hours at merchants at key times of year
- Incentives for upper floor dwellings
- Business owners need to engage in efforts to improve and grow as a whole. For some the only time you hear from them is a complaint.
- Coffee shop
- Adjusted store hours to fit working folks' schedule
- Better use of Chester I Lewis Plaza. Lighting and shade
- More events for college aged students
- Better hand holding with potential businesses and what tools are at their disposal
- More community events
- More green spaces and safe places to congregate
- Tourist attractions
- Have more and diverse restaurants
- Bring back sculpture walk and public art
- Nightlight
- Hotel and/or event center
- Extended shopping hours
- Outdoor music options in parks
- Fine dining
- Better (updated) directional signage
- Desires
- Redevelopment of South Main to Carey Park
- Trolley system
- Dog Friendly
- Food trucks in George P Park
- More murals, big ones
- Main Street trolley line
- Green space
- More shade between south main street and north main street. Carey Park to Ave B especially, and 11th to 30th also
- More public art opportunities
- Daily farmer's market kind of space
- Home Made Ice Cream Shop
- Memorial hall gets a new life
- More tourist attractions possibly
- Add landscaping towards the south end of Main
- Digital connectivity

- Synchronize the Stop Lights / Recruit National Chains / Loan Fund for Building Improvements / Music / Student Coffee House / Main Street Trolley
- Clean up the water in Cow Creek
- Dog Park
- South Main streetscape finished bringing Carey Park closer to downtown
- Free Wi-Fi
- Young people return
- Children's Museum
- Hotel
- More entertainment at memorial hall
- More EV chargers
- Outdoor dining spaces
- Tram/trolley for movement around downtown
- Young people move or move back to Hutch to live and use downtown
- Funding for more murals and art
- Restaurants to bring more traffic
- Signage that is vibrant and welcoming to visitors
- More retail storefronts
- Walkability
- Connect trails to downtown
- Hotel
- More downtown closed street functions, to draw crowds
- More bike infrastructure, such as bike parking
- Housing
- Mass transit to/from downtown
- Wayfinding systems
- Gateway entrances to our downtown
- Continue the investment down south main
- Continue to add art to the downtown
- Something to draw young people to downtown
- Free Wi-Fi everywhere you go
- Happy people
- Inclusion
- Fine dining restaurants
- Outdoor amphitheater
- The entire area needs a more common theme, that will tie much of the business together
- Nicer looking downtown with artwork, cleaner area
- Profitable events
- Dog park
- Making the streets narrow instead of having a highway
- Current acts at the fox
- Utilize Cow Creek like they do in OKC - boat rides and such
- More attraction down South Side of Main St. It's too quiet.
- Main street trolley/tram
- More public investment in promotions and events
- Avenue A Trailhead. Direct Path from Main Street to Ave A trailhead (needs to be developed) to start more utilization of the trails with easy access to main street.
- If more people would want to live downtown

- Restore a section of trolley running from Carey Park to the State Fairgrounds
- To have good development on the south end of Main Street heading into the park
- Trolley system/public transport
- More use of our waterway that goes through Downtown
- More murals, big ones
- Main Street trolley line
- Outdoor eating/community gathering space
- Public scooters
- Diversity...appreciation for multi-cultural businesses and events
- A large attraction
- Outdoor music system
- Rebuild main street - narrow
- Hotel/convention space
- Less focus on statue art that clutters walkways and more focus on architectural aesthetics...grass, brick, stone, etc.
- Revitalize memorial hall
- A common theme to the area...things that make it feel whole
- Wi-Fi
- Downtown restaurants
- An indoor jamboree/Gymboree type of business for young children
- Community garden
- If more of the community valued downtown and its assets
- Free Wi-Fi
- Water park or pool
- Use of Memorial Hall
- The fox is a beautiful opportunity for live music...but as a young person, I hardly recognize the bands.
- Downtown city street closures for community events
- Wi-Fi
- More entrainment that people born after the 1980s can appreciate
- Support state fair
- Barriers
- Proximity to Wichita makes it hard for some businesses to compete
- Homeless issues
- Group: length of downtown will affect walkability
- Codes
- Length of our downtown
- Group: What is realistic about what we can sustain/maintain in a city of our size.
- Rundown buildings
- Group: What exactly are the boundaries of downtown?  
Reply: 6th street to C Ave and a few blocks east and west.
- Length of Main Street - size of Downtown District
- Code issues
- Lack of working together to get things done
- Space
- Kansas is flat and has a reputation for just being plains
- Funds
- Group: angst about what is downtown past Avenue C. Why does it end at C Street?  
Reply: That is the boundaries for this study

- Unity
- Industrial look
- Lack of resources or housing for homeless so there is congregation around Ave A Splash Park and river run
- Homeless
- Lack of capital
- Traffic flow through downtown
- Many healthcare businesses on Main
- Lack of respect for others with new ideas or differing opinions
- Industrial properties
- Building/safety codes
- Traffic jut outs are very difficult for older drivers to navigate and create street restrictions, particularly when the area is busy
- Group: Main Street is very wide. It is a four-lane highway. Not only is it long, but it is wide
- Warehouses
- Money and financial
- Cost of code compliance
- Accessibility for all ages, disabilities, etc.
- Mixed use buildings - Retail & Housing
- Attitudes
- Investment funding to do more creative things
- Lack of respect from seasoned retailers
- Retail corridors that AREN'T downtown
- Public perception
- Construction costs
- Fire safety codes and the expense to meet them for certain building uses
- Codes
- Rising costs of things \$\$\$\$\$
- Owners who are reluctant to sale
- Tyson chicken plants on Main St
- Woody seat freeway
- Metal salvage yards on Main St
- Railroad tracks
- Railroads
- Health and Safety codes
- Railroad
- Same voices making decisions. Lack of unusual voices and creative ideas
- Unwillingness to accept change or move out of the "that's how it's always been done" mentality
- Length of the "downtown"
- Property owners not willing/unable to fix up their buildings
- Cow Creek
- Having to drive through other areas to get to downtown
- People coming to Hutchinson on the highways see the entrances to the community as drab, or old and even poorly maintained
- Finances
- Ran down buildings owned by people who won't sell
- Rundown buildings
- Empty rundown buildings
- All the members of our community have to work together

- Group: resistance for the requirements in the details on how to open a business
- The settled in happy crowd doesn't see the need to change anything if it isn't their idea  
Reply: Explain more please?
- Railroad tracks creating the "barrier" of what is considered Downtown
- Financing for building acquisition/remodeling
- Vacant buildings on side avenues that are not being utilized or made available for redevelopment
- Financing/money (for possible business owners)
- Not considering our youth/young people when we are developing
- No youth involvement
- Trying to do things the way we used too, not coming to the present or looking to the future
- Ugly buildings on south Main
- Who gets to make decisions about funding and projects, and how those decisions are made
- Property owners repairing property
- Railroad
- Code enforcement that wants to be help be part of the solution
- How wide and long main street is
- It's too hot without proper shade to make movement up and down main street plausible
- Railroads
- Absentee building owners
- No consideration of what young (youth) want or what people 20-30yrs old want. If we want youth and younger people to stay/return, then we need to find out what it would take.  
Reply: this requires the people in this age group to engage in the efforts and meetings we do have going on.
- Landmark Building - Historic feature of downtown and is a vacant, dangerous eyesore
- Homeless
- Lack of value understanding of railroads and Creek
- Trains going thru downtown
- Homeless and services located near or on Main St. Mainly with the idea of having people wanting to move or invest in the area
- Railroad
- Railroads
- City cooperation
- 3 correctional facilities
- Downtown Main is too large of an area with limited walkability, safety, and activities.
- Train tracks
- Long distance to downtown from access points
- Mindsets... what's the story we are telling ourselves? I hear downtown business owners talking about the lack of safety. Really? How many people have been assaulted? How many of us have experienced crime?  
Our biases are showing
- Negativity
- Unwillingness to listen to other voices...this is a good starting point
- Strict city code restrictions to prevent downtown development
- Finances/resources for business owners and citizens wishing to revitalize downtown
- Vacant buildings that make downtown look bad
- What IS downtown? How long is it really?
- Help Homeless people

## Obstacles

- Group: beauty of downtown
- Small tax base to fund worthwhile projects
- The impulse to tear down buildings which could be restored into community assets
- Declining population
- Apathy
- Deteriorating housing in nearby neighborhoods
- Group: having people understand how to open a business
- Funding
- Difficult building codes
- Condition of adjacent neighborhoods
- Public perception of Downtown being empty
- Lack of National Chains
- Employment Pool
- Youth perception of downtown
- Location
- Homeless people downtown
- Available Capital
- Trains blocking traffic
- No common plan or vision for downtown
- Group: Total community buy-in
- Middle Income Housing
- Building Codes. Early Saturday Business Closings. Empty Buildings
- Group: That the hours of downtown close early
- Lack of vision and strategic planning
- Labor pool
- Funding
- Group: Energy, time, resources
- Lack of passion for Downtown
- Length of Downtown II blocks long. RR Tracks at Ave C and 3rd Street
- Aging infrastructure
- Population decline
- Group: Homelessness
- Size of downtown
- Resistance from city vs helpfulness of how we can do a project
- Conflicting vision
- Inability to incorporate our youth in our plans for downtown
- It's easy to blame it on the City or the Chamber. What's our part of the mess?
- Stakeholders not engaging the community or being willing to hear all voices
- Too close to Wichita to compete with businesses that have limited franchise allowances. Or, we haven't made the pitch that we do have a strong draw from rural areas and by adding their business we can increase the draw for all
- Absentee owners
- Group: Centralized map of downtown
- Proximity to Wichita
- Funding
- Lack of public Wi-Fi



- More public dollars for some infrastructure
- Lot of buildings being used for personal storage only
- Building codes
- A need for more private investment
- Fire, safety, and building codes
- Construction costs
- Memorial Hall being so far behind in accessibility and usefulness
- Negativity
- Lack of investors
- Absentee building owners
- Old people making decisions for future generations. Should be wide variety of voices heard...including those unwilling to live/visit here currently because it's "not for them" — YES!!!
- Wide streets
- Absentee owners
- Negative perception of Hutchinson
- Scary after dark
- City cooperation with downtown and city development
- Homeless/mentally ill
- Public perception of downtown
- Cost-prohibitive codes and regulations
- Aging buildings/structures
- Cohesive corridor of "walkable" retail or places people can occupy, as opposed to offices
- Lots of criticism and distrust...what are we doing to build community rather than division?
- We are not spending time building relationships with each other
- Property taxes
- Taxes/costs to develop
- No consequences or penalties for absentee owners of neglected properties!
- Absentee owners - Yes. This is also a priority 1 need. Address the issue of neglected buildings and/or enforce penalties of some kind!
- Building Codes/Regulations
- Code compliance
- Lack of parking on busy days
- Childcare
- Childcare! Need more options. Long wait lists
- Codes
- Employee base
- Construction costs vs market value
- United community!!
- Blighted neighborhoods with obsolete housing
- Lack of working together
- Investors
- Underserved communities don't have the resources and connections to start businesses.
- Hours of access to stores for working citizens
- Negativity/perception
- Absentee building owners
- Codes and restrictions
- When shopping for specific items, downtown stores are closed after working hours, so it is much easier to shop on Amazon.

- Annoyances
- Modern facades on historic buildings
- Homeless
- Group: "That's now how we've always done it before"
- Group: people saying things like...remember when...
- Moving from talking to acting
- Ignoring our youth and their input
- No shade in the hot summer months during Third Thursdays
- Homelessness
- Lack of participation of Downtown owners
- Lack of vision or plan
- Gossip Hutch group on Facebook
- Negativity about Hutchinson
- Negative comments
- People do not see the private investment in downtown over \$90,000,000 over the past 10 years
- Some merchant negative attitudes
- Negative perception of Hutchinson
- Trains can be annoying, unless we can do something that builds on the lure to many people who like trains. Reno County Museums could easily add rail-related exhibits, but this must be on a large scale and not a floor in one building
- Spreading negativity and unfavorable attitudes among groups
- Poorly planned events
- Not all voices are weighed the same
- Lack of communication
- Seating/tables are rusting
- Lack of community involvement and attendance, we have great things to do
- Lack of an action plan. Getting to the next plan
- Homes and housing areas that are never updated or cleaned up, including entire neighborhoods. Promote the Hutchinson cleanup programs with the neighborhood associations as normal rather than extra work.
- Loss of the sculpture walk
- Holly never has bierocks when I go in LOL
- Lack of investment
- Comparing ourselves poorly to peer communities
- Glass half empty attitude
- Negativity
- Things being analyzed in a "black box" not facts and circumstances
- No dog park
- Lack of vision by city officials
- An overall negative attitude by Hutchinsonians who have never been anywhere else and have no interest in being part of the solution
- Let's see if it works
- Youth activities
- City replace corner sign fixtures
- Homeless
- Lack of parking
- Loud cars, music, and drag racing
- Un-synched traffic lights
- Not staying positive

- Not staying positive
- No teen dedicated spaces that leave them little outlets and leads to vandalism in parks
- Stores/events/restaurants don't have coordination on when to be open
- Complaints without solutions
- Trash downtown on windy days
- Smoking in downtown space
- Cohesive communication media that allow us to spread a unified message
- Negativity from seasoned retailers
- Group: access to downtown. It is a long way from anyway really. Definitely from any of our entry points into the town.
- Lack of focus on healthier living to include secondhand smoke
- Dirt in the curbing
- Ugly things in vacant windows
- Heavy truck traffic in South Main
- Lack of vision to move forward
- Parking
- Business owners that no longer have the desire to make things better
- Complaining but not helping
- 4-lane Main Street
- Dog poo on sidewalks
- Trains
- CAVE people
- People come to Hutchinson and aren't directed/guided to downtown
- Negative attitudes towards new ideas
- People who live in Wiley sitting outside smoking
- Negative attitudes

# Planning and Design Charrette

## Land Use

**What land uses are missing from or desired in downtown? Tell us using a sticky note.**

- Local Restaurants
- Public space gathering/venue
- Rooftop entertainment venues
- Tourist/Hutch-specific retail shop
- Wine/coffee bar (cheeses/bakery)
- More upper-level housing
- Use of public parks. Picnic area, good parks, long term parking lot
- Parking for Memorial Hall
- Slot car track in ... Blvd.
- Designated districts
- Meeting and event space
- Community center
- Hotels, corporate rentals
- Children specific venues. Like a children's museum/activity center
- Make museum amazing
- Children's learning opportunities, camps. Step and plays
- More green space, food truck parking, entertainment district
- Food truck parking
- No bare scary walls (like memorial and museum), light up and advertise
- Restaurants
- More restaurants
- Children's museum, STEM, STEAM
- Colorful building faces, more visual art & interests
- There is no drug store downtown for miscel to walk to
- Making access to downtown walkable/bikeable for families around downtown – trail, bike lane, etc.
- Make space
- Convention center
- Event venues/rental venues
- Upper-level residential options
- Walkable child-safe, child engaging features

**What land uses would you like more of downtown? Place a blue dot on this sheet corresponding to these land uses.**

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| • Commercial — 17                    | • Public/Institutional — 1       |
| • Single Family Residential — 4      | • Public Space/Amenity Area — 23 |
| • Attached Multifamily — 8           | • Business Employment — 3        |
| • Urban/Multifamily Residential — 16 | • Industrial/Flex — 0            |
| • Parks /Green Space — 17            | • Mixed Use — 23                 |

**What land uses would you like more of downtown? Tell us using a sticky note.**

- Hotels
- Loft living
- Hotels
- Hotels
- Historic hotels
- Gran space, entertainment
- Bar/restaurants
- Brewery's
- Hotels/lodging
- Bars & restaurants
- Family friendly activities
- Businesses employment offices to supplement commercial
- Residential — because it helps population downtown 24/7. Public & Institutional service to the public and any education
- Breweries & restaurants w/ outdoor areas that are family friendly i.e., play areas
- Hotel
- Restaurants (open on Sunday)
- Hotels
- Restaurants, bars, event space, community center, meeting space
- Restaurants
- More walkable spaces w/ less traffic going down Main St.
- Hotels
- Outdoor café areas
- Way more greenery and visual interests on Main St. and downtown
- Breweries, boutiques, restaurants, entertainment, outdoor eating
- More restaurants and breweries/social areas around downtown. More choice!
- Art center with more visualization
- Food/green spaces
- Breweries, café, restaurants
- Local upscale restaurants
- Historic boutique hotels

**Are there existing land uses that are misplaced? If so, which ones? Place a red dot on the map. Tell us why using a sticky note.**

- Storage needs higher, better use
- Storage on Main across from sleep shop
- Buildings used as storage on Main St.
- Building that appear empty but are being used as storage
- Midwest Iron
- Could Parking lots of parking garages be used for more than one business or purpose? With keeping business hours in mind
- Could benefit from: community garden and compost
- Storage use
- Relocate the 3 tire stores
- Salvation Army is in wrong place
- Tyson plant
- Move Midwest iron to 6
- Vacant buildings used for storage
- Catalyst 14 w lot is 3 family 3 apartments
- How often is Memorial Hall used and how much does repair and upkeep cost? Do benefits outweigh costs?
- Warehouses — double down
- Midwest iron
- Vacant building storage
- Buildings used for storage
- Public parking could be enclosed late night/early morning to prevent partying/loitering
- Single family residence on Washington between B & C area is a commercial space

- Hutch exists beyond C and Main St
- Curbs and streets don't go beyond severance Sherman. Potholes have been filled
- Elm Dale tennis courts need repair

**What land uses should be preserved within downtown? Show us by placing a green dot on the map. Tell us with a sticky note.**

- Ave A. Park, Chester Lewis Plaza, DCI Park, George Pyle Park
- Any residences with historical history, landmark hotel, yellow taxi company
- Landmark Hotel
- Landmark Hotel, and Memorial Hall — museum historic buildings
- Commercial residential mixed use
- DCI Park
- Greenspace
- Green Space
- Chester Lewis Park, Pyle Park, Ave A Park. Chester Lewis Park is an example of using small space to create park with planting, places to sit and artwork.
- Ave A Park, Chester Pyle Park

**Where should future housing be located? Show us by placing a yellow dot on the map.**

**What kind of housing should be developed? Tell us with a sticky note.**

- All kinds but especially single family
- Condos and Duplexes
- Multi-market housing in landmark
- Upper story landmark & second floor
- Get rid of or clean up the motels, some are vacant
- Renovate existing motels
- Apartments & Duplexes
- Multiuse Buildings
- Single Family
- Convert vacant buildings to apartment space — attract singles downtown
- More loft spaces above Main Street & Downtown locations with businesses under
- Anywhere we can
- Apartments nice but affordable, in upper levels of buildings
- Market rate
- Renovate buildings, like the landmark for hotel and/or apartments, businesses below
- Housing could be 2nd floors of shops
- Neighborhood renovations and clean up
- Any kind of housing will have to be accompanied by sufficient external recourses in order to make it happen and be affordable
- #1 landmark, #2 the old business college

**What are the important landmarks, attractions, or destinations downtown? Show us by placing a blue dot on the map. Tell us using a sticky note.**

- Landmark hotel & Memorial Hall
- Memorial Hall
- Courthouse
- Family Children's Theater
- Toy Depot Smiths Market
- Landmark hotel & Memorial Hall
- Memorial Hall
- Memorial Hall
- Chester I Lewis, Fox, Hoke Hotel
- Main venues – Fox Theater, Memorial Hall, Museum, enlarged green space/amphitheaters, gazebos
- Stage 9
- Landmark
- Landmark
- City Hall
- Flag, Fox, Stage 9, All the parks, city hall, destination shopping
- Apron Strings, Amelias
- Memorial Hall
- Metro Coffee
- Crow & Co.
- Convention Hall – Memorial Hall has a 'negative' connotation reflecting a memorial rather than a usable building – fix outside sidewalks – better lighting, difficult to see/read posted maps
- Salt City and Sand Hills brewery, Crow Co, Metro Coffee, Farmers Market
- Ave A. Park, Salt City Brewery, Sand Hills Brewery, Pizzacos, Boutiques
- Ave A. Park, Salt City brewery, Sand Hills Brewery, Gunbros, Farmers Market
- Fox Theater
- Th Burt Hollys
- Axe it Up Hutch and Bin Shop'n
- Smith Market, Gun Bros

## Development & Redevelopment

**What areas, sites or buildings downtown do you consider underutilized? Tell us using a sticky note.**

- Memorial Hall
- Upper floors 2,3,4, above fox theater
- Landmark
- Carnegie Library 5th & Main St.
- Salt city, business school, landmark, older hotels, Memorial Hall
- Entire block where Daylight Donuts is at retail fronts and upstairs both sides of street
- 13.5 Main. Agree but has new owner who has done terrific job of saving building — new roof. gutted inside
- Main 2nd-1st
- SW corner, 4th & Washington office building
- Main 3rd- 4th
- 14 W. Main
- W Building

- Union Temple
- 14 N. Main
- Model NE Corner 4th & Washington
- All upper floors not being used
- Old Reno County abstract building in middle of block
- Salvation Army Property (hotel)
- Sherman & Adams — Shelton Motor
- 4th & Washington — Washington Sq building
- Avenue A Park concerts and community events
- DCI park Ave A Park/water feature
- Memorial Hall, upper stories, sidewalks
- Memorial Hall
- Ave. A Park for community events
- Upper story/floors of buildings
- Memorial Hall, Ave A. Park
- Memorial Hall, Ave A Park
- Memorial Hall

**What areas of the downtown are primed and ready for development or redevelopment? Show us by placing a yellow dot on the map. Tell us why using a sticky note.**

- 5th street corridor btw landmark & art center — adding housing and sidewalks
- A redevelop tire stores to use more appropriate to downtown
- Historic Carnegie Library & empty lot – @ catalyne intersection 5th & Main
- The old Sears building is prime real estate w parking next to park, courthouse empty
- Area west of the bust on Ave B
- 4th & Washington. Hotel possible?
- Add sears complex.
- Vacant lots C & Walnut. Good for public space/venue
- Taxi places & old business college get redevelopment and location
- Hotel 4th & Washington, and 4th and ½ block east on Main
- Landmark hotel
- Need to redevelop area around water — w popup retail/seating/food. Make it safer
- Both sides of street between 3rd & 4th
- 4th & Walnut rainbow bread, monster building demo
- Dollar General
- Vacant Lots
- Redevelopment should be 1st
- Building for lease next to sandhills on 2nd and Washington
- Landmark hotel, Dollar General
- Vacant Buildings and taxi buildings

**Where do you consider the center or “heart” of downtown? Place a green dot on the map to show us. Tell us why using a sticky note.**

- Park to park. Sherman to 2nd on Main
- Ave A Park – it's a crucial gathering place that has green space and aesthetic
- 2nd and Main
- Ave. A Park – centrally located

- The area on Main between A & B
- DCI
- Main 1st Sherman
- 2nd & Main DCI Area
- 2nd to B
- 2nd Ave to Ave B Via Main Street
- Chester Lewis Plaza
- Ave A Park
- DCI Park because its accessible visible green space
- The problem is there are pocket parks — like mini heart — spread out, not connected
- Sandhills brewery has been a great place for like-minded people to come together and share ideas
- 1st and Main is center of downtown because the Wiley Building is the anchor
- Ave A Park. Great space — prettiest area
- A & Main. ... street intersection 4 lanes to accommodate traffic
- Ave A park. Green space for the community

**What kind of development or redevelopment would you like to see downtown? Tell us using a sticky note.**

- Hotel (Homewood Suites type)
- Hotels and lodging
- Housing
- Children's science museums or activity center
- Housing utilizing upper floor space
- Entertainment district. Area
- Hotels
- F & B
- Outdoor venue/public space
- Legit ice cream shop. DQ is downtown
- Hotels
- Outdoor entertainment venue
- Green space for study and play
- Convert rundown bar spaces into new adult hangouts, restaurants, sports bars, cigar bars, barcades, etc.
- Retail
- Hotels and upper floor housing
- STEM museums, kids museums
- Consider a series of buildings business pertaining to a certain theme. For Example: arts and entertainment, dinner cocktails, music venues
- Upper floor and infill housing
- Upper floor housing
- Placemaking
- Unique, place-themed boutique hotel
- Single family housing, duplex, apartments - South of D street to Carey Park
- Restaurants w/ outdoor seating
- A dedicated city square to establish a "heart" of the city
- Activate alleys & empty lots w/ placemaking
- Speakeasy & coffee shop
- Make Wiley building a hotel
- Hotels
- Small grocery store (next to planet fitness or old Sears building)

- Retail popup shops — entrepreneurial spaces
- Bed and breakfast small hotels
- Jeni's splendid ice cream
- Convert upper floors to apartments
- Clean up the homeless around Ave A park — more resources for them; places for them to go to
- Coffee shops, magazines, pastry/bakery
- Small business and family green space
- Hayes sight & sound (general TV/electronics store), Virginias ladies dress shop (not another trendy boutique)
- Family friendly engagement sit and play/walkable area
- Historic Hutchinson Neon sign alley
- More loft housing
- Outdoor entertainment. Coffee shop, food, retail (small business)
- Food truck park. Local owned restaurants, artist guild
- Outdoor entertainment, retail, food, small business

**What attractions, entertainment opportunities, programs, and events would you like to see downtown that do not currently exist? Tell us using a sticky note.**

- Creekside concerts (many summer events given good weather)
- Outdoor amphitheater
- Culture/history
- Major tourist attraction
- Family friendly activities
- Monthly/weekends music in the parks
- Indie music
- Family attraction
- Concerts, family entertainment place (like chicken n pickle)
- Wine bar w cheesecake
- Park & AA tourism/destination innovative dynamic places &/or interactive art & structures that are kid-friendly throughout downtown that keeps families coming back and active
- Wine and coffee bar with music
- More ethnic restaurants from diverse cultures in Hutchinson
- Art walk
- History walk, art walk
- Family hotel, restaurants wine bar, music entertainment
- Hutch history
- Wine/coffee bar
- Improved (and safe) outdoor seating — gathering spaces \*metal ones are rusty and unsafe\*
- Downtown large Christmas tree
- Outdoor concerts
- More accessible dynamic indoor play place like Oodleplay
- Music in the park series though nice weather
- Arcade/pinball place
- Outdoor patio and street dining
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- Partner with churches to create a Mennonite history center
- Evening concerts
- Music to the street

- Movable seating in parks and on sidewalks
- Outdoor venue; greenspaces, movie screen, stage
- More museums, activity centers, performance venues (Comedy, poetry, music etc.)
- Ice skating, carousel wishing fountain, splash pad
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- Ice skating, carousel wishing fountain, splash pad
- Wine bar/bourbon bar
- Children's museum, aquarium, (three more things listed... bright pink sticky)
- Get organizations like H. Res/YMCA, BGC and others to create a family friendly center downtown with play space
- Outdoor areas: movies, rotating featured artists
- Food truck alley
- Patio Bar and grill space
- Restaurants w sunny indoor room due to weather wind heat flies
- Historic Hutchinson Neon Sign Alley
- A heritage celebration like the Chili Fest and Third Thursday — sharing of cultured foods, music, little pop-up shops, and booths
- A play area that includes potential band space and café-like seating around play areas for family friendly events.
- Bring Hutch Fest back downtown
- Something similar to exploration place
- Concert, attractive green space, food trucks
- Concerts, wine bars, trendy café, nice restaurants, and green spaces.

## Placemaking, Public Space & Aesthetics

**Should new parks or public gathering space be developed downtown? If so, where? Show us by placing a green dot on the map. Describe your desired space using a sticky note.**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Woodie Slat after roundabout created</li> <li>• Ave A Park enhancement on water way, redesign for more foot traffic/pop-up retail</li> <li>• Seating green space with picnic space</li> <li>• Design park for people to gather and events</li> <li>• Expand use of Chester Lewis Plaza, add shade, use food truck parking</li> <li>• More green space for families to have a reason to gather stay a while</li> <li>• More amenities and shade at Chester I Lewis</li> <li>• Just west of Salvation Army and East of Wendy's</li> <li>• DCI Park redesign seating/art/water feature/elevations/gardens</li> <li>• Enhance what we currently have</li> <li>• Amphitheater, entertainment venue, green space</li> <li>• Pop-up park next to old Carnegie Library (AFL-CIO)</li> <li>• Can Creek be deepened for kayaks?</li> <li>• Dog Park</li> <li>• Pocket Park by levee on barriers</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes — more public gathering places outdoors</li> <li>• Between union temple and point-blank tattoo (5th and Main)</li> <li>• Cow Creek - "boat towns" w/ history of Hutchinson</li> <li>• More opportunities to use the creek</li> <li>• Yes, Park across city building - amphitheater</li> <li>• Yes, Ave C &amp; Walnut - outdoor public space</li> <li>• What is Memorial Hall wasn't there and we had a park connecting Ave A and George Pyle</li> <li>• By public library picnic park, outdoor music venue</li> <li>• South Main Dog Park</li> <li>• No - I think we have enough public space, we don't want to attract loitering, living, or sleeping on street</li> </ul> |
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**When do you feel like you've arrived in downtown? Show us by placing a yellow dot on the map. Tell us why using a sticky note.**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water tower</li> <li>• North 7th &amp; Main, up tracks south. Walnut/Adams</li> <li>• 5th &amp; Main</li> <li>• 6th &amp; Main</li> <li>• Chester Lewis &amp; the Fox</li> <li>• George Pyle Park</li> <li>• Salt City/Wool Market</li> <li>• DCI Park</li> <li>• First National Building</li> <li>• I have arrived in downtown when I see Salt City Brewery</li> <li>• Harley's - 7th and Main</li> <li>• For me, downtown begins at the brewery</li> <li>• 5th St.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Ave. A Park, North Dons Floral</li> <li>• North end @ 7th, South end at B</li> <li>• North 6th and Main, South Ave C Rail Tracks</li> <li>• 5th</li> <li>• 6th and Main, Ave C and Main</li> <li>• 6th St. Heading south</li> <li>• DT need to go to 11th</li> <li>• 5th</li> <li>• Bike shop</li> <li>• 'Entrance feel' added at 4th and main when street redone in that are interesting, considering 4th avenue is no longer highway 50 going through town</li> <li>• A/B &amp; Main</li> <li>• Harley's bike shop, Ave C and 11th &amp; Main</li> </ul> |
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### Map for Placemaking, Public Space, and Aesthetics 1 and 2

- Expand and connect greenspace - entertainment - outdoor dining - pedestrian zones - festoon lighting
- Ave A - outside amphitheater, next to museum
- Downtown convention center/hotel at Woody Seat roundabout
- South Main to and from Carey Park is significant downtown entry point

**How/where can we make downtown more beautiful? Tell us using a sticky note.**

- Cover vacant window with cityscapes/beautification decals so they don't appear so abandoned
- Upgrade seating and benches, add more color in plantings, hard shade streetscapes
- More public art, more outdoor seating options
- Get rid of the homeless @ Ave. A Park
- Restoring building fronts
- Develop old bakery
- More public art, funding removal of old metal facades
- Clean it on a consistent basis
- The landmark hotel
- Woody seat
- Connectivity and courtyard/square green spaces in place of streets
- Maintain streetscapes, benches, tables, trashcans all need refurbished
- Need to connect enlarge green space and make it beautiful
- Pedestrian/retail zone w/ restaurant and eatery space
- Block off unit east of Sherman
- More green space/pocket parks
- Update store fronts with sort of a cohesive look compared to the old architecture
- Main from 3rd to 4th
- Streetscape in front of Jackson Meats
- Landmark
- More hanging planters and large pots
- Make empty buildings owners pay for window cleaning

- Provide soothing or energetic music
- Maintain all bump outs
- Ave A and Main
- Historic preservation, community gardens, outdoor sculpture, or artwork (permanent or rotating)
- Vacant buildings need to be refurbished
- More flowers, trash off of public street, hanging planters
- Neon sign Alley
- More greenery on the streets
- More color on the buildings – make it vibrant
- Many buildings need scenery updated. Planters in front of the streets, trees, murals
- Public trash cans, public art, homeless issues
- Public trash cans city cleanup (Ave A. Park) green space upkeep flower beds by intersections get rid of abandoned buildings

**What would make it more enjoyable or comfortable to relax and spend time downtown? Tell us using a sticky note.**

- Hard shade structures not susceptible to wind damage
- More public music, broadcast, or baskers
- Outdoor dining
- Family play spaces @ bars, breweries, and restaurants
- Outdoor eating, coffee shops, outdoor seating at restaurants, more parks in front of delis
- More, shade, grass
- Outdoor eating
- More comfortable seating, wind breaks
- Carriage rides — historic towns
- Move the homeless along
- More green spaces, planted medians
- Outdoor seating at restaurants
- Shade
- Wi-Fi
- Cleaning the creek
- Water features i.e., Fountains
- Outdoor venues/parks outdoor restaurants, special menus/drinks at certain times, shade/heat
- Shade
- Shaded seating at parks
- Outdoor dining
- Outdoor seating and entertainment
- Family play spaces w/ greenery, shade & café like seating
- Outdoor eating coffee shops, green spaces
- Filling buildings, ease up zoning
- Less anti-homeless infrastructure, care for humans, don't seek to put them "out of sight"
- Neon sign alley
- Outdoor seating for restaurants, and coffee shops, dog park
- Spread out, multiple "pocket parks"
- Outdoor cafes/restaurants. Green spaces
- E.g., Third Thursday if in town for work or activity included by 1200, waiting around or driving home then back in town for 1800 start not always desirable — start activities at 1200 or have an attractive year-round place to walk until event starts

**What changes need to be made to the streetscaping, vegetation, and outdoor furniture downtown? Tell us using a sticky note.**

- Hanging plants
- More trash/recycling bins downtown
- More trash receptacles, more seating that doesn't rust
- No more uncomfortable wire seating
- More safe places for people to sit and congregate
- Trash cans on corners
- Maintain plantings, trees, sculptures (add more)
- Furniture that doesn't rust
- Fix and maintain what's already there
- More greenspaces/new flag stands
- Need hanging flowers
- Outdoor furniture, more strategic wind limits effectiveness and usage
- Maintain bump outs
- Water feature
- Public garden
- More flower & public art
- Updated benches and tables
- More outdoor eating tables
- Main street center landscaping median
- Replace unsafe metal seating down Main St.
- Improve landscaping, clean existing landscaping
- Greenage. Plants. Plants
- Water fountain, flowerpots
- No fruit-bearing vegetation create sidewalk hazards, any vegetation must be pruned to keep sidewalks passable
- Shade giving native plants, perennial edible plants
- Less traffic on main — less noise, strategic wind breaks, big native planting (like Salina)
- Trash and recycling receptacles
- Clean Cow Creek
- More trashcans
- Trash cans/recycling greenspace clean & take care of existing landscape

**What do you like or want more of in the aesthetics of your downtown? Tell us using a sticky note.**

- Street partnering to remove trash from vegetation
- More wayfinding signage that is beautiful
- Update the 1980s wayfinding
- City help update fixtures on poles for flags and signage — new directional signage
- Murals, public art, interactive art
- We have prison labor — we should be sparkling, clean, and shiny downtown district!
- Improve on street sweeping along curbs side streets are dirty
- Music as you walk downtown main street
- Street sweeping
- Large water feature
- Shops w/ outdoor shopping and eating
- Better trash services and more outdoor seating.

- Building exteriors and windows to be neatly maintained from all view
- More places to eat and shop
- Community cleanup days
- Current Christmas wreathes not pretty or inviting ugly dull
- Building better maintained. More indoor/outdoor shops and eating. Clean up trash
- Do street sweeping
- Restorations and cleanup
- Neon sign alley
- Regular sidewalk cleaning
- More frequent pockets of seating, engagement art, greenery
- More businesses

**What would make your downtown more vibrant? Tell us using a stick note.**

- Better signage and greenspace corridors
- Designated event space
- Evening public events/outdoor concerts — free if possible
- Less homeless population, common speaker system w/ music/more open pedestrian areas
- More people walking on the streets
- Play spaces, entertainment district, ability to have drinks and walk around downtown
- Find space for homeless to live
- Another coffee shop like in clay works
- Outdoor dining
- Historic tours — bike, walk, scooter, or boat
- Coffee shops or places to hang out like Starbucks atmosphere
- Event space, amphitheater green space, cultural/history
- More events like Comic Con or bluegrass festival
- Outdoor dining
- More restaurants, more places for 20- to 30-year-olds
- Using vacant windows for artwork/murals
- Restaurants, breweries, bike rentals
- Outdoor music system
- More charm. Shop owners taking pride in their sidewalk spaces. Flowerpots etc.
- Downtown convention center 2nd hotel
- More color! More Art
- Outdoor/patio dining
- Concert @ Cow Creek Ave A Park
- Outdoor amphitheater and play area
- Food truck parking/district
- Children activities
- More open businesses after 5 pm
- Signage
- More murals, public art sculptures hanging baskets
- Outdoor dining, rooftop bar
- Re-imagined Memorial Hall
- Downtown...
- Neon sign alley
- More people
- Rental bikes, green spaces, food options

**Is there a need for additional public performance space downtown? Tell us using a sticky note.**

- Yes! If you build it, they will come
- Yes! Need amphitheater in Ave A Park
- Have enough space, just need improved
- Sidewalk performances
- Tangential to small performance. We need to better utilize on large spaces
- Revamp current spaces to better utilized
- Yes – and bring back Creekside concerts/BBQ at Ave A park
- Upgrade Chester I Park with shade
- Yes! Outdoor amphitheater
- AC Memorial Hall
- Repair and revive what already exists. Then add more
- Upgrade existing inc. Chester Lewis Plaza
- Utilize Avenue A park for more concerts
- Amphitheater
- Music, places to sit, outdoor dining spaces
- Outdoor band stand
- Rename, and enhance convention Hall (not memorial)
- Utilize the stages that we already have Ave A and DCI Park
- Yes! Maybe café like seating around band stand and green spaces
- Outdoor event space amphitheater
- Yes, outdoor event space

**Transportation & Mobility**

**Where is it difficult to walk in downtown? Where are missing pedestrian connections? Show us by placing a blue dot on the map. Tell us why using a sticky note.**

- Trip hazards on sidewalks throughout downtown
- Gravel overlay creates an uneven walking hazard when stepping off the curb
- Walking/brining connectivity from Boys and Girls Club on west 2nd street to downtown is poor
- Main St. Is not walking friendly
- Limited site @ B & Washington due to parked cars
- State Fairs Road needs shoulders
- Pavers crumbing at corners
- Pedestrian danger around wooden seat
- Over their railroad tracks
- Sidewalk needs repair on Main and side streets
- Ave A. Curbs are 12” tall
- Uneven sidewalks, unclear crossings, too much traffic, too close to street, not enough greenery and or barriers between us and cars
- Side street sidewalks are mostly all in bad condition
- The blocks east and west of Main need walkable sidewalks
- Ave. B E & W of Main
- During winter snow events — don't clear sidewalk snow into gutter making a motion or river to cross from sidewalk to vehicle. Done clear streets to sides blocking sidewalk access — plows to middle and open intersections
- Connect Ave A. Park to Memorial Hall and to George Pyle Park
- Railroad tracks and persons that use chairs as transportation
- Sidewalks in disrepair on 1st Ave by De las bldg. — several Main streets to sidewalk transfers are bad
- I love walking downtown Main Street! My only concern is the homeless. Most are very friendly, but sometimes there is a concern for personal safety
- Fruit bearing trees along sidewalks that drop tripping. Ankle turning hazards



**Where is it difficult to bike in downtown? Where are missing bicycle connections? Show us by placing a yellow dot on the map. Tell us why using a sticky note.**

- Limited to no bike parking
- More bike parking
- Washington “bike boulevard” needs repair with share rows and bike signs like the bike/ped Main Plan says
- Ave B Bride Road
- Unsafe street biking unlawful on sidewalk (Main)
- If we can't make Ave A a pedestrian zone, we need a pedestrian bridge connecting Memorial Hall to the future pedestrian/restaurant zone on Walnut
- Finish Washington Street bicycle Blvd.
- All of downtown is dangerous for biking. Hard to see when backing out of spaces
- It's hard to get to downtown
- Main Street itself, with angle parking makes biking hard as cars back out
- Unsafe street biking — cars backing out
- Direct biking route from north of ... to downtown
- If you add biking areas, don't block streets (ex. 17th)
- Bike lanes on Main would help families come spend time downtown
- More bike parking connecting bike routes through town
- Possible bike lane next to sidewalk and inside parking stalls
- We need a bike route that is designated
- I bike south north as Washington then try to get out of downtown as quickly as possible using 1st street for sidewalk on Main as last resort. Angled parking is not conducive to seeing bikes. Adams is unsafe for bikes
- Downtown overall does not have good bike connectivity to the rest of town

**What are the missing vehicular connections within or to/from downtown? Show us by placing a green dot on the map. Tell us why with a sticky note.**

- The access road south of Stephens building is terrible and unclear whether it is to be used or not – but I still do not get the Hayden's salon
- A legal turn around feature south of Smiths Market but north of the tracks would be nice
- Need electric scooter rental downtown
- Public charging station
- Bike rentals
- Alley between Sherman & A...Terrible!
- Need transportation from hotel in E Hutch and the bus station, to downtown Hutch... need transportation to the airport
- Woody seat freeway
- Avenue C west of Main not Maintained.
- Rental scooters and outdoor outlets
- Rental scooters
- LSP track crossing needs repair
- City moped/bike/handicap riding cart rental, need accessible shop doors
- Bike rentals
- Rental scooters
- Avenue C between Washington and walnut
- Needs to be rebuild, natural turn to north when leaving Smiths, Renos, Hollies — prevent cross street parking/U-turns
- Electric Scooters and bike rentals

**Where is traffic congested? Are there any high crash locations? Show us by placing a red dot on the map. Tell us why using a sticky note.**

- Dangerous blind spots and (can't make out... green sticky)
- S&L Adams high crash location
- Ave A & Walnut
- 2nd & Walnut by Chamber offices — at least two crashes 1 month
- South railroad
- 3rd & Main has to see oncoming traffic
- Around 5th and Adams and woody seat highway
- Need more parking off Main Street. Difficult to back onto main from parking on street
- U turns on Main are dangerous
- Esp. by school — hms7 bulb outs at sidewalks place pedestrians closer to center of intersection
- Clear markings/signage that lanes merge approaching C & Main (heading N) — between both sets of tracks
- Salt City Brewery parking
- Main St. Ave A E/W bound need left turn signal
- Main St. going S at Ave. A — left lane should be turn left lane — right lane go straight to one-lane road

**Where is there enough parking? Show us by placing a green dot on the map.**

- Every where
- Plenty of parking
- Memorial Hall has limited parking
- Daily parking is OK, but during events not enough
- Add parking in front of old fire in middle of street. B Street.
- Enough parking except on 5th and Main
- Across from Ace Hardware
- We just need more signs for “free parking”
- Parking developed in front of old fire station
- There is a lot of parking, but it does fill quickly
- Wayfinding signage is very dated. Update attractions and parking)
- No main entrance to parking south of Salvation army thrift store
- Parking across the street needs a pedestrian cross walk in the middle of the block
- Awareness of the parking agreement between private business and city at corner lot Ave A and Walnut (HGECU)

**Where is there not enough parking? Place a red dot on the map to show us.**

- New area a water park
- Unit block East 2nd St. Unit block East B
- 5th & Main Salt City
- Covered and Secure Parking for loft living
- Poorly designed parking 2nd to Walnut for residential
- Need more parking at Memorial Hall
- Stop parking in Chester Lewis Plaza
- Anywhere business workers park that take away from customers
- Salt City
- Landmark
- Need Employee parking for DT
- SW Corner 5th & Main existing parking lot
- Parking is difficult, the full length of main — backing into traffic blindly is dangerous
- Need more parking by future pedestrian area
- Salt City
- Salt City, Hutch Rec
- Around fox where there are shows or symphonies
- 2nd between Washington & Adams is full on Saturday mornings and some evenings

## Business Operations & Policy

**What business operations issues exist within downtown? Tell us using a sticky note.**

- Need for national chain (not this, no, no)
- Restaurants with later dinner hours. Cocktail bars, dessert bars w late night vibe
- Upstairs housing regulations
- Stores close early on Saturday
- Businesses need to get more craftsman from out of town
- Codes are pretty
- Purpose to go downtown then shops will be open more hours
- Homelessness
- Need to create walkability
- Restaurants, hotels, and bars that stay open
- Difficult parking, walk
- Random operating hrs. — depends on store/owner
- Open market/daily farmers marker expanded street market
- Anchor business is Wiley Bldg.
- Unfriendly business owners
- Flag hotel
- There are no places to eat on Mondays wen we have a lot of out-of-towners
- Retail storefronts used for storage
- Small grocery store
- Wages are low and don't support consumer spending
- Restaurants closed too early
- Need to keep all businesses in downtown family-friendly
- Need more hotels, maybe Wiley can be a hotel
- Promote positive messages, promote others — promote downtown

- Kitty café
- Outdated signage and branding
- Business closed third Thursday
- Hours of business not conducive to workers
- Business hours not conducive to peoples working schedules
- Businesses close during downtown events
- Farmers market is great
- Just 4 years ago I thought I would not ever say this, but for the over 60 group DVS senior center is a great value a well-attended
- Hutch has been known to be difficult for small businesses to develop. Is a deterrent to future entrepreneurs
- Businesses close on third Thursday and other events

**What district operations issues exist within downtown? Tell us using a sticky note.**

- Gap funding needed
- This exists. Contact step up hutch
- Unless you want grants (free public money)
- Night entertainment
- Don't use parking enough
- Organizations of events not inclusive to business owners
- Fire dept. regulation
- Lack of funding to properly redevelop
- Fire dept sprinkler regulations and costs prohibited (huge problem)
- Upper-level restaurants
- Cluster of restaurants to give people "options" for unique dining and entertainment
- Gap funding to code/life safety mitigation on old buildings
- No camping ordinances
- Trans — random timing — hookups in intersections
- Cost of sprinklers, elevators etc. in old buildings
- Lack of funding. City buys in
- Cost to meet code compliance
- Group districts together to create special interest
- No budget for advertising beyond social media
- Need full time downtown director
- Operational hours of downtown business
- Former districts are not consistent i.e., locations are very spread-out membership activity is low. Antique district
- Funding to help with regulations
- Reno county has outdated regulations, aka 30% food, sells requirements, for a liquor license
- Nightlife funding, hours of operations
- Night entertainment, house of operations
- Some districts do no marketing, do not collaborate
- Spent money to make money
- Need to think outside box to figure out resources to create housing entertainment venues, etc.

**What maintenance operations issues exist within downtown? Tell us using a sticky note.**

- Sidewalks need repair
- Many businesses look very dated
- U turns are a problem
- Need better collaboration between city and county gov
- Water table is high
- Some dirty appearance and store fronts dilapidated
- Attention to cleaning streets and repairing parking stalls, and repair to parking stops that are crumbling
- Stop lights need to be in sync
- Cost of rehabbing buildings i.e., sprinkler systems in old buildings
- Broken flag houses and tiny faded banners on lights
- Streets and sidewalk maintenance
- Bike lanes, pedestrian walking, cross signs
- Keeping the streets and sidewalks clean
- All buildings need to be neat and maintained from all views
- Please clean your windows
- Alleys are horrible
- Too much pavement
- Buildings not up to code-safety issues
- Need new benches and tables
- Public bathrooms
- Lighting
- Christmas lights need updated
- Maintain bump outs
- City codes more business friendly
- Landscape bed, and trash maintenance
- We need Jim S. Back
- Storm shelters
- Where are the storm shelters?
- Lots of trash and recycling bins and have them regularly emptied
- Storm water runoff fee
- More advertising of events/activities and recognize that folks use multiple media not just FB, social media etc.
- Owners, keep outdoors clean! Paint and remove trash
- Bike lanes
- Bike lanes
- Maintain Ave C

**What marketing/branding/identity issues exist within downtown? Tell us using a sticky note.**

- More day and night events
- More restaurants and night life bars, breweries
- More historical preservation... need more... pride in arch. Buildings and history. Live music on the street, need more
- Need a unified message for all businesses to share
- Beautify corridors
- Consistent promotion from all — mention downtown Hutch in your Ads
- New corner sign fixtures to publicize what is happening, invest in making things look “nice”

- No unique message — actually Hutch needs a unique message that all would be under
- Events
- Advertise events that occurring
- Public parking sign
- Lack of defined district use
- Wayfinding sign updates needed
- Need to unify downtown w/a “look”, maybe brick pavers in the designated downtown
- Lack of communication or sharing of ideas benefiting all on downtown Hutch lack of attendance at downtown coalition
- Signage: public parking, downtown markers
- Need a “nice” entrance to downtown that shows that our city “cares” and is welcoming
- Outdated signage? Branding for individual retailers
- 1980s way finding needs update
- Way finding across city directing people to downtown
- Need a coherent focus
- Need to draw in an “outlet row”, identity space for luxury retail outlet spaces
- Not clear when to shop downtown if in its not during holiday
- Outdated branding and signage
- Vision, think big, don’t let nay sayers control growth
- Too much reliance on Facebook/social media to let public know what is happening — use radio stations, Hutch Post more — use websites (not social media), hampered by lack reliable local newspaper
- Inconsistent store hours with businesses — both individually (different hours or different days) and together (no uniformity)
- Not a lot of commercial business to attract customers, need a health food/organic store downtown, spaces or known to be empty or used for storage
- Should be WAY more colorful and artistic
- Feels cliquish your only “downtown” if you’re on main
- Events coherent business hours
- Events downtown organized as 1 unit
- Cost of advertising local businesses

**What did we miss? Jot down any last thoughts or comments about downtown Hutchinson. Tell us on a sticky note.**

- Neon sign alley
- Traffic light synchronization will soon be completed
- EV charges
- Medical Facility
- Public bathrooms/storm shelter

## Proposed Concepts [Day 3]

### Critical Issues Downtown

**Critical Downtown issues were identified by downtown stakeholder. Please put a green dot by issues you agree with. Put a red dot by issues you disagree with. Did we miss any critical downtown issues you want the Downtown Plan to consider? Tell us with a sticky note.**

1. Lack of dining, entertainment, & destination uses that cause people to come and stay downtown.  
26 green; 1 red
2. Critical need to preserve historic architecture & culture downtown.  
10 green; 4 red
3. Need for additional maintenance of downtown streets, public spaces, and sidewalks.  
12 green; 1 red
4. Railroad tracks bring physical and audible interruptions to downtown. [REMOVE]  
4.5 green; 5 red
5. Provides historical and community character  
Some building stock is aged and deteriorating, requiring rehabilitation.  
14 green
6. Vacant/underutilized properties detracting from the success and momentum of downtown.  
13 green
7. Lack of flexible/programmable spaces.  
7 green; 1 red
8. [REVISED] Need for improvements and additions to green spaces, open spaces, and public gathering spaces.  
10 green; 9 red  
Perhaps a collection of green spaces offering alternatives ex; parks, gardens,
9. Property owners leasing out properties that are not up to date, placing undue burden on tenants to make improvements.  
7.5 or 8 green
10. Businesses with limited operating hours, limiting collective activity, foot traffic, and ability to build critical mass.  
8 green; 2 red
11. Negative perceptions of downtown safety due to homelessness or lack of people and activity.  
8 green; 3 red
12. Lack of workforce for new and existing businesses.  
8 green
13. Need for multimodal safety improvements at some intersections.  
3 green
14. Need for safer pedestrian infrastructure throughout downtown and especially at railroad crossings.  
4 green; 3 red

15. Code compliance is difficult and expensive, especially related to life safety and bringing existing older buildings up to code.  
25.5 or 26 green
16. Lack of grants, incentives, gap funding, and over funding programs to make starting a business more financially feasible.  
4 green; 1 red  
Local, state, or federal
17. [REVISED] Homeless living and camping downtown.  
5 green; 7 red
18. Limited funding available for downtown advertising and promotion.  
5 green
19. Lack of a distinct, unified downtown brand.  
11 green; 1 red
20. Limited funding available to achieve the vision for downtown, only enough for main priorities like promoting private reinvestment.  
8 green

## A Future Vision for Downtown Hutch

**Downtown Hutch is a dynamic cultural hub home to vibrant retail, dining, entertainment, and business destinations; active indoor and outdoor spaces; downtown living, and community pride.**

- 50 green; 1 red
- What about housing or living?
- Community growth

## Proposed Downtown Districts

**North Rail District: The entertainment, commerce, and arts district. Lively, great night life, and great venues/destinations.**

- 9 green
- The landmark district
- Railroad district

**Downtown Core: The specialty shopping, heritage tourism district. Great boutiques, bookstores, coffee shops, antiques/home furnishings, and cafes.**

- 11 green; 1 red
- Specialty - need replacement for Hayes Sight and Sound - Boutiques — don't need another, trendy - need basic clothing store

**Civic/Business District: The home of civic life, great live/work space, office, mixed-use residential, conventions, and hotels.**

- 6 green

**Garage District: Adaptive reuse of industrial spaces, home to start up spaces, production space, studios, and dense residential live/work spaces.**

- 6 green; 4 red
- Might rethink word “garage” negative connotation/makes some think of warehouse and garage

**South Ave: Home to parks, public plaza, and festival space. Crafty, modern, quirky storefronts and new residential, artsy restaurants, and great patios.**

- 11 green; 5 red
- Festival space will take up valuable parking

**What Do you Think About these Districts? Do these definitions fit a future vision for each part of downtown?**

- Don't like “Garage District” sounds like a place you don't want to go — dirty and dark
- “Innovation district” rather this than garage district
- All of downtown is an entertainment district
- Do not use “Main” in district name
- North district, south district
- Garage district is a terrible name
- Please be aware of not taking up too much parking from existing biz
- Extended block for greenspace is great but not be enough for extended pedestrian only space that would be family-friendly and inviting families to stay and play

## Potential Development & Redevelopment Opportunities

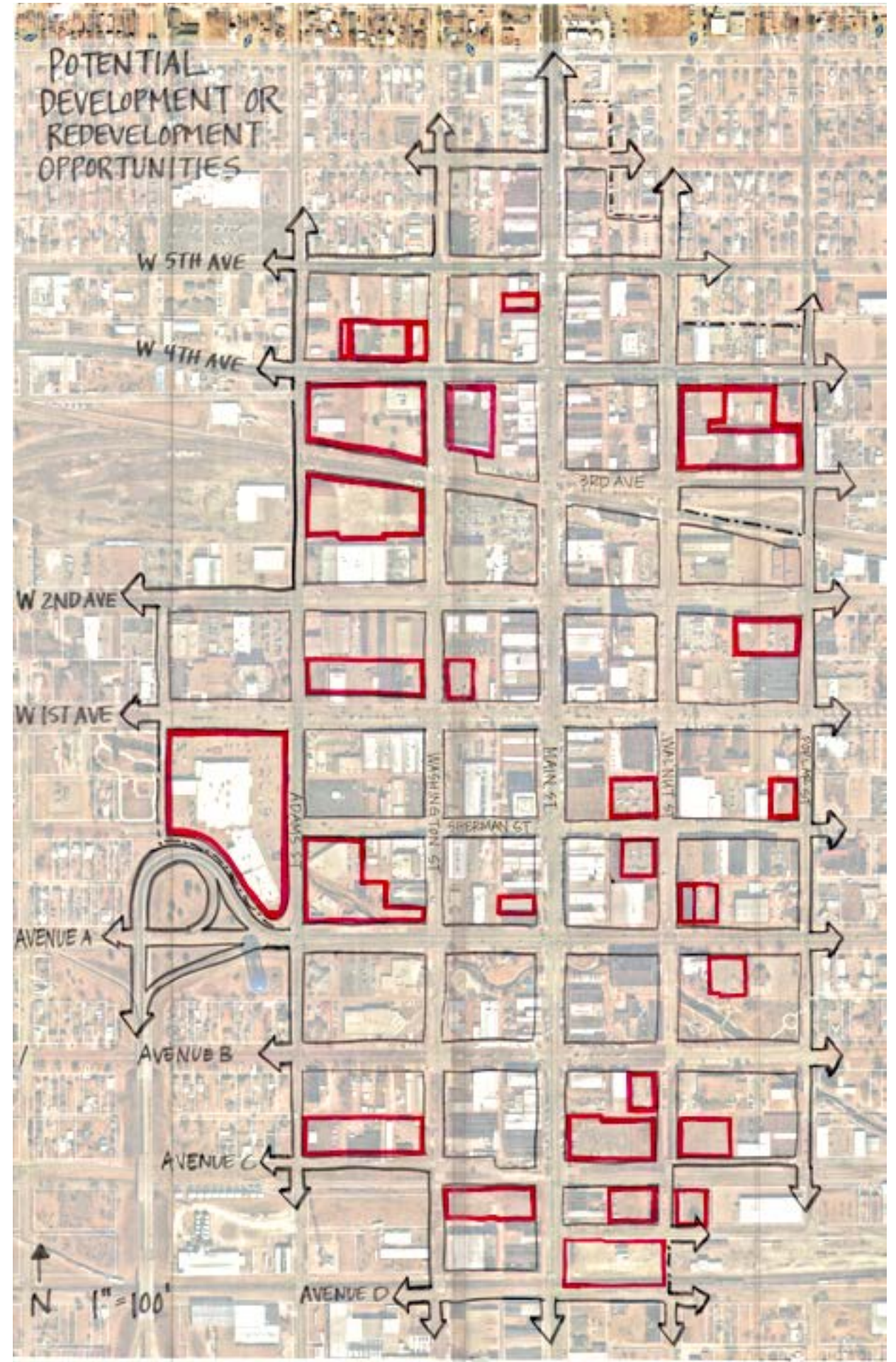
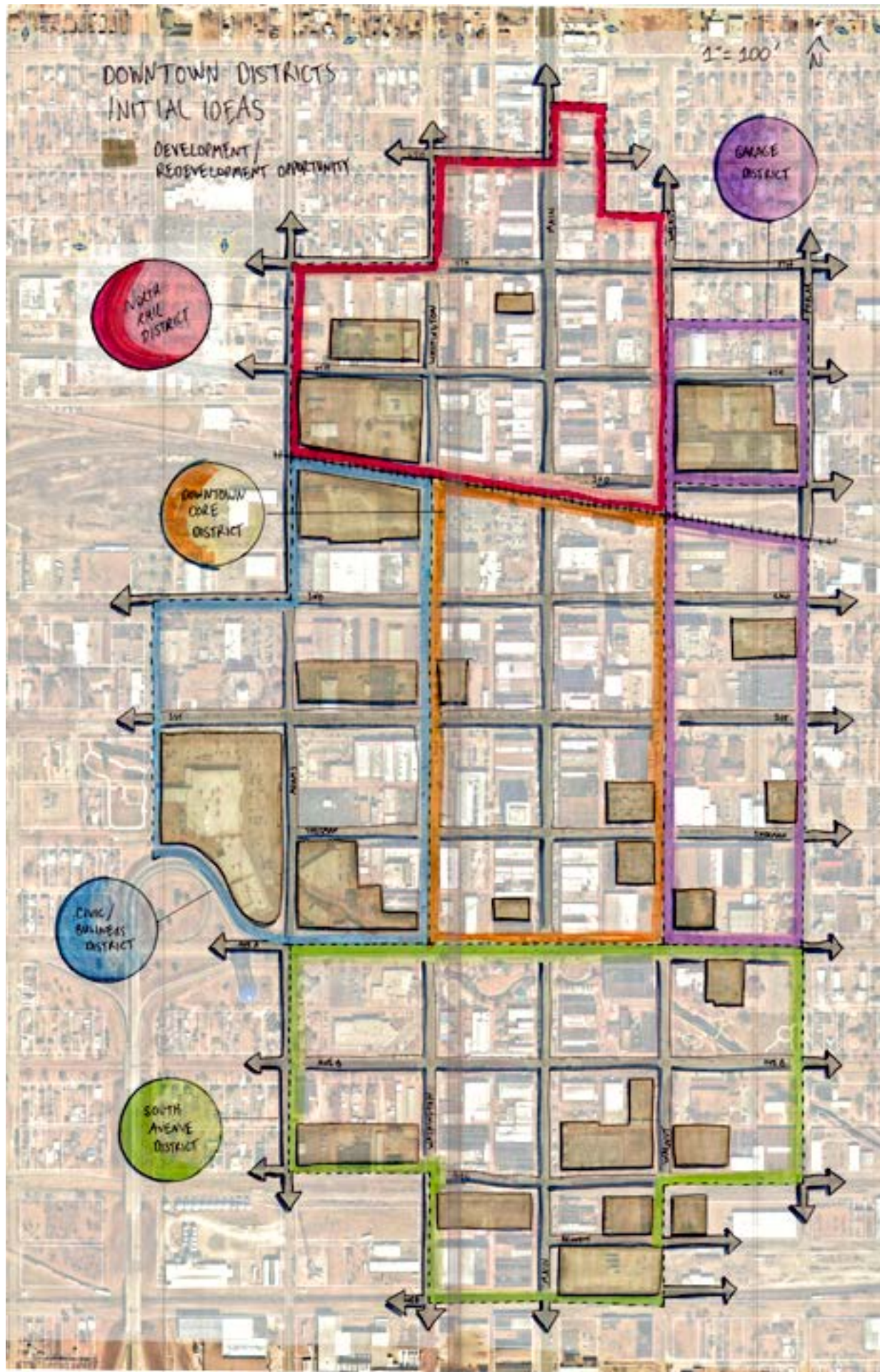
**Sites in red have been identified in the market study or by downtown stakeholders as opportunities for development or redevelopment. Do you agree with these sites? What are we missing?**

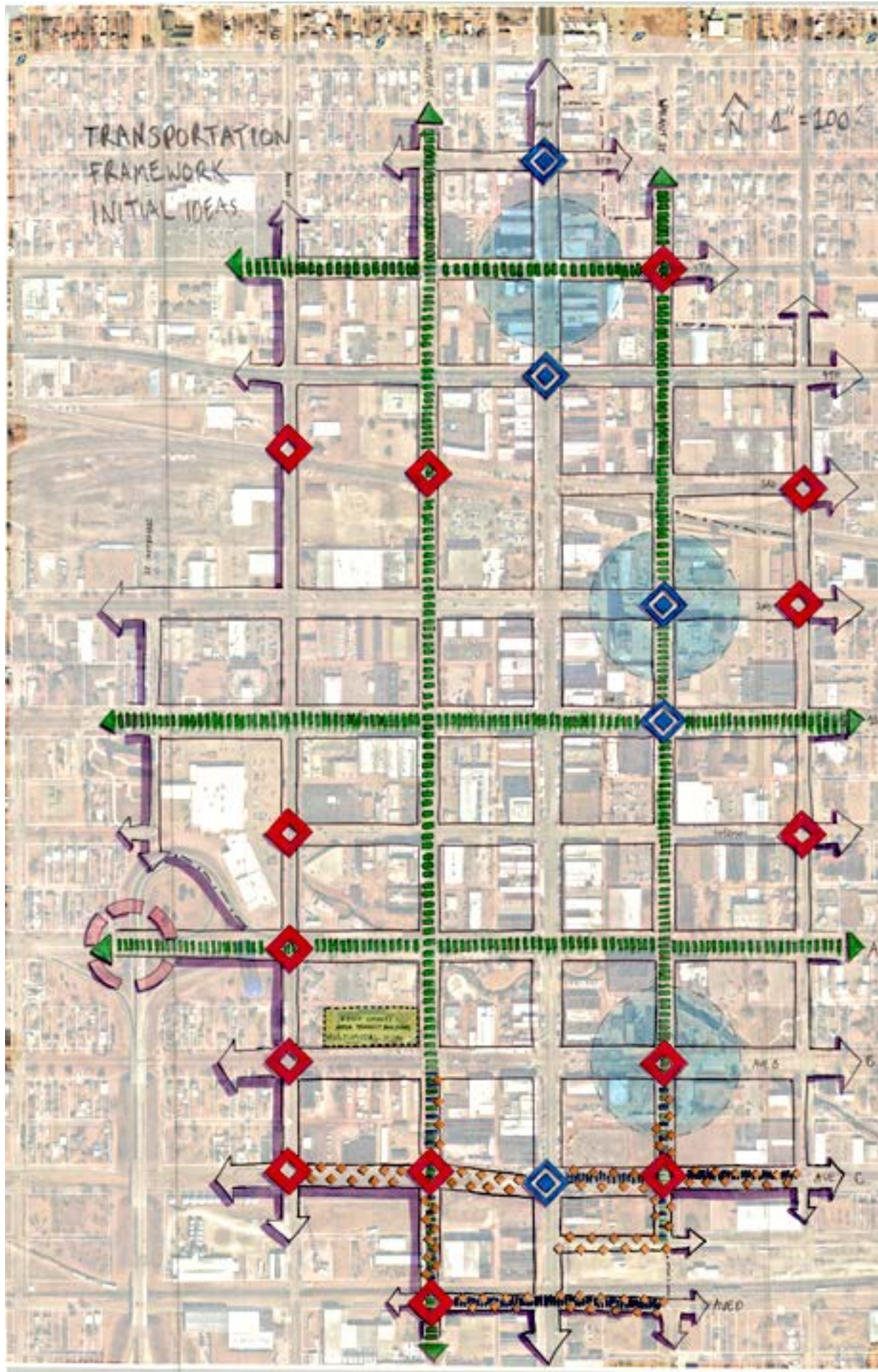
- Need a big indoor or outdoor that draws in families and doesn't require lots of walking (close to parking and destinations) near children's museum
- Outdoor activities might include:
  - Park/play structure
  - Carousel
  - Ice skating rink
  - Ice cream
  - Lemonade
- Indoor activities — children's museum
- Improve the appearance of Hutchinson's (statues, etc.) for people entering from N-K61
- Area behind (north) of west 2nd between Adams and Washington (marked in red) is fenced off storage for those businesses (former Kansas gas). Current Bin Shop'n, Axe It Up Hutch, mikes and sunflower
- Will redevelop impact existing properties negatively? If so, how will it be resolved?








## Potential Transportation Improvements

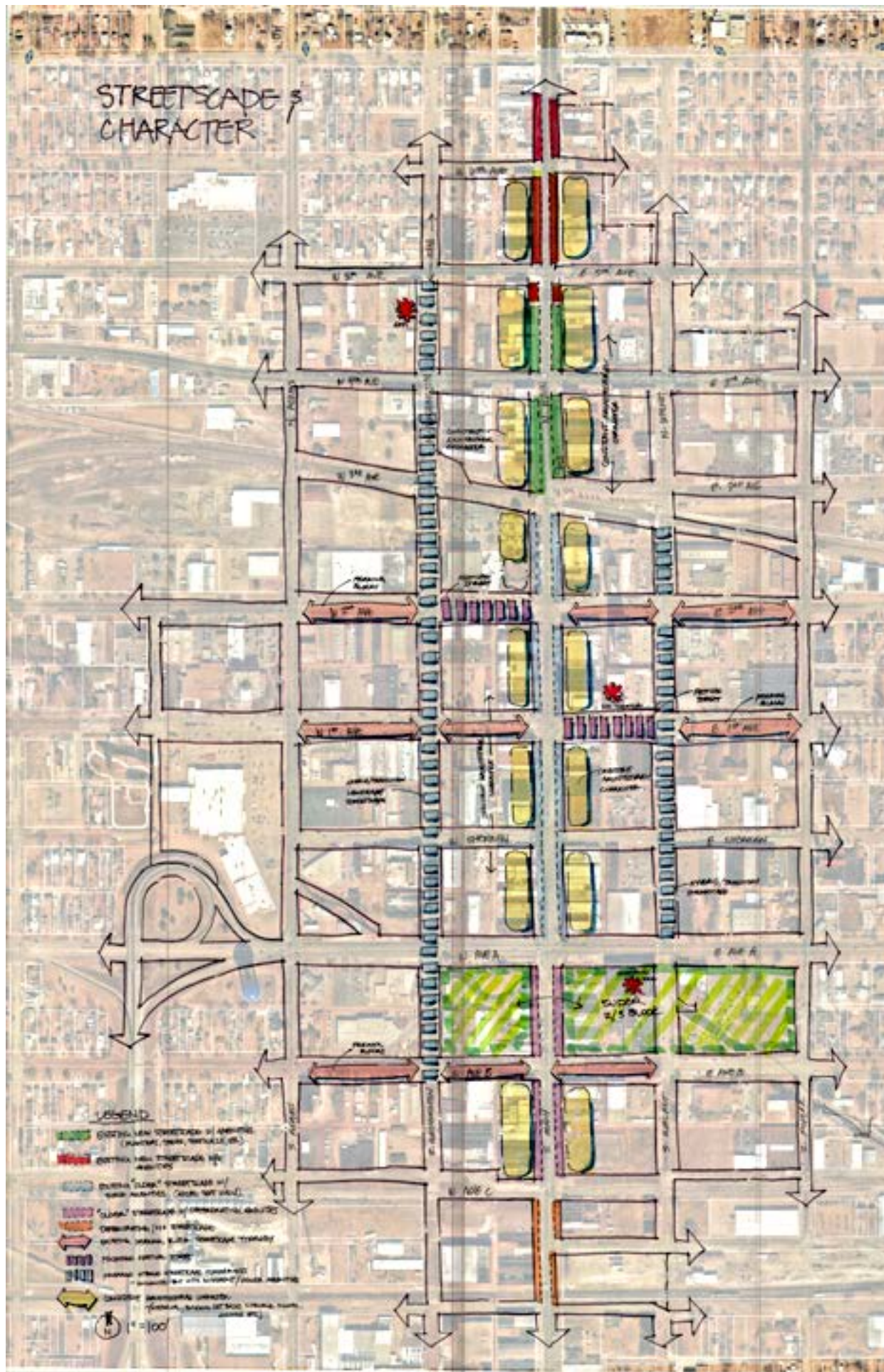
**Sidewalk, pedestrian crossing, intersection safety, bike corridor and roadway enhancement opportunities were identified by stakeholders. What do you agree with? What transportation issues have we not addressed on this map? Tell us.**

- 5th & Adams multiple vehicle accidents
- Ave B between Washington & Walnut is in need of repair
- Missing roadway enhancements Ave C West of Main to Washington
- 2nd & Washington can be hard to cross at times in can be hard to see bikes
- Ave A & Main is high risk for traffic accidents
- Angle parking and bikes; when backing out a car it is difficult to see oncoming cars, and a bicycle would be even more difficult.

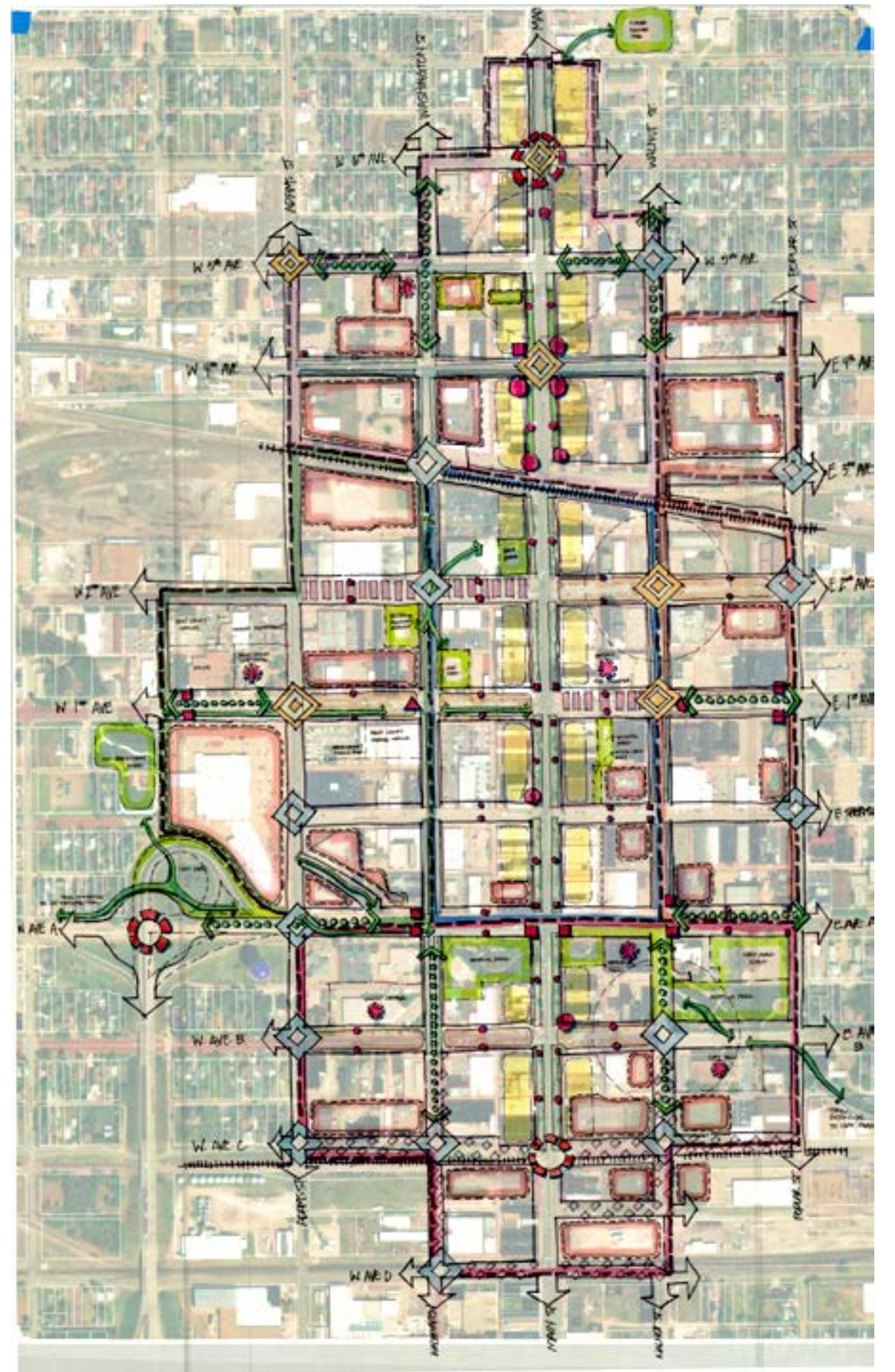
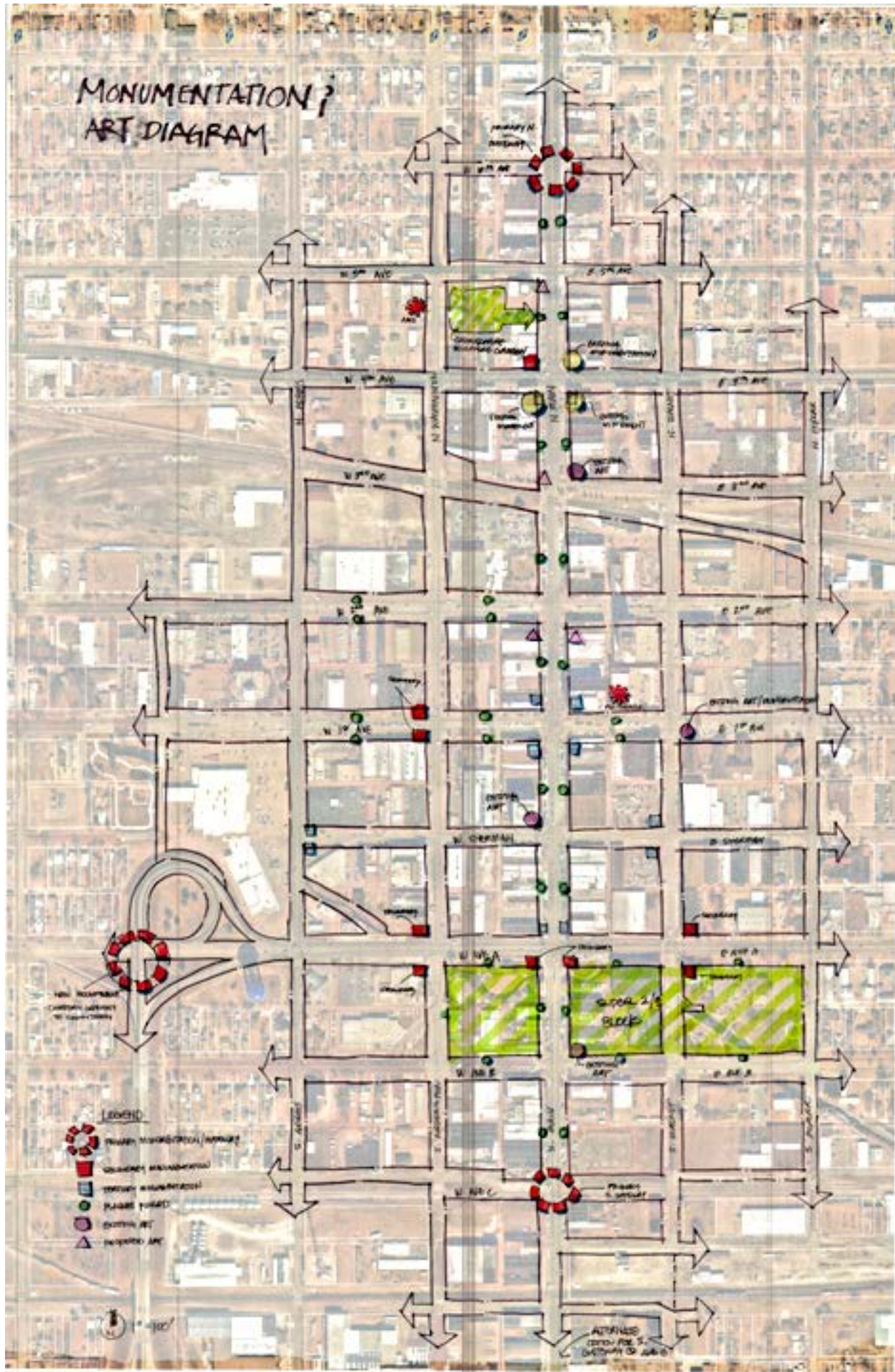




-  POTENTIAL SIDEWALK ADDITION
-  POTENTIAL PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IMPROVEMENT
-  POTENTIAL INTERSECTION SAFETY ENHANCEMENT
-  POTENTIAL BIKE EMPHASIS CORRIDOR
-  POTENTIAL ROADWAY ENHANCEMENT
-  PLANNED ROUNDABOUT
-  PARKING SUPPLY CONCERN









# Virtual Public Open House

## Issues & Opportunities

### Land Use

- What land uses are missing from or desired in downtown? Tell us using a digital sticky note. With this area growing, need to look at redoing all the gas stations in town and bring in a company like QT, Casey, etc. All the Kwik Shops in town are either broke and or the inside is very disorganized. If you are bringing in more outside travel, they will need a place to get gas.
- What land uses would you like more of downtown? Tell us using a digital sticky note. More public art i.e., Neon Alley
- Are there existing land uses that are misplaced? If so, which ones? I would really like to see neon alley. By the Fox Theater could turn that area of downtown into a true gathering place for car shows, barbecues, and a nice vintage spot for art and photography.
- What land uses should be preserved within downtown?
- Where should future housing be located?
- What are the important landmarks, attractions, or destinations downtown?

### Development & Redevelopment

- Using the map below, answer the following questions by placing a digital sticky note in the box.
- What areas, sites, or buildings downtown do you consider underutilized?
- What areas of the downtown are primed and ready for development or redevelopment?
- Where do you consider the center or “heart” of downtown?
- What kind of development or redevelopment would you like to see downtown?
- What attractions, entertainment opportunities, programs, and events would you like to see downtown that do not currently exist?

### Placemaking, Public Space, & Aesthetics

- Should new parks or public gathering space be developed downtown? If so, where?
- When do you feel like you’ve arrived in downtown?
- How/Where can we make downtown more beautiful?
- What would make it more enjoyable or comfortable to relax and spend time downtown?
- What changes need to be made to the streetscaping, vegetation, and outdoor furniture downtown?
- What do you like or want more of in the aesthetics of your downtown?
- Where is it difficult to walk in downtown? Where are missing pedestrian connections?
- Where is it difficult to bike in downtown? Where are missing bicycle connections?

### Transportation & Mobility

- What are the missing vehicular connections within or to/from downtown?
- Where is traffic congested? Are there any high crash locations?
- Where is there enough parking?
- Where is there not enough parking?

### Business Operation & Policy

- What business operations issues exist within downtown?
- What district operations issues exist within downtown?
- What maintenance operations issues exist within downtown?
- What marketing/branding/identity issues exist within downtown?

## Initial Ideas

The following pages show initial ideas generated during the Planning & Design Charrette using existing conditions data and public engagement findings to-date. During the Virtual Open House, residents were asked to share their thoughts about each idea by placing comments anywhere on the graphics.

### Development & Redevelopment Opportunities

Potential development and redevelopment sites are shown on the map below. What do you think? What would you add? What would you change? Place a comment anywhere on the map to show us where and tell us why.

- Neon Alley overlooking city parking lot and forming part of a visual link that already includes the Fox and Chester Lewis pocket park.

### Proposed Downtown Districts

Initial thoughts for Downtown Districts are shown on the map below. What do you think? What fits? What doesn't fit? Place a comment anywhere on the map to show us where and tell us why.

- NA

Initial thoughts for descriptions of Downtown Districts are listed below. What do you think? What fits? What doesn't fit? Place a comment on the page below to tell us what/why.

- North Main: "The entertainment, commerce, and arts district. Lively, great night life, and great venues/destinations."
- Downtown Core: "The specialty shopping, heritage tourism district. Great boutiques, bookstores, coffee shops, antiques/home furnishings, and cafes."
- Civic/Business District: "The home of civic life, great live/workspace, office, mixed-use residential, conventions, and hotels."
- Garage District: "Adaptive reuse of industrial spaces, home to start up spaces, production space, studios, and dense residential live/workspaces."
- South Ave: "Home to parks, public plazas and festival spaces, crafty, modern, quirky storefronts, and new residential artsy restaurants, and great patios. "

## Critical Downtown Issues

**Initial thoughts for Critical Downtown Issues are listed below. What do you think? What fits? What doesn't fit? Place a comment anywhere on the page to show us where and tell us why.**

1. Lack of dining, entertainment, and destination uses that cause people to come and stay downtown.
2. Critical to preserve the historic architecture and culture of downtown.
3. Maintenance of downtown streets, sidewalks, and public spaces.
4. Railroad tracks bring physical and audible interruptions to downtown.
5. Some building stock is aged and deteriorating, requiring rehabilitation.
6. Vacant/underutilized properties detracting from the success and momentum of downtown.
7. Lack of flexible/programmable spaces.
8. Lack of green spaces, open spaces, and public gathering space for festivals, performances, etc.
9. Property owners are leasing out properties that are not up to date, placing undue burden on the tenants to make improvements.
10. Businesses with limited operating hours, limiting collective activity, foot traffic, and ability to build critical mass.

11. Negative perceptions of downtown safety due to homelessness or lack of people and activity.
12. Lack of workforce for new and existing businesses.
13. Need for safety improvements at some intersections.
14. Need for safer pedestrian infrastructure throughout downtown and especially at railroad crossings.
15. Code compliance is difficult and expensive, especially related to life safety and bringing existing older buildings up to code.
16. Lack of grants, incentives, Gap funding, and other funding programs to make starting a business more financially feasible.
17. Lack of policy/programs to help homeless who are not from Hutchinson.
18. Limited funding available to/for downtown advertising and promotion.
19. Lack of a distinct, unified downtown brand.
20. Limited funding available to achieve the vision for downtown, only enough for main priorities like promoting private reinvestment.

## Monumentation & Art

**Initial thoughts for Monumentation and Art are shown in the map below. What do you think? What fits? What doesn't fit? Place a comment anywhere on the map below to show us where and why.**

- NA

## Open Space, Parks, and Community Space

**Initial thoughts for Open Space, Parks, and Community Space are shown in the map below. What do you think? What fits? What doesn't fit? Place a comment anywhere on the map below to show us where and why.**

- A neon sign alley would occupy both historic preservation and art niches in our town. One in this location would expand the visual appeal of the Fox and Chester Lewis Park. Two of Hutchinson's more iconic signs – Johnson Music and Coberly Drug – are already in storage for this opportunity, with the good possibility of more to add. Hutchinson can use more attractions to lure tourists, who tend to spend money here. Similar sites in Tulsa, Pueblo and other cities have generated tourism and favorable publicity.
- Neon Alleys serve as both historic preservation of a key period in Downtown history, and as public art. One would also be another reason for tourists to stop in our town and spend time and money. Tucson, Pueblo, and Tulsa are among the towns that already enjoy the advantage of such displays. There's even a new neon museum in Kansas City. The inclusion of a small display here would serve as a visual bridge between Fox, Chester Lewis Park, and areas to the south. Two of Hutchinson's historic signs are already in storage and waiting for this. We, as a community, tend to lose our visual character in bits and pieces. Let's preserve and enjoy this.
- A neon alley in this location would be fantastic! Local signs would be great, and a few orphaned signs from other places in KS could also be added. Other signs that could be used include vintage signs that no longer have their neon, but which still look cool and preserve history during the daytime. Pueblo, CO has an exciting neon sign alley that many locals and tourists really enjoy. They also spend money in the area for food, lodging, and entertainment. The crowd that travels for neon also travels for cool murals (also trending) so there is crossover.
- I, too, would like to see a Neon Alley here. Even as we look for new businesses to come to Hutchinson, this is a great way to remember and share our past with others. It seems to be a great attraction in other cities, so we shouldn't miss out on our own opportunity to do this.

## Streetscape and Character

Initial thoughts for Streetscape and Character are shown below. What do you think? What fits? What doesn't fit? Place a comment anywhere on the map below to show us where and why.

- The neon alley idea sounds great.

## Transportation Framework

(Part 1) Initial thoughts for the Downtown Transportation Framework are listed out below. What do you think? What doesn't fit? Place a comment anywhere on the map below to show us where and why.

- NA

(Part 2) Initial thoughts for the Downtown Transportation Framework are listed out below. What do you think? What fits? What doesn't fit? Place a comment anywhere on the map below to show us where and why.

- NA

## Illustrative Master Plan

A first draft of an Illustrative Master Plan is shown below. What do you think? What fits? What doesn't fit? Place a comment anywhere on the map below to show us where and why.

- NA

# Open House #2

## Land Use and Development

**Would you add or change anything about these Land Use & Development Key Issues?**

- N/A

**Would you add or change anything about these Land Use & Development Goals?**

- Make the landlords accountable to improve and entice future customers and business.
- Special emphasis on retaining historic structures & historic nature. Minimize or better yet no demolition now I see 3:3.
- Sidewalk café's won't work in western KS.
- Offer to people an incentive package to encourage new businesses in the vacant buildings structures.
- We love the ideas #2/#5 under land/use develop development goals.
- #2 is important to be 'vibrant'. #5 is important - include flexibility w/ city cove requirements to not make re-use cost prohibitive
- Plenty of outdoor spaces
- Would you add or change anything about these Land Use & Development Strategies?
- Promote to retention, protection of nearby of nearby historic structures and areas.
- I think it is crucial that people who come to Hutchinson can comfortably stay, eat, and socialize within walking distance of a downtown hotel.

**Proposed Character Districts**

- 'Garage' District connotate storage, automotive, etc. area. Find a better name perhaps, Commercial/Residential
- Build a smaller Eiffel Tower
- Please build another Eiffel tower! Thank you!
- Missing the obvious - we already have a theater/night life zone that we need to embrace and make awesome garage districts is too big
- I'm not sold on the 5 unique districts, the downtown is not that large to begin with
- Effiel tower
- Build a building that is a cat café in Hutchinson Kansas! (please)
- Make a bigger arcade that has a lot more games. (Please) (Thank you)
- #3.7 Yes! , #3.5 Yes, increase housing/affordable housing
- Building that are falling and not taken care of tear them down!
- Yes 3.5, 3.7, 3.8, housing for all economic

**Does this map accurately meet the community goals for unique districts downtown? If not, what changes would you make?**

- Is "garage" district a turn off? 'What are your thoughts on a better name'
- Need to include west side of main from 6th - 7th street.
- North of tracks was santa fe Districts.
- Seems a little hair-splitting. The districts are many for what size our city is.
- Do not abandon area south of Avenue D. It's been disregarded far too long. Don't continue that. This is the gateway to Carey Park - a jewel of Hutch.
- I'm concerned about overzealous razing of structures to make way..... Also concerned about abutting the nearby residences too abruptly.

- Need a more compelling name than “South Avenue” – Avenue it implies there’s no identity or sense of place in comparison to other districts. ‘What are your thoughts on a better name?’
- Agreed – S Avenue name could be changed its respect it’s value in the beginning of city development. ‘What are your thoughts on a better name?’
- This plan ignores the need for a restaurant district in between/in close proximity to the theaters. A pedestrian restaurant zone would be ideal.

**Does this map accurately meet the community goals for development and redevelopment downtown? If not, what changes would you make?**

- Need hotel space by convention center. We’re not thinking big enough.
- Yes to #9.
- Love the Landmark.
- Downtown should a self reeding area; industry to support residents living & spending money downtown.

## Transportation and Mobility

**Would you add or change anything about these Transportation & Mobility Key issues?**

- Biking lanes, bus stops clearly marked, more regular service connecting parts of downtown Hutch + eastern commercial districts.
- Bussing to/from ICT and Wichita would also be ideal.
- Improve bike-ability encourage people to get out of their cars and shop/stroll.

**Would you add or change anything about these Transportation & Mobility Goals?**

- Make sure elderly can reach destinations.
- Downtown is dark once past the fox. Safety & brightness go together.
- I made a similar comment earlier: too much reliance on cans, decrease + ever eliminate some car traffic.
- Close streets to make it more walkable and bikeable.

**Would you add or change anything about these Transportation Strategies?**

- South Avenue end needs parking to accommodate use of Convention Hall and The Bart
- Bicycle corridors should NOT impede traffic flow (e.g. 17th and Washington)
- If you want people would bike, studies show safety (4.4) is #1 encourage people to get out of their cars.
- Amtrack area is very dark @ 2 AM when it stops.
- 4.9 Amtrak arrives in the wee hours – is this even achievable.

**Does this map accurately meet the community goal for transportation downtown? If not, what changes would you make?**

- Need a pedestrian zone in between memorial hall + fox theater for casual visiting + restaurants.
- No large parking lots or garages in high-use areas.
- Agree – garages less street parking maybe all handicaped.

## Character and Public Spaces

**Would you add or change anything about these Character & Public Spaces Key Issues?**

- I feel like there is sufficient art already. Only green spaces w/ a clear purpose as density is important to walkability. I am satisfied with the outdoor seating.
- Add more landscape (i.e. ponds?) w/flower pots downtown.
- Would you add or change anything about these Character & Public Spaces Goals?
- Add more landscape (i.e. ponds?) w/flower pots downtown.

**Would you add or change anything about these Character & Public Spaces Strategies?**

- Is needed through out main street from 17th to Carey Park entrance.

**Does this map accurately meet the community goals for downtown character? If not, what changes would you make?**

- Trash the roundabout, install a stop sign on A.
- I would leave the Reno County museum and credit union.
- Add speaker player music along sidewalks so walking is more pleasant. – McPherson hasthem
- What will happen to HGECU
- Need parking for memorial hall
- What about the museum?
- Greenspace grants for established areas like farmers market to build on that sense of community / no round about
- Think about encouraging restaurants to be on side streets facing – north or south. Main street is a wind tunnel often but I love more protected outdoor seating for dining.

**Does this map accurately meet the community goals for downtown parks and community space? If not, what changes would you make?**

- How to work with property owners of housing near art center to improve esthetics and multi-family setting.
- Downtown Gym/Athletic Complex/Multi-purpose facility. MAYB, Rec games, volleyball tournaments, minor-league baseball, indoor soccer, etc.
- Enhance the entry way to carey park on both sides south main and on plum street.
- Do not close main street blocking access to Smith’s Market!

**Does this map accurately meet the community goals for public art and monumentation downtown? If not, what changes would you make?**

- Boundary @ 7th? Move gateway to 7th @ Main.
- Iris flower?
- (Trash the roundabout) at A and woodyseat parkway. A stoplight at the bottom of the off ramp it will be a lot less tax dollars spent and if it does not fix the issues it can be.
- Like gateways.
- More roundabouts please! There are brilliant.
- We do not have art on the NW corner of B + main – but we would love to have one.

**Does this map accurately meet the community goals for the character and function of downtown streetscape? If not, what changes would you make?**

- Add hanging flower pots.
- String lights across main street – year round.
- Desperate need of color (murals), flowers lights, trees sidewalks, etc.

**Does this map accurately meet the community goals for a concentration of downtown public spaces and amenities. If not, what changes would you make?**

- What happens to parking lot at RC Museum?

## Programming and Operations

**Would you add or change anything about these Programming & Operations Key Issues?**

- How do we remove the drugy homeless that litter our downtown.
- Tuesday – Friday? Most businesses are closed, Sunday – Monday . Why??
- Disagree that #4 key issue is an issue. #5 key issue is definitely a problem.

**Would you add or change anything about these Programming & Operations Goals?**

- #8 homelessness comes off as cold. With “reduce the presence”
- Increase transitional housing services for underserved.
- All-day weekday use of meeting space at The Bart takes up all parking in area. Arrange for shuttle buses or build a multi-story garage.
- Its good to promote things for the younger generation.
- We do not need 4 lanes to traffic thru downtown. At least reduce to 2 & maybe have a few turn lanes. Consider turning 2-4 lanes of main to pedestrian/sidewalks. No cars.
- Need lots of lighting + paths to make it pedestrian-friendly + safe.
- Foster unity and excitement is great and gets people to meet different cultural events to draw unity. More is needed!

**Would you add or change anything about these Programming & Operations Strategies?**

- Provide community/support services to address homelessness.....housing needed!
- 9 – strategy 6.9 must be address / memorial hall investment would drive changes for most of what’s proposed.
- Strategy 6.6, yes!!
- Strategy 6.9 – Add provide affordable transitional housing.

## Memorial Hall (Preservation and Rescue Plan)

- “Memorial” Hall is underutilized. Possibly because it is a ‘memorial to what’. Name change (or reverse) CONVENTION HALL.
- I agree for name change and it is under used. Once a thriving building worth keeping and being used regardless of age.

## Economic Health and Vibrancy

**Would you add or change anything about these Economic Health & Vibrancy Key Issues?**

- Help to increase transitional service for homeless populations and recruit for workforce to address. Build/ modify housing to accommodations folks to walk – downtown – for work.
- Public space for youth in our community.
- Senior Social Center, existing building.
- What about Delos Smith^

**Would you add or change anything about these Economic Health & Vibrancy Goals?**

- Transitional housing + jobs for folks near home + greenspace/walking = happy space, happy people
- Lack of workforce (True)
- Would you add or change anything about these Economic Health & Vibrancy Strategies?
- Foot traffic increase by closing off certain street for activities, vendors, entertainment (i.e. Boulder pearl street)
- 6 districts seems like a lot for the size of the area – too much branding?
- Prioritize replacing lost businesses electronics (tv, etc.) retail office supplies, camera shop, ladies dress shop.
- Needed is a one stop health facility in the south end like prayer star. That’s clear across town.
- I’m concerned that the Reno County museum isn’t include in this plan but is designated as a future park. No plans to preserve that history?

**Does this map accurately meet the community goals for economic health and vibrancy downtown? If not, what changes would you make?**

- N/A

## Downtown Hutch Tomorrow: Proposed Master Plan

**Does this map accurately meet the overall community goals for downtown? If not, what changes would you make?**

- The Neon Alley would serve as a fine art, preservation and tourism addition to our city.
- Good purpose or areas south of smith.. more do. Hos to connect to Carey Park from Ave D. --> making it more appealing.
- Like the unified brand/flag. Revitalizing old spaces to shared – community spaces. More eco-inspired/ diverse housing to renovate or remove dilapidated ones.
- Bring pedestrians in with more pedestrian zones.
- Not a good place to read this information, Poor highlighting.
- Thank you for large print signage.
- Garage District nice idea but name change, good concept. How to incentivize business investment.
- Putting a roundabout at A and Woodyseat parkway may be very dangerous to students and family’s that attend the avenue A learning center. It would much less costly to install a stop light at the bottom of the off ramp onto “A”.
- Overall concern of “stage taking too long”... 10 years isn’t long but reality it is.

## Open House Sign-In Sheet (Names Only)

- Chris Barnes
- Lauren Corey
- Ellie Dozing
- Gail Barnes
- Kail & Chad Denison
- Dick & Dianne Kovarna
- Sarah Blake
- Sheila Metzger
- Cecilia Pina
- Janice Richardson
- Lacey Stone
- Joel E. Haag
- Deven Finlay
- Abby Stockebrand
- Lauren Storm
- Josie Thompson
- Craig Williams
- Carla Stanfield
- Kevin Bohling
- Steve Dechant
- Atlas Riggs
- Margot Riggs
- Iris Riggs
- Justin Riggs
- Starla Wells
- Tucker Meyer
- Darcie Canfield-Riggs
- KT Gates
- Bill Closs
- Ron Hirst
- Emilie Harker
- Kerrie Molitor
- Penny Bettles
- Gregg Wamsley
- Howard Partinston
- Ron Sellers
- Diane and Mike Williams
- Cliff and Jan Wray
- Michael Dick
- Steven Brown
- Kathy Reffner
- Jon Richardson
- Steven and Elizabeth Garza
- Chris Eskine
- Sandra Milburn
- Megan Rucker
- Randy McCormick
- Bob Hickman
- Nick Gosnell
- Theron Shlyer
- Craig Johnson
- Richard Greever
- Denny Vick
- Commissioner – Ron Hirst
- Danny Aleman
- Sheri Harms
- Kate Field
- Steven Petermann
- Jim Graver
- Josh Davies
- Mary Gere Bridger
- Jay Brown
- Kelly Anne Lanham
- Jacob Hood
- Todd Davis
- Dean Brigman
- Rob & Jill Garrett
- Mark Buckley
- Linda Layton
- Gregg DeGarmo
- Bekah Tripp
- Dave Mullins
- Becky Mullins
- Nate Nelzen
- John Case
- Joe Ontjes
- Brian Davis
- Jim Seifnater
- Sondra Borth
- Archer Jarrett
- Sue Wray
- Gale Wall
- Stacy Goss
- Jackson Swearer
- Bob Fee
- Jason
- Aubrey Patterson
- Debra Teufel
- Christopher Shears
- Dave Sotelo
- Logan Lawson
- Kevin Rule
- Paul James
- Lisa Gleason
- Andrea Finley
- Kari Mailloux
- Clint Newon
- Derek Lytle
- Dave Kerr
- Brad Pryor
- Dawn Johnson
- Phillip Mailloux

## Virtual Public Open House #2

### Issues & Opportunities

#### Executive Summary – Character and Public Spaces (page 8)

- I own this lot and have plans to turn it into off street parking for my spa customers within the next two years (budget allowing). I have had calls from and talked to various people in town on two ideas. 1. Putting up interactive art on the south side of the parking lot (I assume attached to the building to the south) and a walking path that goes from main street thru my lot en route to the art museum. Here are my comments. I'm open to anything. Downtown parking is miserable at times and the more we develop it and attract it the worse this will get. I don't own the tattoo parlor so I can't give rights to the interactive art on the side of that building, but if it was in my lot somewhere and not obstructing parking I'd be open to ideas. I'm also open to the idea of a walking path (with the same stipulation) . In addition, I'm open to the idea of turning it into public parking after a certain time as long as my customers are taken care of first. I would ask for something in exchange in regards to taxes and/or water drainoff fees. I'm not sure what that looks like but I'm open to it. I am currently remodeling 411 N Main for my spa and plan to be open no later than Jan 8 (construction pending) and also own the 413 storefront. I will remodel the back half of that building late 2024 to expand the spa but currently have no plans for the front of 413 N Main. Thank you. Please reach out ot me if any of these ideas are of interest or you wish to discuss further.

#### Executive Summary – Character and Public Spaces (page 16)

- Land Use key issue #3/4: The City Inspection personnel & Fire Department Inspection personnel need to develop a helpful attitude and really help. The current perception is that they are dictatorial. Also need to look at the city's actual, real code requirements, not just blindly adopt an insurance companies recommendations. Until you do these things half of the downtown space (the upstairs of most buildings will NOT be renovated, and will remain vacant.
- #5. What is the current first impression of downtown from people?

#### Section 3 – Land Use and Development (page 52)

- Fig 3.1 is on Page 53, not 50.

#### Section 3 – Land Use and Development (page 73)

- It appears the proposed plan would replace the Reno County Museum's parking lot and outdoor exhibit area. Is there a suggestion in the plan where the outdoor exhibits would be moved to?

#### Section 6 – Programming and Operations (page 145)

- Homeless should be referred to as unhoused in verbiage.