

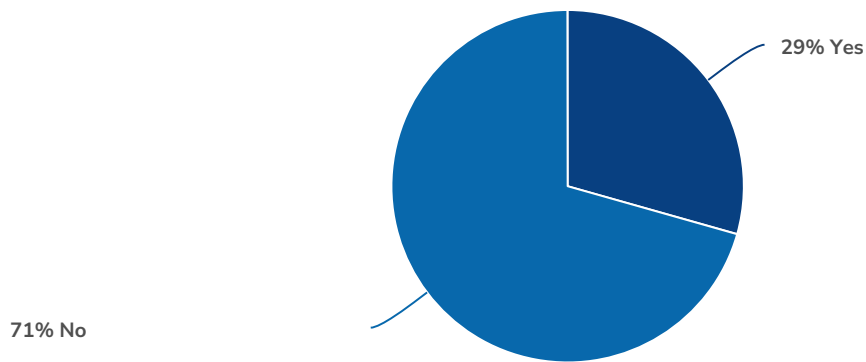
Report for Budget Survey Fiscal Year 2025

Response Counts



Totals: 879

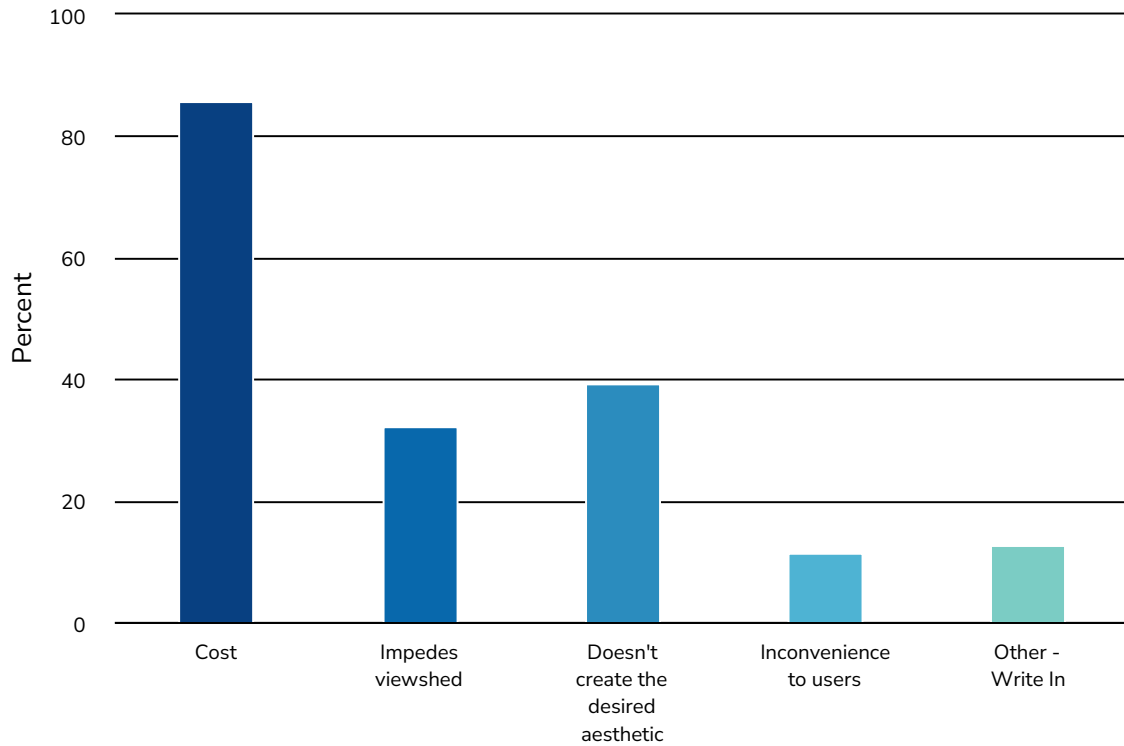
1. Pedestrian Improvements To improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety, the Transportation Master Plan called for pedestrian improvements in Uptown such as restricting the use of the surface-level crosswalks during traffic congestion and adding two pedestrian bridges at Wayside Chapel and Jordan Road. Question at hand: Do you support building pedestrian bridges in Uptown if the cost is estimated to be \$3-4 million each?



Value	Percent	Responses
Yes	29.4%	252
No	70.6%	604

Totals: 856

2. 1b. Question at hand: Please provide the reason that you check on "No".
 (check all the apply)



Value	Percent	Responses
Cost	85.8%	513
Impedes viewshed	32.3%	193
Doesn't create the desired aesthetic	39.5%	236
Inconvenience to users	11.4%	68
Other - Write In	12.7%	76

Other - Write In	Count
The traffic bottlenecks are downstream. This won't help the problem.	2
with so many elderly people here? and what about ADA? Crosswalks are no more of an issue than street lights, I don't see this as a priority.	2
Totals	73

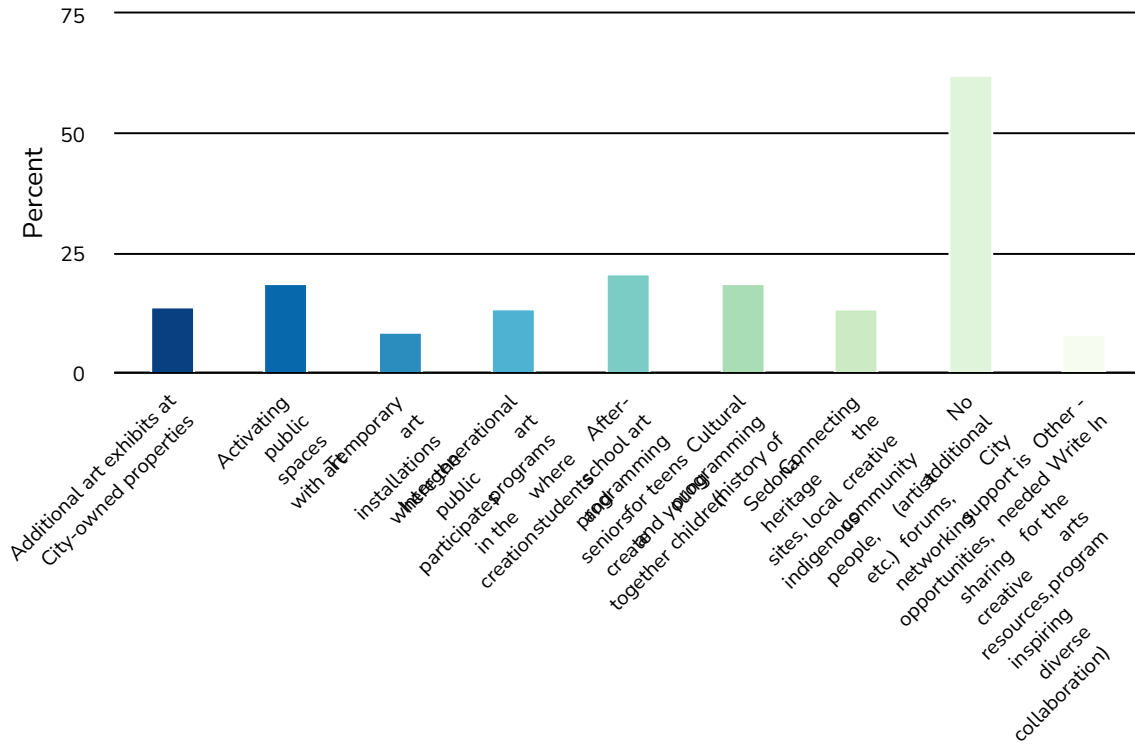
Other - Write In	Count
Bridges would have to be high enough to allow semi trucks to pass beneath, which means elevators for ADA purposes. This would also block red rock views.	1
Alleviate traffic backups on Cooks Hill first	1
Alternnate Route for LOCAL TRAFFIC to avoid the Y roundabout is a better solution.	1
Arizona requires bridges to have a vertical height of be between 14 to 16 feet to allow for trucks to safely pass underneath. Having a bridge - would mean that the walkway would be 15-17 feet high - almost two stories high. Expecting people to walk up almost 2 flights of stairs or to have a long enough ramp for wheelchairs is just not feasible for pedestrian usage.	1
Caters to tourists with not much benefit to residents	1
Cost, quit spendind so much money	1
Don't think it is necessary and will not significantly impact traffic issues.	1
Encourages more tourism	1
Force the pedestrians to use the tunnel!	1
Haven't seen the design yet	1
I don't think pedestrian bridges will solve traffic congestion. Realistically there will still be lots of pedestrians and it would be unsafe for cars to travel over 25 mph. I would wait to see how much the Forest Rd expansion helps with uptown traffic before spending \$5-\$6m on bridges.	1
I don't think people will be willing to use them, especially older people and young people with strollers.	1
I don't think people would use them.	1
I don't think there is even an need for a bridge. Where is the study showing this would even make sense or be used?	1
I don't think uptown needs a bridge as much as 179 @ Tlaquepaque.	1
I think 89A should be a pedestrian mall between the two roundabouts.	1
If people have to walk up a flight and down who is going to do this? Elevators included? The issue is too many cars not people try	1
If street is still accessible folks won't use. Besides, how would buses get through Uptown? Uptown isn't the problem Tque is where traffic gets stopped for pedestrians & cars turning left across traffic..close turn lanes..make folks use traffic circelex at each end	1
Totals	73

Other - Write In	Count
Insufficient benefit for cost	1
Is not necessary	1
It's an accommodation in the wrong direction for the wrong purpose	1
Jaywalking will still happen	1
Just doesn't make sense	1
Just put in a signal like the one in front of Canyon Breeze.	1
Must be ADA compliant, elevators. Just look at Vegas that has both elevators and escalators. In Sedona?	1
No ADA provisions	1
Not convenient for disabled.	1
One should be enough, crosswalks work there- we NEED one at Tlaquepaque	1
Pedestrian bridge should go in at intersection of Shelby and 89A over to the Safeway intersection	1
Pedestrians won't use the bridge at Wayside Chapel.	1
People will still walk across the street	1
Question how much this would add to traffic flow. Need more info	1
Ridiculous cost	1
See comment below.	1
Seems like overkill	1
Services as usual ONLY tourists	1
Snow and accidents	1
The biggest problem is the Tlaquepaque crosswalk. Build the underpass and get rid of that first. That will solve 90% of the traffic problems in town	1
The current crossing in Uptown appear to be adequate. If you are trying to eliminate those so that no one cruised the highway... then the bridges would be needed.	1
Totals	73

Other - Write In	Count
The only one I would support is at Tlaquepaque in place of, or in addition to the underground crossing. Since there are two sections of Tlaquepaque, a pedestrian bridge in the Tlaquepaque architectural style would be appropriate and a pleasing entryway to uptown.	1
The outrageously increased spending to promote and "manage" tourism is completely wrong-headed. I can think of MANY improvements the city could make to benefit residents such as wastewater infrastructure, neighborhood hardscape and road improvements, grant and low/no-interest loans for home and energy improvements for full-time residents, better community recreation services, high-speed internet improvements, the list goes on and on. It's time to get out of the tourism-at-all-costs box and start thinking of resident needs.	1
The problem is not Uptown it is Tlaquepapaque cross walk and the double roundabouts. The double roundabouts need to be one with lights and the crosswalk need to be eliminated and barrier put up like Uptown and people have to take the designated crosswalks at both ends and funnel into the underpass.	1
There are cross walks	1
There is too much focus on commercialism uptown as it is. We do not need to bring more people into what is already a small footprint.	1
They tourists wouldn't use it.	1
They will just cross in the street anyway	1
They will still cross the street which is the most convenient for them	1
Tourists would not use it.	1
Try less expensive options first, like increasing pedestrian wait times to cross streets.	1
Unlikely to help	1
Use the money to improve neighborhood walk ability and connection, build a rec center, hire life guards, etc things residents can benefit from	1
Users are primarily not residents.	1
Waste of money	1
Waste of money and resources	1
Waste of taxpayer money, taxes too high already.	1
Why do we need this?	1
Totals	73

Other - Write In	Count
Wouldn't be used enough by tourists.to justify expense.	1
You won't do one for Tlaquepaque but will for Uptown -- shows us yet again that tourists count, residents don't	1
all of the above	1
both cost and aesthetics	1
increased City liability and maintenance costs	1
many other items are more needed	1
not needed	1
only benefit is to tourists	1
pedestrians/tourists need to be aware of traffic conditions! Put in a Walk/Don't Walk light!	1
waste of money	1
why support an already congested area?	1
with Uptowns recent road configuration pedestrians are already restricted to designated crosswalks that rely on traffic signals. This is no longer a major issue.	1
won't solve traffic issues	1
Totals	73

3. Arts and Culture Expansion
 The City provides public art, rotating art exhibits with artist receptions, a Moment of Art during City Council meetings, and funding for artists to augment curriculum in local classrooms. Question at hand: What areas would you like the City to further invest in? (Check all that apply)



Value	Percent	Responses
Additional art exhibits at City-owned properties	13.7%	116
Activating public spaces with art	18.6%	157
Temporary art installations where the public participates in the creation	8.7%	74
Intergenerational art programs where students and seniors create together	13.5%	114
After-school art programming for teens and young children	20.7%	175
Cultural programming (history of Sedona, heritage sites, local indigenous people, etc.)	18.9%	160
Connecting the creative community (artist forums, networking opportunities, sharing creative resources, inspiring diverse collaboration)	13.4%	113
No additional City support is needed for the arts program	62.5%	529
Other - Write In	8.3%	70

Other - Write In

Count

Additional dedicated spaces for showing art .	1
All money should be devoted to getting around easier, especially building the bridge again at Red Rock Crossing	1
Also focus on the performing arts and music, not really included above.	1
An indoor/outdoor community center with designed in Art exhibition spaces.	1
Art museum	1
Artist in the Classroom	1
Better Art than that stupid frisbee gold at posse grounds	1
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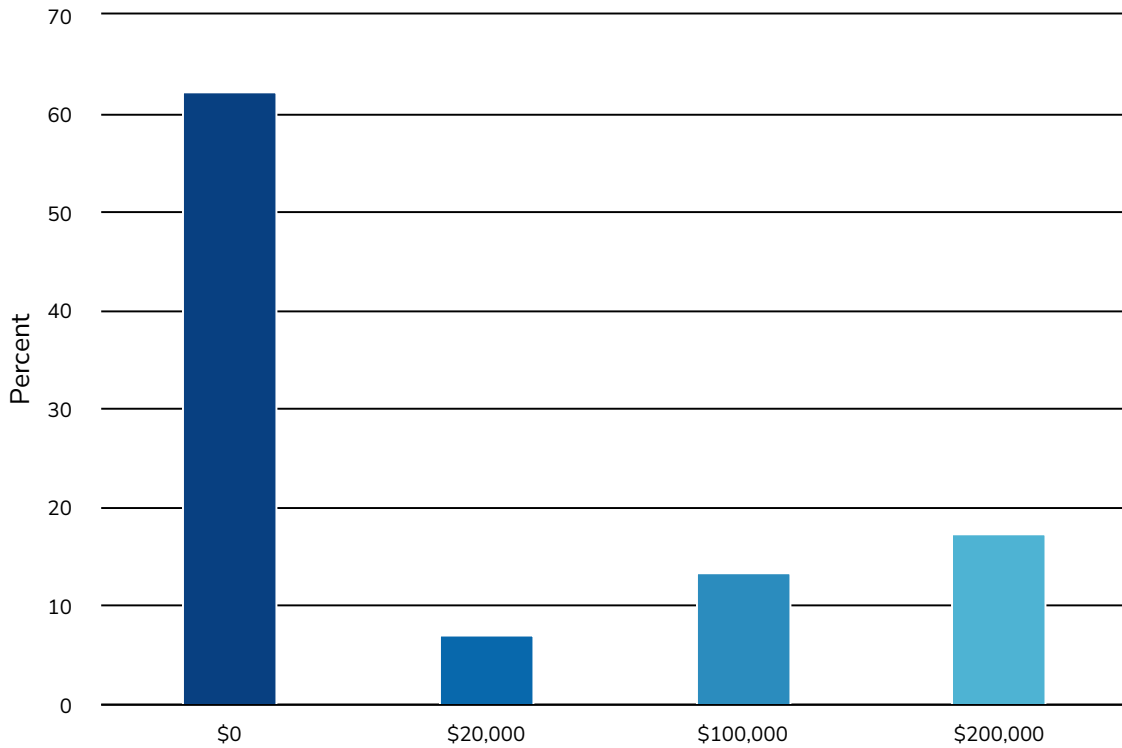
Other - Write In	Count
Build the parking garage, get WAY MORE aggressive in fixing the traffic issues, build the forest bypass to West Sedona AND build a road that has TWO lanes out of town and one lane into town on Schnebly Hill. ALSO Connect RRLR and Turkey Creek with a new bridge and widen lower RRLR to four lanes.	1
Continue supporting Open Studio	1
Eliminate funding for "artists" to promote their own brand and business. They can pay for their own adverting and business development that they profit from.	1
Establishing a city of Sedona Poet Laureate. The Poet Laureate will provide poetry workshops and give public readings.	1
Expand Red Dirt Concerts create similar program at SPAC.	1
Focus on core city operating projects and systems	1
Funding the recycling center or increasing funding for public recycling bins	1
Funds should be allocated for other priorities that are mire necessities, art is a luxury.	1
Grants available to organizations/institutions/individuals to fund public art projects	1
Grants directly to artists	1
How about tax deductions for businesses for art or appearance enhancements?	1
Initiate or expand summer and after school art programs	1
Interactive culture such as signs explaining native plants and how they were used for food, baskets, clothing, shelter. Display of tools and their historical usage. Display artifacts and let viewers guess their usage. thru	1
Investments in musical offerings	1
Leverage the City Animated by the Arts - put a nice sign with this branding at the roadway entrances to the city. The city website shows the cultural park like it was a viable performance spot - how do we bring it back?	1
More awariness of galleries in Sedona such as signage or advertising	1
More preforming arts such as musical theatre, public concerts etc	1
More support for SVAC Open Studio Tour	1
More support for local musicians. Art is music as well.	1
Totals	69

Other - Write In	Count
Murals on public and private bldgs.	1
Musician support, venues, pay. Also is it possible to sound treat the area near Whole Foods, like it was in the Gumption fest - and people did not complain about the noise?	1
No Opinion	1
No art can be seen if roads and access to them is not improved	1
No opinion	1
Performing Art, THEATRE! A vital art form, besides visual art (first three listed here). Theatrical Arts builds community, bridges intergenerational relationships, is educational —subject matter as well as the skills in learning theatrical elements and how to work together. AND it is recreational and is interactive. Thank you for asking this question and leaving space to respond!	1
Performing Arts	1
Program not void of rigor and measurable results, not playtime.	1
Promotion of arts-related tourism	1
Promotion of local galleries, artists, and arts groups	1
Public Sculpture	1
Quit Wasting The Taxpayers Money	1
REALLY wish we could bring NatGeo Live here, it's in Mesa but Sedona would be ideal.	1
Restoration of the Sedona Cultural Park and Amphitheater	1
SPAC needs to be affordable and used more by local clubs and residents	1
Sedona ART Museum	1
Set up an arts council, that would suggest and create long term art projects & workshops; let artists have 401 Jordan rd. for art studios.	1
Significantly increased funding for the nonprofit arts organizations in Sedona	1
Support First Friday in the Galleries	1
Support all businesses. Not just one cultural theme	1
Totals	69

Other - Write In	Count
Take over the airport	1
Temporary art installations and Activate more public art in West Sedona for residents	1
The city should not extend taxpayer funds to promote art when the public can achieve the same goal.	1
There is enough beautiful artwork throughout the town. Enough monies have been spent on metal artwork. It is distracting at roundabouts. Tourtists need to focus on navigating them. I'm confused as to why bushes and trees were put on both sides of the beautiful metal median in uptown. City council seems to be concerned about sustainability. Is runoff water used to water them? What is the cost for this? What is the costs for trimming the trees and bushes as they grow into the lanes of traffic? This is a safety hazard. Does a member of council have a family member that owns a nursery? Are the trees going to grow high enough to block the beautiful red rock view?	1
Waste of taxpayer money. This is a nice-to-have, not a need-to-have.	1
We have so many other infrastructure and neighborhood needs, let's start thinking beyond the outdated "arts and tourism" model.	1
Why don't we have more murals on public areas..posse grounds??	1
Worker housing which does not include parking lots for campers	1
Would like to see money towards the cultural park .. with the music venue and an art walk there	1
an art museum is needed	1
art in roundabouts	1
arts anywhere, we are an art community!	1
ballet and concerts	1
don't forget music and performing arts	1
give incentives to property owners with studio spaces	1
include Performing Arts such as theatre	1
more local artists displays	1
none of the above	1
shared spaces where artists can create work	1
Totals	69

Other - Write In	Count
traffic control	1
traffic improvement	1
value of art through art history....communication through art NOT just art as decoration	1
year round municipal swimming pool.	1
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4. 2b. Question at hand: How much funding would you support to expand the Arts and Culture program?

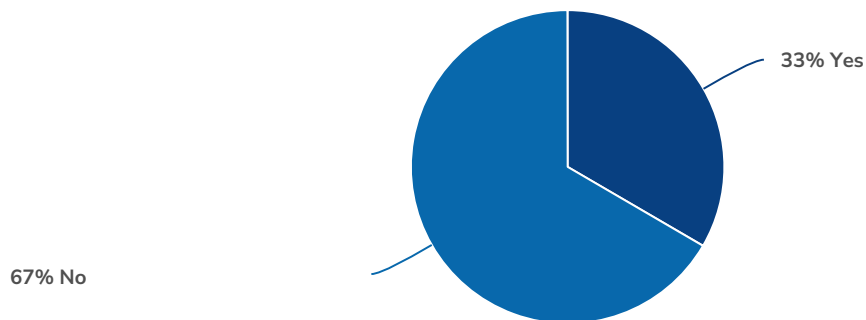


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\$0	62.3%	526
\$20,000	7.1%	60
\$100,000	13.5%	114
\$200,000	17.4%	147

5. Trash Hauler Almost a decade ago, the City considered contracting with one trash hauler for the entire City. At the time, residents indicated a preference to continue with the current system of being able to choose their own provider, meaning several trash haulers are providing services throughout the City. Recently, some residents have requested the City revisit the idea of one citywide trash hauler to:

- Lessen the amount of carbon emissions and noise
- Broaden services to include curbside recycling and bulk waste pickup
- Increase the rate of recycling
- Capitalize on economies of scale to lower prices
- Reduce wear and tear on city streets as a result of fewer trash trucks

Question at hand: If these benefits could be achieved through a single trash hauler solution, would you support this effort?



Value	Percent	Responses
Yes	33.4%	287
No	66.6%	572

Totals: 859

6. Uptown Improvements The City is considering ways to make Uptown Sedona more appealing to residents. Question at hand: Rank each option below based on whether it would encourage you to visit Uptown more often.

Seeking renewable energy opportunities for the community

Reduction of Community Water Usage

More rapid reduction of carbon emissions from city buildings and vehicle fleet

Community outreach, events and education

Water conservation and education

Other - Write In:

Community Relationship Building

Waste diversion

Green Space Quality, Connectivity, and Accessibility

Oak Creek Restoration and Adjacent Land Conservation

Forest Health

Public electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure

Open space land and creek preservation

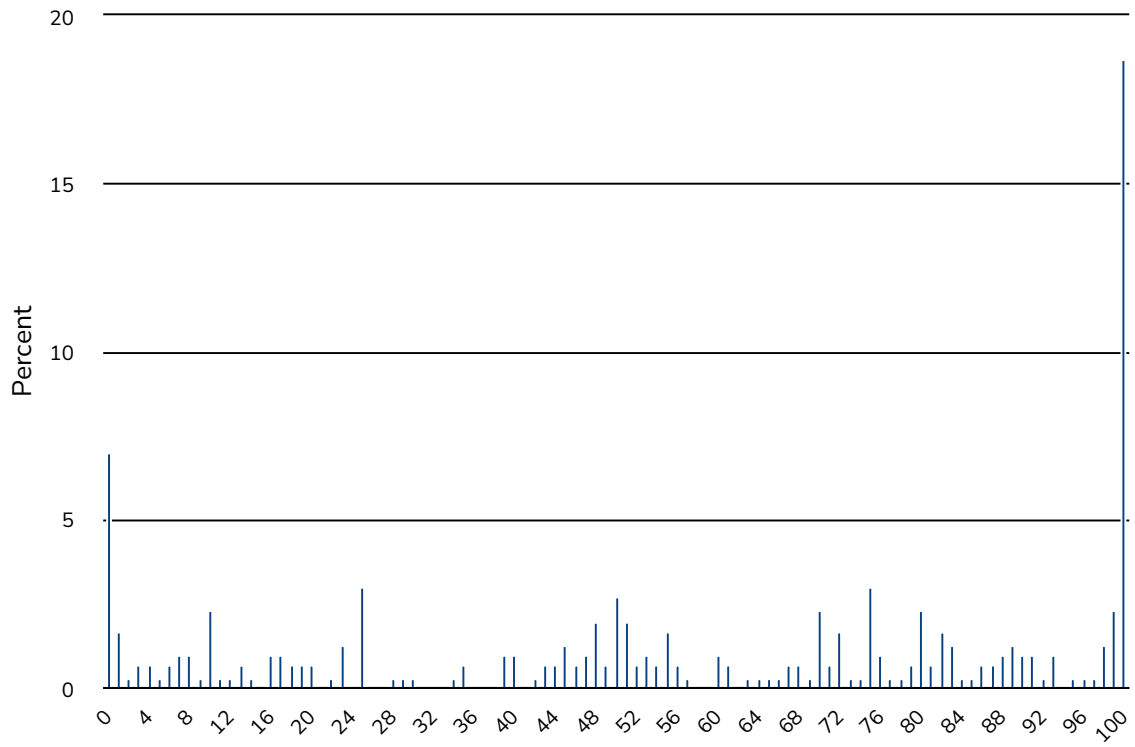
Food security for all residents

Other

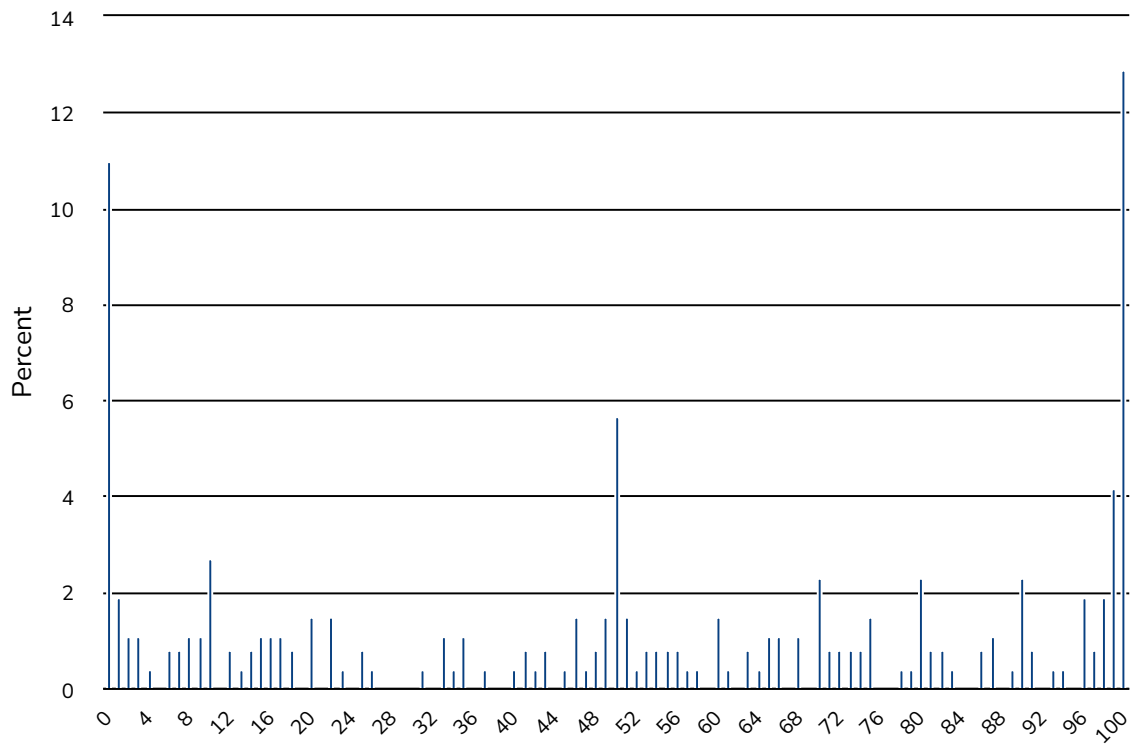
Yes

No

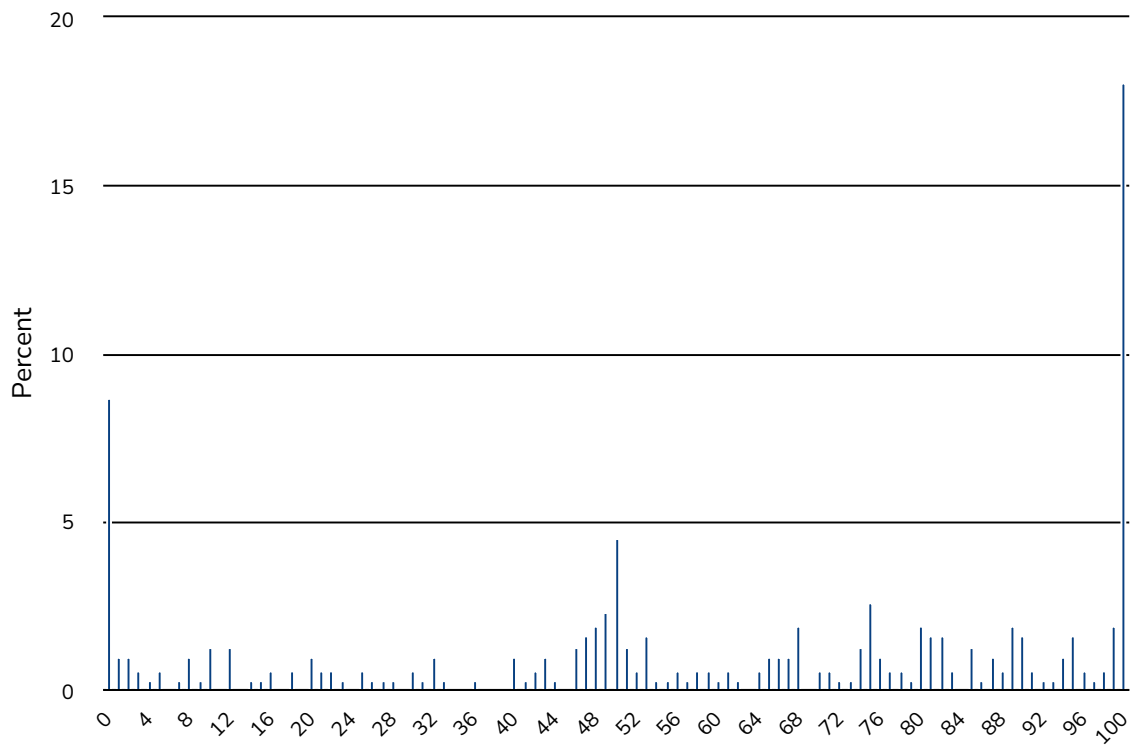
Community gathering spaces (greenspace, shade, benches, family and dog-friendly space)



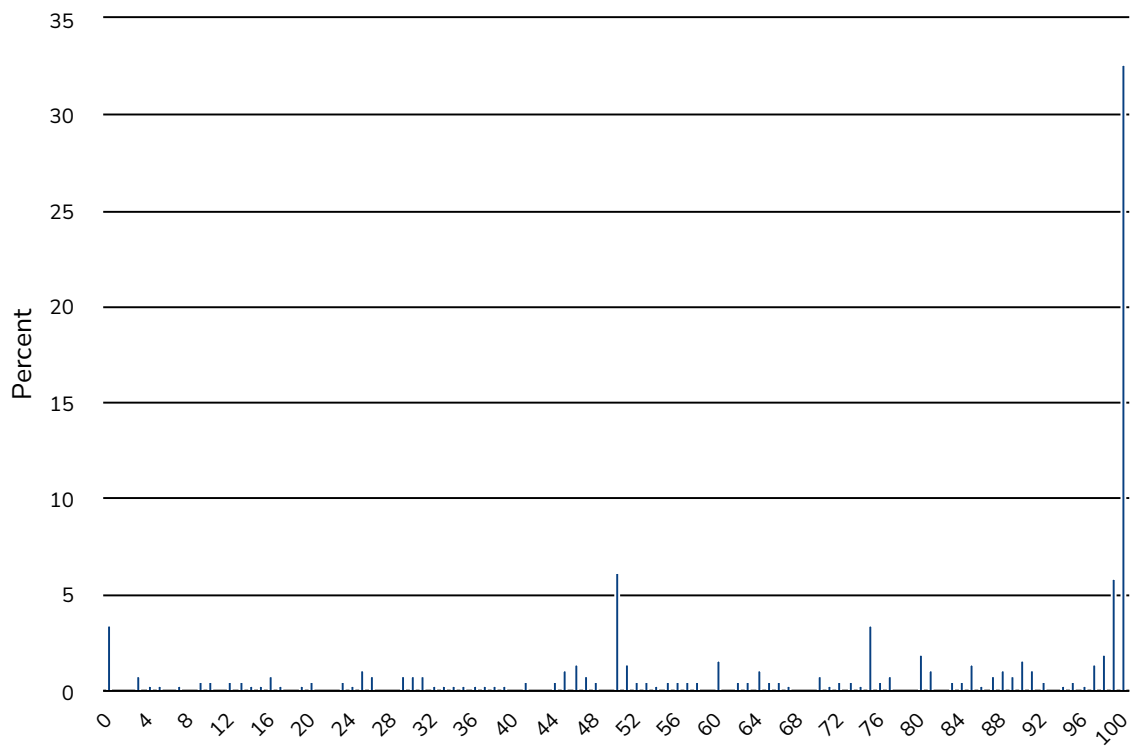
Convenient transit service to and around the Uptown area



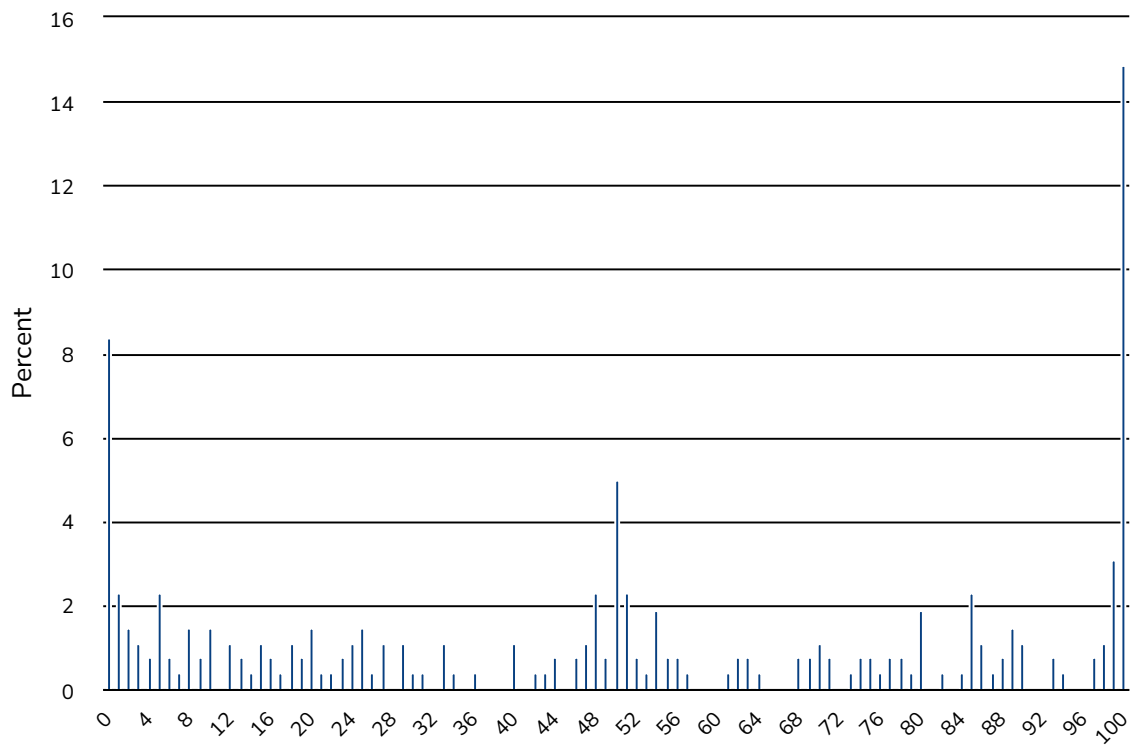
More walkable with shared-use paths leading to points of interest



Resident discount programs at local businesses



Hired outdoor professional entertainment (musicians, artists, etc.)



7. 4b. Question at hand: Do you have other ideas for ways the City can make Uptown more appealing to residents?

ResponseID	Response
3	Less vehicle traffic. Pedestrian bridges. More shared paths that are lined with trees for shade.
4	Stop the continuous construction, more off street parking
5	Clear up the on street parking regardless of whether a parking garage is built or not. Uptown venues for public music albeit smaller in scale than Posse Grounds.
6	Encourage shops that provide things residents need and residents will go to uptown. Right now, there is no reason to go there.
7	With all the tourists won't they overwhelm the spaces? Like if there was a park on the creek wouldn't visitors want to be there too? We don't go to uptown because of congestion. Talking with other residents they don't go either. I have enough tee shirts.
8	More bicycle racks
9	The City's ONLY focus should be fixing the traffic. The only way that uptown is going to become more appealing to locals is if you fix the absurd traffic and add tons of new places for US to park! Also, WE want to see the Cultural Park come back alive. Add focus there, NOT uptown for locals.
10	More parking 'lots', parking structures, free parking for residents
11	More off-road parking, better bike lanes (possible barrier?), discounts offered from local businesses to local residents.
12	parking is needed! actually, Sedona is in dire need of a safe bike path that connects west sedona with uptown. It's amazing that it doesn't have anything yet as all of the best outdoor cities have them...jackson Hole, Flag staff, Boise, etc
13	Residents do not go there.
15	Longer hours for crossing guards and at more places. Light the crosswalks as people are barely visible.
17	Remove parking spaces.
18	Limit the amount of tourism so our roads aren't like a parking lot every weekend. Unfortunately, it has become very inconvenient to go uptown or anywhere else in general. Traffic has become horrific and is only getting worse.
20	no

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| 21 | Provide residents with stickers making them exempt from having to pay parking meters |
| 22 | Local discounts is important and used to be a wonderful program. Also imperative would be a community public square - like you see in flagstaff or prescott. That would draw more locals. |
| 23 | First, the traffic is the main deterrent for us going to uptown. Secondly, is the type of shops. We'd like to see more upscale boutiques like those found in places like Healdsburg, CA. Most of the Sedona shops are lower end touristy type. Locals could use some better options. |
| 24 | City Council has helped fuel and support the residents' dislike for Uptown / 179 businesses and tourism. You all made your wealth elsewhere then moved here to retire, thinking you were going to a sleepy, little retirement community. Then you blame everything and everyone else, except yourselves, for the failure of your SIM projects and lack of affordable housing options while at the same time collecting millions of dollars in tourism fees and taxes. You have NO IDEA how difficult it is to own and operate a business in a town when you're not supported by the locals and City Council. |
| 25 | Based on what I've just observed in the survey, Uptown and the convenience of the tourists within has entirely too much focus from the city. Don't ignore the other areas where people visit and reside. Stop making Uptown a 'downtown' within restricted real estate. |
| 27 | I hear you are building a garage even tho we said we were against it. Going up is a dangerous precedent. There is plenty of parking but no direction for tourists to get there. Also transportation and parking should always be free for tax paying residents. |
| 29 | 1. Improve parking - give special discounted rates (or free) to local residents 2. Encourage more diverse merchants in the area |
| 30 | Yes! Offer goods and services that are tailored to RESIDENTS, not specifically to tourists! |
| 31 | Reverse Sustainable Development: *Develop Sedona Land Trust in an effort to acquire businesses to demote density and increase emergency egress and ecological sustainability. *Require "Uptown" businesses to fully fund their own employee parking needs, outside of Uptown's immediate area. Uptown's parking problems are driven business, not residents. *No additional Uptown growth, period. *Uptown business should be required to adopt a fair play culture. Uptown business needs to provide parking just like Whole Foods, Safeway, Harkins, etc.. SCC must stop picking winners and losers., *The balance of Sedona businesses and residents have had enough of Uptown's influence on Sedona leadership. Uptown businesses are too redundant and Jeep hubs only contribute to traffic and parking issues. Pink Jeep should never hub out of Uptown. |

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32	Residents do NOT come uptown as it is so why would we give a discount for coming to town once a year. NO. The fact that so many residents complain about the traffic and yet do nothing to support our business here is a joke. The city killed our foot traffic as is at the Matterhorn shoppes by taking away the cross walk that brought people directly to us and now we have NO business and are barely making it. For locals to have a say they need to start supporting small business.
34	free shuttle running constantly from 179/Chapel though uptown to west fork/Indian gardens
35	make finding parking in uptown easier, and ensure available empty spots. improve traffic flow so that 89a and 179 move cars through faster.
36	Absolutely, positively no parking garage.
37	More public restrooms and pocket parks for people to picnic and enjoy uptown without having to be in a restaurant or bar.
38	Landscape!!! Take care of the planters. Provide PUBLIC RESTROOMS For residents - there is not a grocery store or decent local mini market, there is not a bank source-- if we could have some different offerings than the same type tshirt stores would be great and keep some locals out of West Sedona.
39	More stores catering to residents and definitely some kind of discount should be offered for locals everywhere
40	Honestly, it's all about the time it takes to get there and being able to find parking. It takes more than 30-45 minutes in stop and go traffic, and is not worth it.
45	Reduce traffic going in and out .
46	Fix the Tlaquepaque traffic bottleneck: once the walkway is complete, work with ADOT to close the street-level crossing or make it inconvenient to use (controlled crossing with long wait times).
47	Yes, cut down on congestion and amounts of tourists. I bought a home in Uptown. Sold it two years later to move to W Sedona. Uptown is the pits as far as traffic is concerned.
50	Better wayfinding. Parking guidance system like Eleven-x to note available parking and provide info to users with an app. Variable rate parking for Uptown. An enforced employee parking management system so 25% of parking in public areas are not used by employees.
53	It won't be as long as it is a magnet for tourists
54	World class parks and recreation not just a cookie cutter play set and some picnic shelters. Visit telluride park city ouray or Durango for examples

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- 55 It can be too crowded and an overpass at Talaquepaque is overdue. Locals do not like to get caught in the mess you have created in Uptown. It's insane to go to Uptown. Do something about the traffic please. How horrible not to be able to go to Uptown due to the traffic and support our local businesses. Do you go there amongst the huge numbers and support our businesses? (I bet not).
- 57 I consider uptown as appealing only for tourists. There is no shopping there that interests me.
- 58 Make a parking garage in the VOC or on the west side of West Sedona and drive visitors to use public transportation. Make additional routes from West Sedona to Uptown, other than one roundabout or going through the chipotle parking lot. Expand Uptown's shops to include fresh farmer's market style shopping area.
- 60 Finish the walkway at Talaqapaue and do not allow folks to cross at the road this should facilitate much better traffic flow.
- 63 The businesses in Uptown are really geared for tourists, so I don't see myself visiting there (and sitting in traffic to do so) regardless of other amenities.
- 64 Parking areas at trailheads need to be greatly improved. We also should have bicycle stands/parking ant every trailhead. local residence and maybe tourists would ride a bicycle to the trailhead and park it. Trailheads at Dry Creek and Boynton Canyon area are very dangerous with hundreds of cars parked on the road which is outside the city limits but something needs to be done to control it.
- 67 I have always thought that uptown should be the center of Sedona and malling it off would give us a town plaza. I also think that we should develop the land by the water treatment plant as a municipal golf course.
- 69 The Forest road improvement will be a big plus. Uptown parking garage is needed as proposed.
- 71 Parking structure with uptown transit.
- 73 Limit the number of tourists by limiting the number of STR. What good is having amenities added to Uptown when residents can't access Uptown, get reservations at restaurants, or find businesses other than those that target tourists?
- 74 Resident-only parking and/or frequent shuttles. It's the traffic hassles that keep me away.
- 77 Uptown will never be appealing to residents as long as there are throngs of tourists.
- 79 fewer kitschy junk stores, more coffee shops that stay open later than 2 or 3 in the afternoon
- 81 Community gathering place is ESSENTIAL. I definitely do not need to go shopping in Uptown!

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82	Do not spend tax dollars on this
86	Have a lane that bypasses Uptown for those going to Flagstaff
87	Don't think anything would encourage more residents to visit Uptown. Traffic is always a mess.
89	Butt Out!
92	Address traffic issues with a road from Schnebly Hill Rd to the roundabout near the Art Barn (bridge over Oak Creek)
93	Pedestrian overpasses at Jordan and Wayside are not the real chokepoints for traffic through uptown. Its the Forest Road light and single northbound lanes that cause the problem. And I don't think overpasses would look particularly pretty given the current beautiful sightlines in uptown. Also, wasting \$3MM on the TQLA underpass was foolish since the crosswalk there will remain open. Decisions like that make us all wonder what is going on.
94	Encourage quality stores
95	Reduce Traffic
98	PROVIDE OUTER CITY PARKING FOR ALL TOURISTS AND SHUTTLE THEM INTO AND AROUND THE CITY
106	No. Too many tourists.
108	Less thru traffic. Build a tunnel or bridge as a link to a bypass road around Uptown for those traveling through. Make Owenby Drive two directions to the roundabout. Remove overhead wires for improved visual. I live in Uptown and the crosswalk on Forest between 89 & Vanduren is dangerous to pedestrians and motorists, especially at dusk and night. It's hard to see peds crossing from the south to the north. Move it, or install flashing road level lights that automatically flash when ped is in the area.
109	Solve the traffic problem!
111	crosswalks should have blinking lights on the ground for safety; make the Owenby Road from the roundabout two directions so uptown residents can go to Flagstaff quicker; work with AZ water to improve water supply lines to residents in Cibola Hills;
112	I live in Uptown. I'm happy with life as it is. Since I couldn't comment about the walking bridge at Tlaquepaque... I'm not in favor of the bridge unless you and ADOT agree to eliminate the crosswalk. If no crosswalk, build the bridge.
116	its good now
117	Parking is the #1 reason for avoidance.

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127 Uptown was ruined when the city took ownership of the highway and turned it into a real mess. Prior to that it was more convenient for locals to park, browse, and shop.

129 Absolutely dangerous crosswalks - fix them.

133 LIMIT TOURISTS! AND VACATION RENTALS

134 Uptown is a tourist mecca. Why would any local get involved with that traffic and human congestion.?

135 Better parking, reduces traffic congestion

136 Better traffic conditions. Going to uptown is a non-starter on weekends due to the traffic delays and impact

139 Uptown is honestly not appealing to me because of the traffic and the types of stores that are offered

140 Reduce congestion.

141 Solve traffic problem!

142 Reduce traffic congestion. Did not see most of the solutions proposed as solving for the congestion issue. Maybe Tlaquepaque should build a pedestrian bridge or tunnel to reduce congestion due to pedestrian crossings in that area, for example

143 Prohibit (or limit) traffic in Uptown by building parking lots on the periphery of the City and providing shuttle service to and from the lots.

148 Develop a dog park. Aggressively enforce the Trash Ordinance (including fines) and better manage trash pickup where there are public receptacles, even at trailheads. Aggressively enforce the Lighting Ordinance to preserve Dark Skies. Create a full-time resident parking permit system providing preferential parking and fee exemption (and accessibility to park at shuttle-served trailheads anytime). Encourage businesses that provide high quality, uniqueness and value, and are less touristy, kitschy and overpriced - does uptown need 3 identical t-shirt shops? Many businesses in Sedona are mediocre and deserve to fail. Encourage restaurants to give VIP short-notice reservations, expedited seating or preferred seating to locals. Better protect the viewshed, trails and environment. Facilitate an Uptown Residents Council not dominated by self-serving business owners and cronies who stand to gain by influence for one policy or another. Manage panhandling and the unhoused to prevent nuisance. Preemptively ban or heavily regulate dockless micromobility systems/vehicles within city limits (see more below).

150 With current traffic congestion Uptown is not desirable.

152 Stop spending money on marketing sedona

ResponseID Response

153	no
154	1.Town Square 2. Once a month "Make it a Night," where stores stay open late. Food trucks. Art Vendors.
155	Food truck lot and gathering place for local musicians
161	1. More/better parking 2. Loop shuttle from new parking facility around Uptown and other lots 3. Alternate routes in addition to the Forest Road extension
163	Residents seem satisfied that uptown is for the tourists, therefore very little motivation to visit this area. Only exceptional restaurants would lure some of us there.
164	Seems like tourists own uptown. I don't go there, but would love to see more restaurants that give a resident discount.
166	More Parking instead of driving around looking for it. Public transportation!
167	As a resident I barely go because of TRAFFIC
169	Getting stuck on Cooks Hill prevents me from going to Uptown
170	Need to fix traffic at "Y" first. Don't come to uptown because of traffic congestion.
175	More shared use non-motorized paths
177	Cut the amount of funding for tourism so that locals don't have to fight crowds and traffic.
182	Make it more western (cowboy) looking.
192	Get rid of the atrocious wall that divides and clutters uptown. Bring back small town uptown with no barrier on road.
193	A huge city supported affordable Artist Co- Op for local artists to display and sell art. Stage/seating/Musical performances
200	State Rt 89A Bypass
201	Uptown is full of tourist shops, venues, why would locals want to go there? Keep it that way! Locals have plenty of shopping venues in W. Sedona, which is how it should be.
204	I think residents avoid tourist areas in general. If there were some nicer restaurants with good parking available, maybe. Amara is the nicest place to eat but it's all tourists.
205	Very few residents support Uptown businesses

ResponseID Response

206	Instead of focusing on making Uptown more appealing, take time to consider the NEEDS of full-time residents. I don't need to be enticed to spend money on Uptown businesses, I want more community services, infrastructure improvements that are NOT traffic-related, and much more thought given to ways that the city can help DIVERSIFY our business base to be less dependent on tourism. This might involve partnering with the private sector to improve water, wastewater, and internet services and prices. Please, please, please stop constantly focusing on tourism as the be-all and end-all of Sedona and start envisioning a better community for locals.
208	No
209	Better traffic flow
210	Residents don't go uptown cause of the offerings of the shops and the traffic, this won't change by the city spending money
215	Créate community with local fairs or events in uptown- farmers market in uptown... encourage business to diversify and carry more unique art and local products, encourage community talks and art displays incorporating the community -
218	Using it as a space for First Friday or a night market, making more appealing aside from just the tourist shops and restaurants
223	Get rid of the roundabouts or put traffic people on busy days and especially on the weekend. The few times officers had to help because all traffic was at a standstill with backup in all directions. Once the officer started directing traffic, it moved and cleared up. The city should have people standing by to direct traffic at the roundabouts. ujyh
224	Shop Local once/monthly with appetizers and wine/beer at shops with 10% discount on retail and 15% at restaurants.
229	Public transportation to and from the Village of Oak Creek that locals can access on a regular schedule.
231	Repave the streets in dire need. Solders pass has 2" cracks and is very rough
234	Free Parking Discounts for Locals
235	Don't allow pedestrian crossing 179 at Tlaquepaque.
239	Improve traffic flow
242	Better quality stores and shops like Talaquepaque has. Don't know how the city can make that happen, but the poor quality of shops is why I don't visit Uptown much.
243	Reduce the traffic congestion on 89a. Getting to and from Uptown is such a hassle we never go to Uptown or restaurants on sr 179.

ResponseID Response

- 244 Residents have no desire to shop or visit uptown. There is no parking and very little incentive to go there as it is completely over run with too many people. Focus this money on infrastructure repairs for residents like road repair, etc.
- 245 Better walking paths/sidewalks would be great. We walk a lot and much of it is not on sidewalks. We live in Uptown. Picnic areas, an amphitheater, outdoor movies, green space for frisbee, games, dog friendly activities would be great. We also love to ride bikes (not mountain biking) and we don't find uptown bike friendly. I would also love to be able to walk to a picnic area by the creek in uptown.
- 246 Fix the traffic flow, as it is now not worth the hassle, faster to drive to cottonwood for dinner
- 249 Better stores
- 250 I'm not the same person I was 20 years ago. I accept that. And, Uptown is not the same place it was 20 years ago. I accept that. People who live in LA don't go to Disneyland. People who live in Sedona don't go to Uptown. It's not a place for the locals. It's a place for tourists. In fact, you know your a real local when you brag about how long it's been since you've set foot In Uptown. Maybe instead of working on trying to change Sedona to be like the 2000s Sedona. Work on accepting that's it's 2024 Sedona.
- 251 MORE parking
- 254 The deomographics of visitor profiles needs to change back to higher end visitors of twenty five years ago!!
- 255 Not with existing traffic
- 259 Control traffic
- 260 Red Rock News has published very good traffic improvement suggestions. More traffic studies not required, not much Can left to kick down the road.
- 261 I think the bridges that are going to be put in will help move traffic and people faster to their desired locations.
- 264 I would surmise that Uptown businesses receive the majority of their sales from out of town visitors/tourists. The City would need to create some type of incentive or business case that would appeal to these businesses to be more attractive to residents. Just making it more convenient to get to or walk around will not be sufficient.
- 268 To me, this topic is not important.
- 269 make a walking and bike area no cars in the uptown and art district area

ResponseID Response

270	Do residents need Uptown to be more appealing? I feel Uptown is really just an avenue for local businesses to capture tourist traffic and tourism dollars. Residents just want to be able to drive through it more easily and find a close parking spot for their next trip to Elote. So, traffic control needs to be addressed and parking needs to be expanded.
272	better access to upper deck stores/shops
273	Pave Schnebly hill road! Open the cross creek crossing to enable traffic to flow from the VOC to Sedona with out clogging up HWY 179. For once we as a community needs to focus on West Sedona! Uptown is done and looks horrible, and the traffic problem caused by the median is horrible! Enough focus on uptown where residents spend ZERO time!!!!
275	Have a real locals farmers market.
276	No, it's a tourist strip.
277	Shaded areas to gather, park, perform
280	Decrease the number of tourists!
287	require parking behind al new businesses and not in front.
288	parking
289	Yes fix the traffic problem. I don't even go up there because of the traffic.
290	More parking
296	Stop promoting tourism
299	The shops in uptown consist of products that are shipped in from china and don't support artist and community- the restaurants are poor quality food with high costs, that included with no live entertainment and everything closing early results in a pretty lame space
301	Music/night life/lounge. What if we had a bar/lounge that had live music, trivia nights, comedy, karaoke, art exhibits, open mic night etc etc. It's not even about alcohol consumption but more about a place to go to socialize with others that's open late enough for service industry locals to enjoy too, as well as a location for local artists to share their creative outlet, whatever it may be! Uptown is only appealing to tourists because what purpose do locals have to go there? There's nothing to do. It's just souvenir shops for tourists. Word on the street is it's super hard to open a place like this because the city has such strict restrictions on sound & liquor licenses. Perhaps we can make it more flexible.
303	Discourage out of town visitors by cutting advertising expenses.

ResponseID Response

304 Get the traffic under control in uptown

310 The above ideas are much ado about nothing. None of these would work but only let the town council feel good about itself.

311 No parking garage

313 No.

317 Uptown shops are for tourists. I get it am okay with it. More diverse businesses would make it more appealing for residents. Too many trinkets and t-shirt shops. I don't know this, but it feels like Uptown real estate for commercial storefronts is owned by too few and is too expensive for innovation. Beyond that, Uptown would be much more appealing with less cars (in motion or parked). Fewer noisy ATVs in residential areas would also be nice.

318 Yeah, QUIT WASTING THE TAX-PAYERS MONEY ON FOOLISH IMPROVEMENTS

321 Reducing the overall traffic and opening up more parking spaces that could be reserved for residents only. This way, people would stop parking on the side of the road and residents would have a reliable place to park at all times, without competing with tourists.

322 No

324 Make parking specifically for locals

326 Make it pedestrian only, no cars.

327 No interest in visiting Uptown.

329 Increase parking in uptown. Improve traffic flow. Increase lanes on 179. Improve "live" signage to direct tourists where parking is available. Address management of cars based on reality that the numbers of visitors using them to come to and through Sedona will increase in the next decade based on population growth in Arizona.

334 Have a solution to the traffic problem getting there. Make the bus system FREE for everyone. Transportation is the number one problem. There should be a FREE bus system connecting the Village of Oak Creek to Uptown and West Sedona. This would bring the tourists from the VOC to Uptown without the traffic congestion. This is an absolute MUST for this tourist town!

336 Invest in better shopping, restaurants, cafes instead of tourist shops. Residents don't frequent tourist style shops. Cool shops and boutiques. Uptown needs a refresh.

337 An above ground walking bridge at Tlaquepaque to replace the street level crosswalk. If it were designed properly it could be a place for tourists to take photos of the area, If designed properly it could draw tourists to the area without stopping traffic.

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338 Yes. Reduce the amount of tourists! Build overhead walkways to eliminate pedestrians crossing the road so we can drive through uptown efficiently and safely when needing to go to flagstaff. Uptown is nothing more than a commercialized nuisance!

339 I only go to that area when it is absolutely necessary. Most of the tourist businesses only care about more tourism.

342 DISCOURAGE MORE DAY-TRIPPERS. STOP CONSIDERING THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS PART OF CITY GOVERNMENT.

343 Making Uptown traffic less burdensome would invite more residents to spend time in Uptown.

344 Resident parking

347 do not build the parking garage

348 Improve traffic engineering Improve pedestrian crosswalks Remove parking from 89A

350 consider charging visitors for parking while providing free parking to local residents to help pay for downtown improvements

352 The main problem is that locals can't get to uptown or other hiking trails or areas int own holding events due to the traffic and parking problems that are NOT listed.

356 Why bother? It's the tourist area.

357 I don't understand why there would be a desire to make uptown more appealing to residents. Who said this was a problem? Are you actually trying to drive more traffic here?

364 Lessen the impact from tourists. The number of cars must be reduced. Other cities like; Tahoe, Aspen, Telluride have shuttles for the tourists. Hotel staff must encourage tourists to leave their cars behind; to use these shuttles.

368 Get rid of all the tourists!

371 Uptown will never be appealing to residents, it's for the tourists, not one of my contacts /friends ever expresses an interest to go there, I go periodically solely to the Korean food truck

373 Build a connection between uptown and Soldiers Pass Road, the Forest Road extension is a misguided waste of money that will only make traffic worse for residents of west Sedona and south on 179.

375 Easier parking options.

381 Later business/restaurant hours

ResponseID Response

386	Keep Sedona safe (police and fire), maintain the roads and keep it clean: let private citizens and industry do the rest. It would be admirable for Sedona to break with American tradition and make headway towards shrinking the size and scope of local government, instituting a government hiring freeze, and eliminating all non-essential positions.
391	Hop-on-hop-off circulator on 89A and Jordan. Make all on and off-street public parking metered and continually update meter fees to achieve 85% usage. Make residential areas permit only for residents.
397	too many tourist junk shops,,,provide better quality shopping
401	Fix the water issues, such as pressurization etc, and help facilitate putting above ground power poles below ground. Eliminate the parking garage plan.
405	#1 Improve traffic #2 Improve traffic #3 Improve traffic
407	More workout pavilions for summer use and maybe a full sized recreational center?
411	Convenient free transportation.
412	Make the discount programs sufficient to entice residents to shop locally. Allow residents to go to the front of the line when there is a wait line at a restaurant.
414	Uptown is for when guests visit, Getting a discount at restaurants would help.
415	Get rid of the OVER TOURISM. NO ONE WHO LIVES IN SEDONA WILL GO TO UPTOWN FOR THE LAST 5YRS PLUS. Even trying to drive there is a complete shitshow, who in their right mind would sit in a car 30 minutes to drive a mile or two. STOP ALLOWING SINGLE FAMILY HOMES BEING USED AS MULTI FAMILY AIRBNBS. Theres probably some way to address multi units in a single family dwelling. Isn't there code for the number of occupants in a home. Don't build another hotel either we are already overrun. Make non resident owned airbnbs pay such an astronomical fee that they're completely unable to operate. But I doubt the city will do that if their pockets are getting greased. The people are done with this shit
422	Restrict street parking to create a more pedestrian friendly environment. Require all uptown parking to use that city garage that is supposed to be built.
424	It is just so conjested with tourists and difficult to get to because of traffic. Helping the traffic would make it easier and more appealing
427	More than a ten percent local discount would be needed. 10 percent is basically tax on the purchase.
428	Free, convenient transportation

ResponseID Response

429	Not really anything up there to draw me in right now, unless I need to shop for clothes. Perhaps an easy access (meaning not having to hunt for parking) place to go for a late afternoon coffee. Our 89a Starbucks is not very appealing, would love a nice coffee house.
431	Continue improving traffic and pedestrian flows. Add walking paths. Capitalize on views, not real-estate
432	Build the proposed parking structure on Jordan. If residents continue to fight city planners we will lose them to other towns. Trained city planners weigh pros and cons, they have earned their positions and understand what's best for most residents and visitors. City counsel must do a better job of acting on the planners' recommendations. Residents and future visitors will applaud the current city counsel for moving forward with the parking garage. My hope is they continue to act to improve our town's infrastructure and ignore the short sided minority who want to do nothing. If these vocal residents have their way we will loose talented city planners and our towns issues will be further exaggerated by the inevitable growth of residents and visitors.
438	Why the focus on UPTOWN? Locals avoid the tourist traps.
439	Why does the city focus on Up Town when it doesn't support businesses in West Sedona. All areas need support
443	free resident street parking
444	Free resident street parking hang tags.
445	Not much more can be done. It is what it is and all the changes recently have made it a nightmare to use.
448	Get a second lane installed on 89a north bound. One lane causes too much of a backup. I live in Sedona and I will not go to uptown because 89a is too congested. If you improve the that congestion, I would visit again and often.
453	Why? Residents enjoy parks. Uptown is mostly a touristy shopping area. Leave it to tourists.
457	Eliminate street parking to create open space. Put a tunnel under the area for through traffic. The city of Guanajato, Mexico is a good example. Parking could also be excavated to keep it out of site. Might even discover a dinosaur or two.
463	no
465	It would be nice if the city could install a small public park with a playground for families with young children as well as tourists with children in uptown.
469	Get rid of the junk shops

ResponseID Response

471	I don't live in Uptown and almost never visit it. The City would be better advised focusing on other parts of Sedona rather than 'always' Uptown.
472	we need more organic grass-fed type farm to table restaurants. That would be the only thing that would get me there. Can you provide a grant?
473	No
478	free parking
479	Needs adequate parking spaces/garage.
485	Traffic improvements.
493	Stay open later in the summer Add a laser light show or drone show for the 4th
495	It's the traffic & lack of practical shopping that keeps residents away.
504	It's a tourist trap; locals are overwhelmed with the traffic congestion... get a bridge over Tlaquepaque as well as uptown to make the flow easier. Maybe some traffic cops at the Y to ease the burden of drivers who cannot manage yields vs stops.
510	No locals ever go Uptown due to traffic. I had to purchase an expensive electric bike just to be able to go to the supermarkets.
574	Less junk shops
576	Make the shops more tasteful
577	Add a police officer at the "Y" to direct traffic and keep stopped vehicles out of the roundabouts during high tourist weeks.
578	I'm not sure, I generally avoid it because of how touristy it is
580	Better parking and access to the uptown
585	restrict/remove street parking in uptown and force parking into future parking garage.
586	it is sooo congested uptown that the MOST IMPORTANT is to relieve congestion any way possible. As a 20 year resident I NEVER go uptown because of the congestion up there.
587	How about having shuttle buses to 'shopping and artsy places' in Uptown and Tlaquepaque with free/discounted rides for residents?
588	get rid of ATV's

ResponseID Response

593 The city has made it clear to us -- Uptown is for tourists and you couldn't drag us there. Why should we?

598 Parking

599 Walkways across Hwy 89 A in uptown are very unsafe. Need to improve the safety of pedestrians crossing street. Too many blocked views for the drivers.

607 Dogpark, resident only parking permit

611 Increased and free parking.

618 Traffic is the big reason as you can't get there

640 No!

642 Fix that BottleNeck drive uptown. I've seen a firetruck lose valuable time trying to get through the mess which could cost someone their life.

664 Yes but it's too late. Too much damage occurred when the amateur "regional" (Sedona by name only) Chamber of Commerce was allowed to fritter away displaced funding. STOP PROMOTING SEDONA & if the "Chamber of Commerce Visitors' Center" continues receiving public tax money, then CHANGE THE NAME TO "CITY OF SEDONA VISITOR'S CENTER"!!

665 Instead of the City hiring professional entertainment, provide funding for the Arts Center's programming.

668 A real theater for theatrical events.

670 Consider resident concerns when building or designing new structures. Uptown should be safe, healthy, and walkable. It's currently being designed for cars which is unfortunate and not healthy.

677 I personally believe Uptown isn't going to be appealing to residents until the traffic congestion and parking situations get fully resolved.

680 Outdoor gatherings w music and locally made food.

682 No

688 Better sidewalk access outside of 89A, ie Jordan, Apple, Schnebly, etc

ResponseID Response

689	Perhaps bringing the Main Street Program back where there are a few paid individuals (residents) here in Sedona that handle events there with a budget to pull off some community events as it did in the past. The former Main Street Program had little to no funding and the director was paid very little. Paying someone a decent salary with a budget to create some wonderful events that would appeal to residents would be fabulous.
690	Less shops, focused on tourism and more emphasis on yards perhaps the theater, gallery, Museum
696	N/A
697	Access to more FREE parking
698	More music, more art, less traffic
700	As a thirty-year residents, we used to go all the time. With traffic (horrible)and tourists everywhere, haven't been in two years. Absolutely no current benefit to residents. How can we shop locally when we can't even get there?
702	The City's focus on attracting the almighty tourism dollar, has pretty well killed locals interest in what used to be a quaint community.
703	Free or reduced parking with a pass.
706	Stop creating traffic jams! Don't give small groups of people the right of way to traffic the moment they appear on the curb. The congestion on 179 often increases travel from VOC by an hour.
708	Free parking for resident and second home owners
709	Ban cars in uptown. Make it pedestrian only
710	Landscaping Public Restrooms Grocery Store/amenities Better traffic signage on Jordan - very dangerous with turning left and right from side streets - blind spots abound with Rv's parking on road etc. Can't see on coming traffic.
713	Median was a bad idea-emergency vehicles cannot go around cars on a one lane road.
715	Bring back First Fridays to the local businesses as we had it before. Implement discounts to locals.
716	Uptown is a tourist destination.
717	If the city created more accessible parking and did the spaces, discounts and music, I'd be there.

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719	resident cars with special labels for parking. more discounts for locals at shops, restaurants
721	More outdoor eating resturants and wine tasting venues. Mostly street musicians and artists. ELIMINATE NOISE POLUTION LIKE SEAL BEACH CA. NO LOUD MUFFLERS
722	Cultural events, music, native american culture, festivals
728	Mitigate the traffic getting into and out of Uptown for the residents.
729	How about mid week specials..encourage us to visit outside tourist traffic days. Create a dog/kid and senior Park in Uptown. Bring back Cmas in Uptown, reasons to gather, stay and eat, shop. Prescotttown square, a center point to gather.
733	Parking and traffic are difficult to navigate making it less appealing to visit Uptown.
735	A world class art museum
742	REDUCING TRAFFIC. Get rid of artistic median and add a lane. Make it accessible for emergency services to pass through if needed without causing an entire cascading gridlock that snakes throughout town. Provide Adequate parking and hold businesses to proper zoning for their capacities that go hand in hand with appropriate parking arrangements.
751	Parking garage that has 'local' parking reserved.
753	Get rid of short term rentals and air bnb properties! This diminishes the community values of uptown. Greed, high prices and rents will eventually lead to the bottom falling out. Focus on helping the folk who actually LIVE & WORK HERE!!!
756	Stop focusing on uptown and focus on West Sedona.
757	I live in Uptown. It is a very appealing area. Too many tourists in a congested area is the problem. The crosswalk at Jordan near the roundabout is dangerous. The crosswalks on Forest align with the setting sun so someone will get hit. And why are there two crosswalks on Forest Ave? Poor pedestrian planning is the problem with Uptown. Parking should be spread out and not concentrated in one area so the parking garage is a bad idea. If it is lighted 24 hours it will be an eyesore as well.
758	Provide a Creek walk or several sites where the creek can be accessed by parking and walking a short distance.
764	Its all about getting there and finding parking isnt it? Forest road will help, but its taking forever. We still dont have our bus system anywhere close than we need. Uber and Lyft DO NOT EXIST!
766	Allow residents to park for free and STOP all the unnecessary construction. Haven't seen one improvement in past 20 years, just keep making it worse.

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767 I don't think there is much chance of that with the majority of businesses and facilities oriented to tourism. A reasonably sized/priced farmers market or food store could draw local area residents and Oak Creek Canyon residents,

769 Making lessening congestion a priority. Dedicated parking for residents only.

781 Our downtown is primarily setup for visitors but could be a useful location for residents as well if weren't so trashy.

796 Night life aka bar Better parking Wait to see if new Jordan road makes it easier to get to

799 Improve traffic flow. Driving there most days is impossible

802 More frequent, low cost public transportation for residents

809 Focus activities during the extreme slow season when the competition with tourists is lowest. Maybe utilize some space for something that only residents can apply for, like love locks or other 'make your mark' installations that claim the space as locally-focussed. Prioritize infrastructure improvements that will minimize traffic congestion so residents can travel to Flagstaff again without the headache.

810 A historical center with pictures and information on what the area looked like in the 1800's and how it became what it is today.

818 Stop plans to build the ugly 3 story parking garage and get rid of overtourism

821 You know where this is headed, so just start filling in the spaces "in-between with sustainable ideas for the future. Those now complaining wont be here, so stick with a comprehensive / sustainable plan for a workable future city. Nothing ever gets cheaper, so do what NEEDS to be done for good traffic flow, maintenance and city sustainability and control.

825 Dedicated public transportation lane so moving in and out of uptown with ease is ensured.

828 Encourage high quality retailers to locate in Uptown.

829 locals discounts at restaurants

834 Fewer cars parked on street. AKA force parking into extant city lots. The one behind the arts center is hardly ever even half full.

835 Traffic seems to be the problem, moving traffic to and through uptown could be improved

837 If businesses added quality and value to what they offered residents would come

838 Dog park, priority parking, priority restaurant reservations

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844 Better traffic control

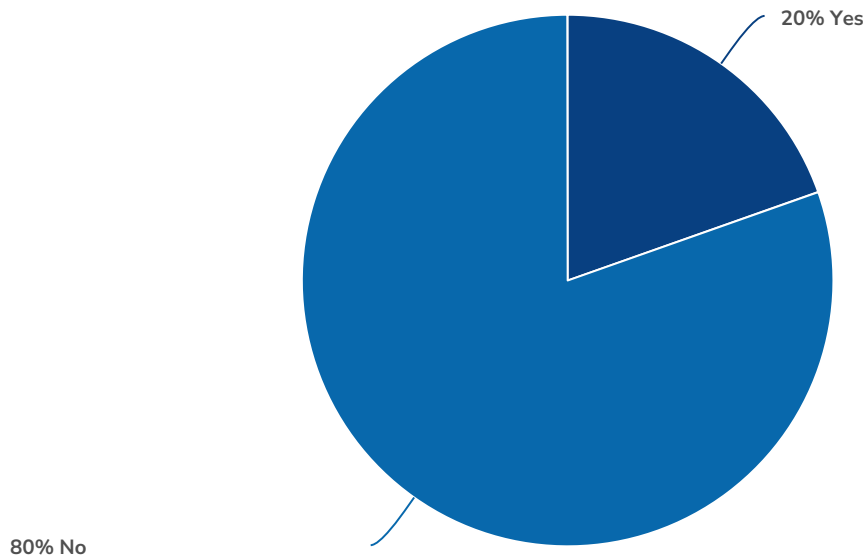
846 We used to go Uptown all the time. Never even consider it anymore.

848 Reroute traffic around Uptown and make the entire area for walkers only. Vehicles can turn up at the first roundabout north of Uptown, go down Jordan Road to last roundabout. Many towns have closed the main drag through town and made it for pedestrians.

868 Turn the parking lots into pocket parks with green space, shaded trees, playground equipment, water features.

875 Alleviate traffic congestion at the Y. Often we end up going to Flagstaff and VOC for food and recreation instead of going into town.

8. Sedona Airport The Sedona Airport sits in the middle of the City of Sedona on land owned by Yavapai County and is managed by Sedona-Oak Creek Airport Authority. Question at hand: If the Sedona Airport is financially self-supporting, do you support the City pursuing acquisition for greater local decision-making regarding the airport?

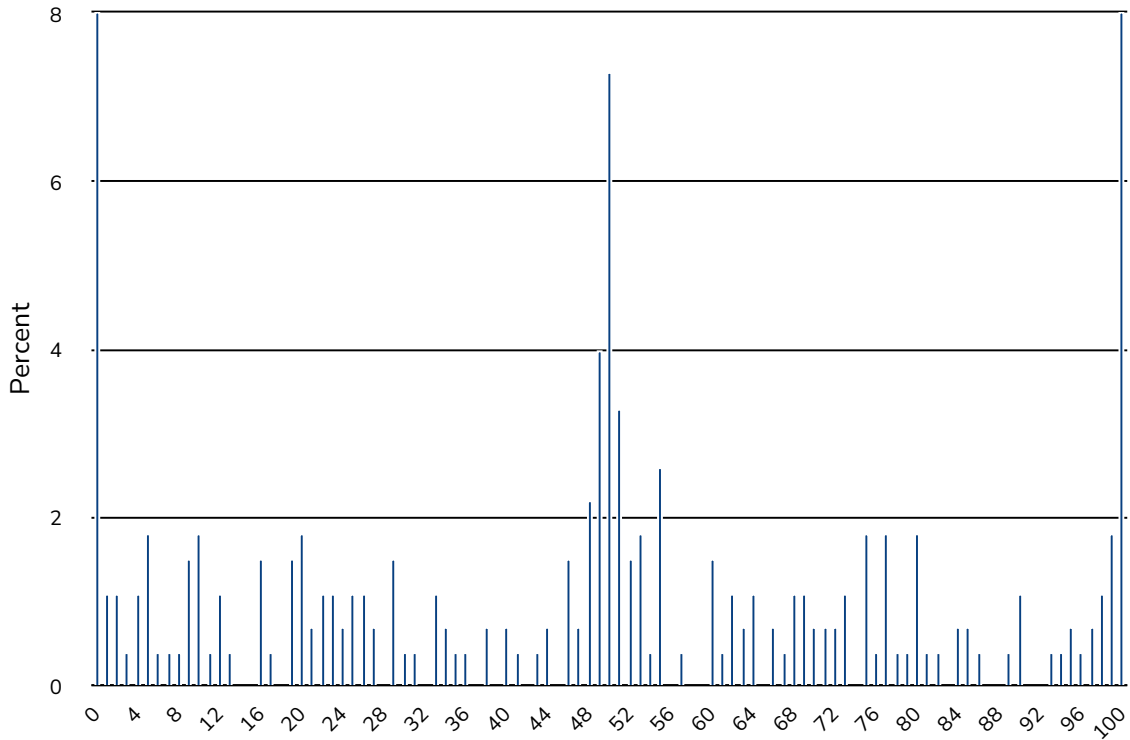


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Yes	19.6%	167
No	80.4%	686

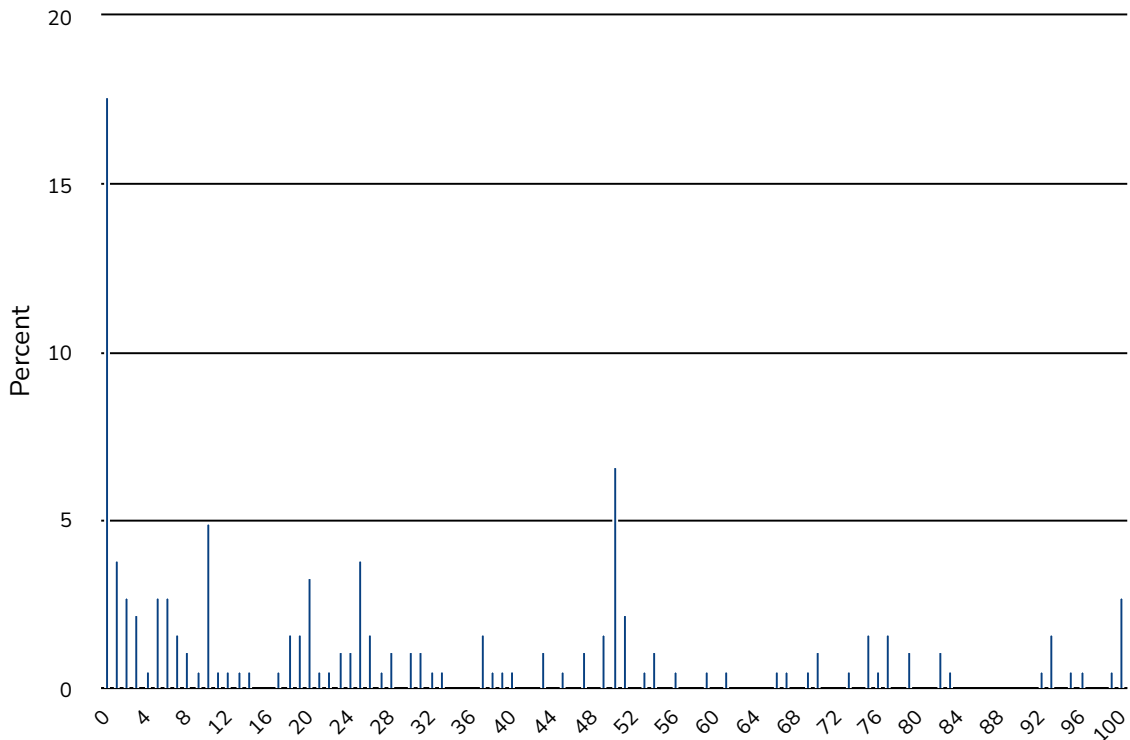
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9. 5b. Question at hand: To what degree are you impacted by the following Airport activities?

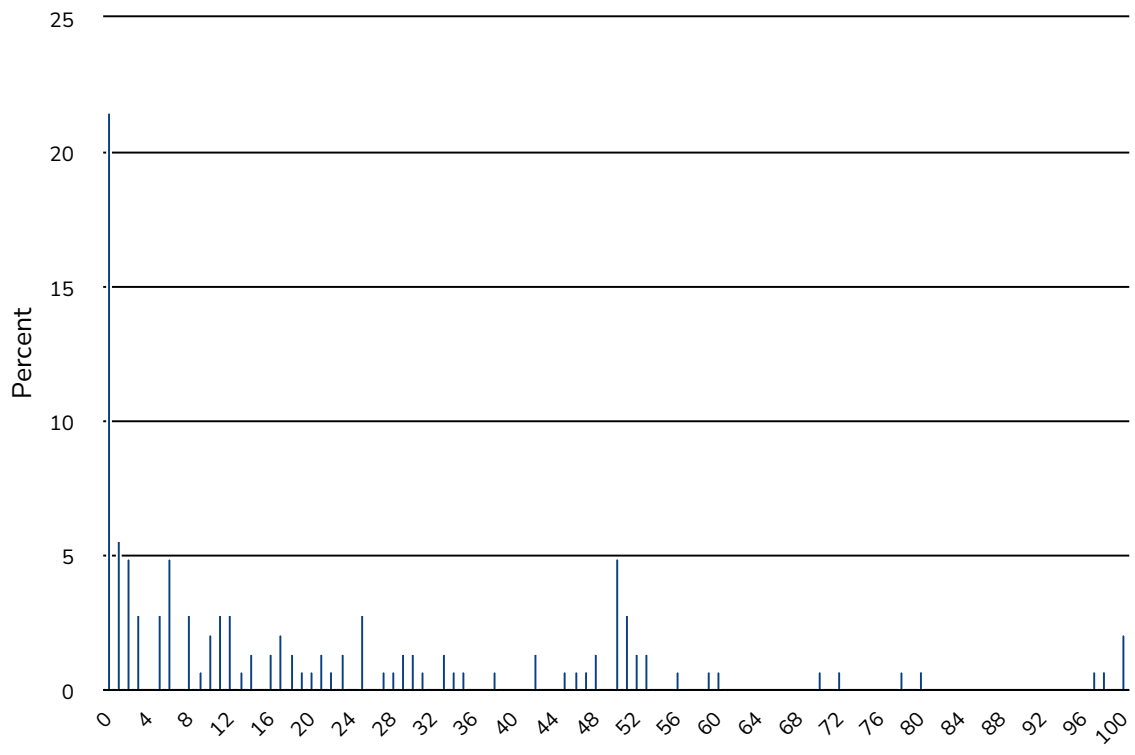
Air traffic noise



Vehicular traffic to and from the Airport



Events/weddings on Airport Mesa



Other

10. 5c. Question at hand: Are there other Sedona Airport activities that create negative impacts? Please explain.

ResponseID	Response
1	Noise pollution from tour helicopters is super bothersome when hiking in remote areas.
3	None
4	Even on calm days where wind direction is not an issue planes still circle at low altitude over residences. Extremely annoying and rude. I would encourage the city to shut down jet access(except for emergencies or fire fighting planes). Some days I feel like I'm living under the LAX glide path. Was this always the intention of the powers to be to destroy the serenity of our area for wealthy travelers?
6	Allowing military aircraft use. The loudest aircraft are the military Ospreys, but all of them are incredibly loud and do not need to be here. When two of them are flying together, my house shakes. They can practice high-altitude landing in Flagstaff
7	Helicopter tours in chapel area. Getting involved in the airport is dumb. Why does the city want to take on such a large item with continuous capital needs and staffing. Take over the library, community center etc first before touching the airport.
9	The City of Sedona should not consider acquisition of the airport, it should get the projects at Cultural Park rolling.
10	No
11	I do believe that the helicopter tours over wilderness areas create a negative impact to wildlife and hikers with sound pollution. I also understand that there is little to nothing that the city can do about this FAA-regulated airspace. I don't think it's as bad as some others make it out to be. Hopefully it doesn't get worse.
12	no
13	No
14	I don't understand the benefit of the City running it. More information would be needed. It seems there are many other important things, and this feels like a distraction.
15	No
20	no
21	We live off of Airport road, and the traffic has become very heavy. We'd love to see a limit to the number of trucks, busses, and RVs able to park at the top. Additionally, many ATVs speed up and down Airport Rd and create huge noise pollution and add to the congestion issue. Would love to see them outlawed on city streets like Airport Rd.

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23	The helicopter noise is heard everyday several times a day. We would that to be significantly reduced.
24	You're SIM projects have failed to mitigate traffic congestion. Now you think you're so omnipotent that you should control air traffic!! You're power hungry. STAY IN YOUR LANE.
25	Let the airport go and work for a regional location.
26	No
31	Not wild about red lights polluting skies given today's technology.
32	None. The airport has not a big impact unless you are specifically going up there.
33	Please note I do not mind the noise. I live in Les Springs, which is part of the approach path.
34	no negative impacts, in fact all the trailhead shuttles to the trails west/north of town should originate at the airport. it's easy for visitors to find parking, has great views while they wait for the shuttles and is out of the way of all the rotaries / uptown traffic
36	The plane traffic/noise is fine. The issue is still the helicopters. While there have been significant improvements due to the "gentlemen's agreement", operators are slipping back into old ways.
37	The helicopters that fly over west Sedona are very low and make our house shake. Very disturbing.
39	I live right near the airport on Shelby and have never heard a plane. There are more important things for the city to do.
43	noise and pollution
46	Parking at the mesa overlook should be free, not subject to a nuisance fee. If city ownership would provide jurisdiction, limit tourism flights, which benefit small numbers while throwing noise pollution throughout the city.
50	Helicopter noise that still impacts east and north side of Uptown.
53	I think it is a tremendous benefit to the community. I'm surprised all these questions are framed in such a negative light.
54	The Leaded general aviation fuel usage and storage is a toxin for the entire city, planes exhaust spread it over us all
55	I'm unaware.

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57	Control helicopter flights over Bell Rock area. The noise pollution created by several people needing to fly over the area ruins the outdoor experience for hundreds of others on the trails.
58	Lack of proper hiking routes between the top parking area and the popular hiking path of the saddle creates an unsafe environment driving to and from the airport.
60	Helicopter tours
63	It's really the noise from all the traffic that's the worst.
64	The city should not be involved in owning an airport. Let it stay private.
65	No.
66	Helicopter tours
67	I have no idea
68	The airport is a great benefit to the city. It allows people to access our area without adding to the current traffic issues, refueling and a base for firefighting aircraft, a base for businesses and tour operators, etc. The biggest problem is that the road needs to be widened to allow better access for walkers, runners, families, and cyclists. This would alleviate congestion on the road and allow more access.
69	None
71	Helicopter tours 1 Noisy 2 invasion on our backyard privacy (we live near Cathedral rock)
72	No negative points! The airport is a great asset. Please consider how it serves as a staging point for wildfire containment. Also consider how much revenue is generated by individuals who fly into the airport. Bottom line is that the city and the city council are totally clueless about the airport and its many benefits. The city needs to stay out of business they do not understand.
73	No. I see the Airport as a tremendous asset to Sedona and the surrounding communities. It's well run now; there is no need for the City to acquire it. Traffic backups on Airport Road could be alleviated by extending public transportation to the Airport and enforcing the "No Pedestrians" signage.
74	The real issue seems to be helicopter flights - they are very loud and sometimes come in very low.
77	The City is incompetent in handling the day to day operations of quality of life issues that affect Sedona residents, and would be incompetent in running the daily operations of an airport. The City SHOULD NOT pursue the acquisition of the airport.
79	I don't like seeing all the planes and helicopters overhead all the time

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82	Leave the airport alone
83	No
85	The airport location high on the mesa results in far less noise and other impacts than any other similarly close-in airport that I know of. Traffic issues on airport road are mostly related to viewpoint access and not airport operations directly. The airport is generally well run and the City should avoid getting drawn into ownership which will entangle leadership in many issues that fall under FAA jurisdiction, resulting unnecessary distraction, frustrations and a loss of focus on the City itself.
86	The questions are poorly designed and lead the reader in a particular direction. The City has no idea how to run an airport. Stay out of it! Same with the trash truck issue. Having 2 companies creates competition. With one, the costs will likely go up dramatically. Competition is important.
91	Airport owned by Yavapai is a positive. Airport is important to community!
92	Should be a free lot for parking, with ADA trail to West edge of Mesa
93	I can see it from my house and it doesn't create any issues for our family.
94	No The airport is a wonderful place an asset to the community. Currently run professionally and extremely well. And we all love that place
96	No, the airport is essential for pilots and passengers who use it.
97	No! The airport is a valuable resource to Sedona and surrounding areas.
108	N/A to me.
109	The city bureaucracy will be a negative impact.
114	No, it is a valuable asset for our community and safety for people, Fire fighting, emergency Medical, and the Love of Flight for Tourism and Aviation in the USA.
115	City is not capable for a takeover of the airport, its responsibilities, its Grant Assurances, its costs to do so. Read FAA Compliance Guidance Letter 2021-1. If the current sponsor objects to the transfer, the FAA will take no action until the issue is resolved, most likely in court. Bad idea, no benefit to the City.
116	none that i can think of
117	We often hike the loop and take visitors up for the view. Mesa Grill is a great venue. City ownership offers no benefit.
118	none

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119	None. The Airport has a dedicated group of Hangar Owners and Pilots who take great pride in ensuring the Airport runs smoothly. There is no valid reason for the City to own it.
127	LEAVE THE AIRPORT AS IT IS. (SAME AS OUR GARBAGE PICKUP SERVICE) HAVEN'T YOU DONE ENOUGH DAMAGE?
128	I would say it's a net gain for the community.
130	The Sedona Airport contributes little to no impact on my family's lives. Whereas, traffic, Airbnb's, and ATV's have destroyed any semblance of our rights to peaceful enjoyment in our neighborhoods.
132	No, they have a right to be there.
133	No, it is vital to the state.
134	The airport is a self sustaining operation that requires ZERO taxpayer funds, not produces ZERO funds for the county. The city has proven that it can't run much of anything without tax dollars. Our little tourist shuttle system is a prime example of ZERO common business sense. The airport generates millions in economic benefit for the city. The best way to screw that up is let the city run it.
139	I wasn't aware that there were more than a handful of events hosted on airport property.
140	No. The airport under existing management is a well run general aviation airport that provides community benefits that far exceed any perceived negatives.
141	No
142	The airport is great. Please don't change it.
143	Too many helicopter/sightseeing planes. Reduce the frequency of takeoffs to preserve the beauty and tranquility of the area.
144	Its not a matter of the airport creating impacts. The City hasn't anybody who is experienced in managing an airport. It would just more City staff positions plus it would mean dealing with another federal bureaucracy.
148	Many other Sedona Airport activities create noise, vibrations, pollution and other hazards that have detrimental impacts on residents, visitors, wildlife (esp endangered species), forests, wilderness, the environment, sacred archaeological sites and water, waterways and wells. Most pilots disregard FAA Advisories and the local noise abatement pseudo program regarding altitudes and operations/practices, which are only recommendations anyway, not required regulations. The airport is notoriously unsafe and has a disproportionately frequent incidence of crashes and accidents than one would expect from a small airport, which makes increased activities more hazardous in a location and community with high wildfire risk. The airport became a bigger nuisance after manager Ed Rose was hired, stating publicly that he was hired with a mandate to develop the

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Response airport. Alarming, he expanded fuel storage capacity and fueling operations that create an especially dangerous nuisance and fire hazard for the mesa and surrounding forests and neighborhoods. He extended Runway 3 that creates the biggest nuisances for surrounding neighborhoods and was previously infrequently used. He drastically increased military contracts and flights which create the biggest nuisance as military craft typically fly very low, directly over homes - causing large and strong vibrations (rattling windows and drowning out TV and conversation) and potentially long-term damage to structures, such as stucco. Airport operating hours were increased, with flights more frequently occurring before 7am or after 9pm. New obtrusive runway lights seemed to be installed, including at least one new long range strobe light that appears to operate 24/7 during inclement weather, extending light pollution far and wide across the night sky, wilderness and neighborhoods that is quite disruptive to residents and wildlife - it literally shines/strobes into my master bedroom through a window not designed and impractical for window coverings. Student flights have increased creating additional safety concerns and nuisances. The number of hangers and bathrooms has increased. Airports are among the largest sources of air pollution in the U.S. and numbers of flights and altitudes are limited/regulated over the Grand Canyon to protect wildlife and the environment. Locally, all the increased airport traffic emissions have caused significantly higher levels of local ambient air pollution and exposures of residents to hazardous and harmful contaminants in the emissions proven to adversely impact health, especially in the elderly, such as Avgas with toxic lead, jet fuel, carbon monoxide, ozone, ultrafine particles, nitrogen oxides and forever chemicals including PFAS, PFOAS and PFOS etc. Other activities that have created noise, traffic and/or lighting nuisances are music festivals, air shows etc. I feel all events other than aircraft related should be restricted to Posse Grounds so as not to spread the nuisance of events to all corners of the city. Also alarmingly, the airport leases space to, and promotes, a webcam, Sedona Red Rock Cam, that provides live views and a 24-hour playback that often includes neighborhoods below the mesa, and can be zoomed in, thus creating privacy and safety issues for properties affected since criminals can easily use it to identify and stake out vacant or unoccupied homes for illicit purposes. Upon first discovery, the owner of the webcam adjusted the view, but after some time it was reverted back and subsequent neighbor requests to exclude the neighborhood from view were ignored. This webcam is featured on both the airport and Chamber of Commerce websites, likely others as well as there don't seem to be restrictions on what can link to it. The airport and low flying, high vibration and loud aircraft disrupt local hiking and other peaceful uses of the forest, in addition to residential and commercial areas and protected areas and wildlife. The Forest Service has presented materials on the adverse impacts of aircraft tours to endangered species and sacred archaeological sites. There are thousands of such sites within the Coconino National Forest as well as four known cultural resources sites located at the Airport itself (Master Plan pg. 1-29.) The Forest Service has made specific recommendations as to the frequency and manner of helicopter tour flights in order to protect the forest, however they cannot require adherence to the recommendations which are largely ignored. Indeed even the airport manager himself typically decries there is nothing he can do about various airport nuisances, repeating the boiler plate mantra of those opposing any effort to curb airport nuisances - that the FAA has exclusive jurisdiction. But this is only partially correct. For one thing, military bases have very responsive community relations departments and logistics to address issues such as military craft flying over neighborhoods. They are mandated to be good community neighbors. I think the pilots themselves would be receptive if the airport manager asked politely that military pilots avoid flying low and over neighborhoods, especially since they are creating damage. They also regularly perform mid-runway landings and takeoffs which is supposedly discouraged by the airport. Aside from this, recourse to the FAA is an available avenue and could itself be sought to protect the environment by

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additional rule-making and flight limitations. While there are key factual differences, the National Park Service adopted a plan to restrict noise from tourist aircraft at the Grand Canyon. The FAA has the authority to modify its rules in light of such plans for quiet in the national park. The airport nuisances will only get worse and it would be wise for the City to have direct management. Yavapai County, as the current owner of the airport, developed an Airport Master Plan pursuant to FAA requirements. Documentation from preliminary drafts showed that helicopter tour traffic would almost double by 2033 and at least ten additional helicopter parking sites will be added (see Master Plan Chapter 3, pg. 3-18.) The forecast in the Master Plan is that by 2033, there will be 19,596 "air taxi" departures from the airport. If allowed to continue on this path, the adverse impact on the community and the forest/wilderness will be substantial. There needs to be a reduction in the number of tour flights as well as restrictions on the activities of the current flights in terms of altitude and flight routes. Possible remedies - many of which have been upheld by federal courts - include: 1. Ban on tour flights entirely - (case law support) 2. Curfews (daytime and weekend) - (case law support) 3. Limitation of total operations from the airport - (case law support) 4. Require compliance with FAA Advisory (not regulating a specific route) 5. Requiring flight tracking technology in all aircraft (avoids disputes on altitude) 6. Require helicopter tour companies to obtain insurance with limits of at least \$20 million per occurrence. The Airport Board cannot be relied upon to regulate and manage itself. All members are pilots and it's like the fox guarding the hen house. Indeed, whenever residents raise issues on Nextdoor, for example, the chair of the airport board and an organized group of pilots jump on and shut down any criticism. If nothing is done, the city should create a Residential Noise Abatement Fund to help residents sound proof homes near the airport, as well as a liability fund for potential accident liability litigation.

150 Visitors to Vortex and overlook.

152 Noise from helicopter tours

153 no

155 no

160 This is a horrendously biased question. Using responses to this question should be invalidated because of bias. The airport needs professional management. How on earth can the city (the same city that bought the cultural park) suggest that it can run the airport.

161 This question is so slanted towards the City acquiring and operating the Airport that it is "Leading the Witness". Shame on you! You don't address the benefits the Airport creates for Sedona, the high competency and qualifications of the SOHA Board, the complete lack of competency within the City to manage an airport, the added costs to the city if they did take on the airport. And, of course, who would benefit from an airport closure ... which one of you would change the property so that you could profit from its sale to land developers??? How about some balance? Transparency? Please identify what vehicular traffic issues you are having. Most of the traffic I see is for the Vortex Saddle and vista parking, not from the businesses and airport users. Where are your traffic studies?

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162	The current Airport Manager of the Sedona Airport has undertaken and accomplished much in addressing any negative impacts and/or attitudes. The City of Sedona should recognize the importance and value of having such a dedicated, experienced and talented airport staff operating the airport, which is providing an unbelievable financial contribution to the City of Sedona, yet with zero cost to the city!
163	Noise is the primary problem, but tolerable.
164	We have planes flying over - seems like they should be directed to avoid west sedona residential areas and not fly low.
166	Low flying aircraft noise
167	No. It's a great place to go
169	Pollution from flights
170	No
177	The airport does not have any negative impacts. It attracts the type of visitor that benefits the city; i.e., people who spend money on hotels, car rentals, and restaurants.
192	The airport is a gem and currently being managed very well. City of Sedona does not need to take away any independence from the airport and in fact city involvement may negatively affect airport revenues and operation. City has MANY other pressing issues and the airport is simply a power grab.
195	None
201	No. Having City involved makes NO sense at all. To much bureaucracy and wasteful spending in City management now.
203	No, Airports are great for communities
205	No
206	The sudden rush to spend money generated, in part, by the transportation tax -- which was dishonestly extended even though it was promised to sunset -- is now prompting the city to expand staff wildly, far beyond its capacity to manage these new services. Taking over airport operations would be a huge mistake.
208	No
218	None
224	No. Our family loves aviation.

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231 Cities historically do NOT do a good job running airports.. Currently the city receives all the benefits our airport offers with NO liability or costs. The airport is facing several millions of dollars in improvement. Why spend this money when you don't have to.. the potential for liability with aircraft accidents, major expenses far out weighs any perceived benefit the city could possibly receive. Please stick with that the city of Sedona does well

235 Noise and visual impact from helicopter tours is offensive.

240 Planes and helicopters are constantly flying over our houses for recreational purposes, and often the same planes circle multiple times.

242 The Helicopters! They truly decrease the enjoyment of being on most of the trails.

243 No

245 I like the fact that Sedona has a small airport and I find it positively impacts the city.

250 Airplane's especially the private jets that fly into Sedona have a huge climate change impact. There carbon emissions are unacceptable.

251 none

252 The airport is a positive for Sedona and its tourist base. Why are you looking for negatives? to give you reason to control it? The city government has no clue how to run an airport and comply with FAA requirements and potential liabilities, nor has it shown fiscal responsibility elsewhere to confirm it could maintain the airport.

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260 No.

261 I think that the Sedona Airport does a lot for the tourism of Sedona. Not only is it bringing people in planes to the area but they are able to cut down on traffic as well. I think that the balloon company does a lot for promoting people to come to Sedona on their own as well. I think that the Sedona airport does a good job at mitigating the airplane noise as well.

262 City governments do NOT manage airports well. see below report <https://airfactsjournal.com/2023/12/g-a-airports-suffer-from-costly-mismanagement/>

264 None other than ensuring that the police department and fire district are trained and prepared for aircraft disasters/emergencies.

266 no

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268	Occasional noise from heavy military aircraft and Sedona Airport Family Fun Day, the Fly Friendly Voluntary Agreement concentrating air traffic and noise over the Chavez Ranch Road area by residential and recreation areas, disturbing residents and visitors
270	None to note
276	No. I regularly run the airport loop trail and live on the east side of airport mesa. Occasionally there is aircraft noise but it is not consistent or sustained.
280	None.
289	No negative impacts.
299	The sunset it gets packed at the Mesa overlook - I like when The Fiddler on the rocks plays up there though
302	The problem is; there are no commercial flights to make getting in and out of town easier. Otherwise the airport is no problem. The problem is the backup in traffic from the visitors viewing the sunset each night. I know it is difficult to change the timing of the lights due to the time of the sunset changing each night. However sensors in the road could dictate the length of the light.
303	The airport is fine. The city should leave it alone or they will screw that up too.
304	City has no experience in running airports
313	None. Up
315	Airplane and helicopter noise, the ever increasing amount of flights, and allowing them to fly over houses and circle is very disruptive
317	Low amounts of air traffic would be appreciated. I hope the airport doesn't greatly expand the number of flights.
318	NO
321	No
322	The visual seen in the skies when planes are flying.
326	Traffic which has been an issue for decades.
327	I'm not aware of any negative impacts.

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329	No. But the city should not pursue ownership of the airport. The county wants to offload it for a reason. The seeming "prestige" of owning/managing an airport will quickly be overcome by the realities of liabilities and administrative headaches associated with dealing with the federal agencies. An airport like Sedona is always on the edge of NOT being financially self-supporting. Consider it an order of magnitude greater risk for required subsidies than a transit system.
334	The noise from the helicopters and airplanes is constant when hiking in Carrol Canyon and on the Airport Mesa Trail.
336	Helicopter noise
337	None that I know of. I like the way the airport is currently run and see no change to divert City of Sedona funds to manage it.
338	Airplanes allowed to depart earlier than the noise abatement recommendations. Air Traffic noise. Massive noise pollution. Air traffic runway departing over the city instead of to the southwest. Touch and go/airplane rides. Convert the noise abatement recommendations into regulations!! Move the airport to city property between Sedona and cottonwood!!!
339	for locals - get ride of that \$3 parking charge to use the viewing area. I never go up there anymore since they started charging.
342	No - leave the airport alone. It was there long before Sedona became a messed up "city!"
347	helicopter and plane tour noise
348	Helicopter traffic over west Sedona is frequent and overbearingly loud. Sometimes they fly so low we can see the pilot's and passengers' faces. They need to follow reasonable paths that are away from residential areas in the city.
352	The airport has no negative impact on the city. We have more important problems than the airport. Which they are NOT listed in this survey.
356	Kill the helicopters.
357	Helicopters flying over chapel area.
360	Helicopter tours. When they fly over neighborhoods
364	Only tourists: #1, #2, and #3
368	Low flying planes and helicopters. Touch and go airplane flights.
371	The loud white plane that flies over my house daily
373	Instagramming tourists and commercialization of the upper view point parking lot.

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386 No.

389

397 none

401 dangerous fuel storage and refueling operations and toxic impact of dangerous chemicals

410 None

411 Not any negative impacts from our perspective.

412 Not convinced that the City is the right entity to oversee the airport. Prefer to wait and see how the City handles the recently acquired tourism function from the chamber.

413 People driving up airport road to the view/lookout spot is annoying to locals

414 It's the noise of tourist rides because they fly too low.

428 No

431 Hiking access could be improved especially after precipitation when the paths can get very muddy and slippery at the mess top.

438 More for the city council to manage.

439 The airport is a very nice, well run, and currently a very positive area. It does not negatively affect the city. Keep the city out of it.

443 Tourist helicopter noise is loud and consistent over my backyard

444 Tourism helicopters buzzing around my backyard

448 No there are none. Even suggesting that the city purchase the airport shows a serious lack of fiscal responsibility! That money could be put to better use - say with a bypass around Tlaquepaque and uptown for those not going to those places and using the roads to get to points north of Sedona.

457 I do not favor helicopter flights (or OHV's for that matter, but they don't fly when driven correctly). Noise, danger, crass form of tourism.

463 no

471 None to my knowledge.

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472 I live halfway up the airport mesa. I think there should be restrictions on time. I've heard loud aircraft at 5:30am when I'm hiking early in the summer. Should be 7am-10pm. I also don't think we need the military training here for helicopters. They are the noisiest and there is nothing so special about Sedona that the military HAS to train here for national defense. I'm sure they just like coming here because it's pretty. In general it's all helicopters. It has gotten better in the last few years though.

473 No. Leave the airport alone.

478 restrictions on parking and seeing the view of Sedona from the Mesa.

485 The airport seems to be doing well, and the few events I attend are worthwhile and interesting. I don't think it needs any "help" from the city.

493 Set up an air shuttle to PHX that runs multiple times a day

504 The lack of "no law enforcement" on the road up to the Mesa creates hazards for drivers due to people stopping at the saddle in the traffic lanes to wait for a parking space; or people walking-biking up/down the road creating more hazards for themselves as well as the motorists.

574 Helicopter tours

576 The overlook is packed at sunset .. but that isn't the airports fault

577 none

578 Helicopter tours flying dangerously low in the backcountry

586 I live right at bottom of airport Mesa. I have not had issues, sometimes helicopters are too many, sometimes a plane starts up early morning and weddings sometimes till 8:30p. All of those things are minimally invasive. I don't think Sedona needs to buy the Airport to have control of it. We need to spend money on congestion and road corrections to move people/visitors seamlessly around our beautiful home. We need to care/protect the open areas that are being damaged from so many people impacting by camping, driving, 4wheeling, hiking, swimming, biking with out care for the area.

588 jet traffic we are fine with prop planes

590 There is nothing negative about the airport! If anything, there should be more events on the mesa. Personally, I think the city has no business acquiring the airport.

607 fueling wildfire hazard, military aircraft

611 Loud musical events that send often loud and annoying "music" into the adjoining areas. Very annoying on warm days when we'd like to enjoy our home outside.

618 Just the noise and helicopters flying low

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642 No

653 loud concerts/music festivals create negative impact

667 Military and national guard aircraft. Especially helicopters.

677 When visitor-chartered planes and helicopters fly too close to or too low over neighborhoods, it does create noise problems. Calling the airport authority when a company repeatedly flies outside the parameters usually solves the problem. However, some of the worst offenders are military planes and helicopters on maneuvers (especially in and over the canyon), which I understand both the airport authority and city officials have no input into or control over. Other offenders are helicopters getting water from swimming pools in town to fight wildfires, because they are flying so low. Personally, I don't think anyone should have a problem with that, considering it's keeping fires from encroaching on the city, but I have heard people complaining about the noise.

680 I don't know.

689 None

691 Tlaquepaque really needs a pedestrian bridge.

693 No, in fact I love seeing the fighter jets and helicopters from time to time

696 N/A

702 Jets in Sedona, since when? I called and authorities were like clueless. Loud tourism planes like that red biplane are quite the noise interest.

703 Stop charging residents to go to the overlook.

709 No opinion

715 It does not affect me too much where we live.

721 Military exercises are VERY LOUD and helicopter tours should NEVER fly over neighborhoods

722 Noise when hiking near crescent moon ranch... too much air traffic! Please stop chem trails

727 The helicopter noise is sometimes very intrusive. I live in Saddlerock right "below" the airport. I thought copters and planes were not to fly over dwellings.

733 No. The airport is well-managed, and it is self-supporting. The City should not interfere with the airport at all. If it ain't broke, don't try to fix it.

735 No, they bring tax dollars to Sedona

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742 Sunset overlook and trailheads overloaded. Charge tourists, allow locals to come as they please.

743 Noise and air pollution.

751 No.

756 The airport runs perfectly fine at this time. Don't fix it if it's not broken.

757 Traffic backup on Cooks Hill after sunset crowd leaves.

758 No

764 Hard to get to with only one way in and out.

767 HELICOPTERS

775 NONE

777 Helicopter tourism trip noise has been a major problem, seems to be less now.

781 It should cultivate a regional presence or be shuttered.

796 Flights do not bother me and I enjoy the planes or air traffic during the forest fire season. The traffic light timer at Airport Road needs to change with the timing of vehicles exiting after watching the sunset.

797 Noise from hilicopters when they are around

818 bright lights and military helicopters

821 Treating this as a 'precious' gem is foolish for the city. The entire Airport Mesa should be looked at as an asset for the city. TWA - Jack Frye had the right idea to move the airport to the west of Sedona. It is going to get much worse and this real estate should be used for the good of the city and locals. This should NOT just be real estate, but could be a toll road and beautiful overlook and historical center and community center and art museum site.

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834 Air pollution from aviation fuel. Google, "aviation fuel" and see for yourself, and note how much fuel is spent on takeoff. Additionally, when planes takeoff, this is their maximum noise. That noise reflects off thunder mountain and amplifies across west Sedona. Although the FAA limits flights over residences to 500 feet above the ground, unless they are ascending, almost all ascending, since they've just taken off. Many ascend very slowly so they can sightsee the mountains. Few planes follow the 500' rule when "the ground" is on those northernmost streets in west Sedona, those up against Coconino. One day I counted 57 airplanes flying just over West Sedona. Granted this included some planes from the flight school in Cottonwood, who were not landing and taking off, but only flying along the mountains in a big loop from Cottonwood and back. The city should take over the airport, move it to Camp Verde and give it back to the county. Then the city should convert the top into hiking trails and wildlife management. We don't have many trails around here where people with limited physical ability or small children can hike and see the views. Not every square inch of land must be monetized. Thank you so much for asking this question. The problem with the preceding question is that it assumes the airport can be fiscally self-sufficient.

835 No

837 crash and wildfire risks

838 pollution and military flights

841 The airport brings in a tremendous amount of traffic and revenue for the city. It should be supported. But research shows that cities are not very effective at running airports, see <https://airfactsjournal.com/2023/12/g-a-airports-suffer-from-costly-mismanagement/>

844 People should not have to pay to park at the summit near the airport.

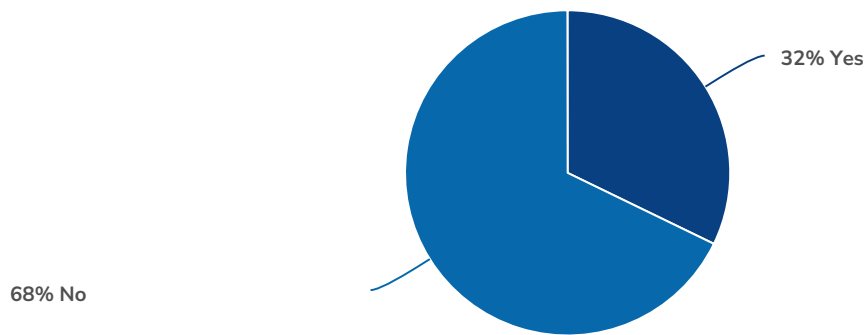
845 Your questions about the airport are biased in favor of City acquisition.

846 No; people bought near the airport and then want to complain about it. The City needs to stay out of airport business. They are out of their depth there and don't understand the running of an airport.

848 Tourist helicopter rides - too low and too loud. Thought we fixed this issue, years ago.

875 Impacts of helicopter tours

11. Water Retrofit or Rebate The Sustainability Department is considering establishing an outdoor water retrofit or rebate program to facilitate residential water-use reduction by implementing or modifying drip irrigation systems, water timers, rain barrels, etc. Question at hand: Would you modify your outdoor landscape watering system if the City provided a rebate that would pay for a portion of the cost?



Value	Percent	Responses
Yes	32.2%	273
No	67.8%	576

Totals: 849

12. 6b. Question at hand: Do you have other ideas for City-offered residential outdoor water conservation programs?

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4	Push for a reduction in lawn installation on new residences and there are ways for golf courses to reduce the amount of lawn and still have an interesting course. Golf courses are extremely high water use. As for drip irrigation, many people seem to already have these systems. Also encourage installation of "rain barrels". The issue here may really be one of City use (watering landscaped medians & government property with fresh rather than reclaimed water) and hotels & their landscaping.
6	Ban non-native grass lawns and water features/fountains. We live in the desert and why people are allowed to have green grass lawns, fountains and water features is a mystery. Make AZ Water replace all their bad pipes so they stop wasting so much water every time the pipes break--which they do often in certain areas.
9	I would consider this AFTER the city gets war declaration-style serious about fixing the traffic. 179 Needs to become four lanes!
10	No
11	I don't think the residents create much of a water conservation issue. If it's an issue, it needs to be addressed with businesses and the tourism industry.
13	No
15	No
18	The city should be concerned about managing necessary government duties, not venturing into environmental issues.
20	no
21	Maybe offer cisterns at a heavy discount for those that want to capture rainwater for their gardening needs.
22	Public education Incentives
24	You have a water re-use line from the WWTP. Use that resource to water the fields at Posse Grounds. You're supplying the fake water wheel at the Underpass with domestic water from Az Water Co. Leave me alone and take care of your own house.
25	If you're a resident and use more water than you should you pay more. It's that simple and we're not that dumb.
26	Mandatory Gray water systems on all new construction.
27	Rain barrels and better run off capture throughout the town.

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29	Subsidize water runoff capture for use in gardens
31	Not a priority, UNLESS water aquifers are low, are they??? If so, why is so much growth being embraced???
32	None.
36	Offer free water collection barrels.
37	allow rain barrel collection and offer an incentive to install on our properties.
38	We already do the above made suggestions.
50	Ban turf grass like installed at properties (like at AWD on Soldiers pass). Native plantings only, not water hungry plantings.
51	Turf reduction incentives. Rain water harvesting incentives.
54	Grey water systems for laundry and sinks where it makes sense. Permeable surface rebates for removing concrete
55	Some of our plants and trees that have been introduced to our area via a transplant have taken over our subdivisions. They all need to be be watered. We can conserve water if you cut some of these plants and trees down. It's overgrown, kills our beautiful views of the Red Rocks and forces residents to water far more than we should. We can conserve our water this way.
57	Like in Phoenix, increase the rates at higher volumes of water usage during the summer. Charge more and usage will drop. Don't give rebates.
58	No
59	This should be the highest priority, it is a must, I keep the water wells and treatment plants running in Sedona and live, work and unfortunately drive there daily since 1973
63	Discourage grass.
64	When I built my house, we had a storage system designed which was 4 / 1000 gallon tanks to collect rainwater and snowmelt to put in my irrigation system. The city said that was not acceptable and I would need a water purification system which would've cost me tens of thousands of dollars. You guys screwed up in the beginning.
67	no
69	Informational website on low volume irrigation and plant information
71	Do not encourage artificial turf. It is actually very harmful to the environment. Drip irrigation with constant maintenance.

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72	Offer indigenous plants at cost or for free to homeowners
73	Education and information about where to find/purchase native and adaptive low-water use plants.
74	I already use drip irrigation. What can the City do to promote effective mulching (I do not consider gravel-over-plastic effective mulching)? Studies have shown that effective mulching can reduce surface soil temperatures by 30F or more, and of course greatly improve moisture retention in the soil. How much are the Yavapai County Master Gardeners being invited to participate in this effort? Does the City have data showing the breakdown of water use for landscaping for private residences vs. commercial establishments of all kinds, including hotels and STRs, to enable effective targeting of the water conservation effort?
77	I already use timed drip irrigations systems. Impose higher water tariffs if too much water is used.
79	Incentives to get rid of ALL decorative grass. Education on rainwater capture, purification, and use. Education on toilet-to-tap to start getting people ready for the day. We don't have nearly the problem with home pools that Phx does, but still would like to see them go away.
82	No
89	Butt Out!
92	Program should include rain catchment systems (rain barrels, buried tanks, etc.)
93	I use Zero water on outdoor irrigation as I rely solely on native plants at our home.
94	Education on drought, tolerant, landscaping
108	I already have drip systems.
109	Let the free market (ie - cost of water) dictate how water is used.
116	obtain more water. that would be a good place to put city \$\$\$.
117	Prohibit new swimming pools for single family dwellings. Incentivize pool owners to replace pool with water responsible landscape alternative. Could be small lap pool.
122	At one time AZ offered a rebate to convert grass to stone. This may entice people to convert their yards to a no maintenance yard which will use less water therefore lowering water bills
123	We're already on drip, timers, etc. And our landscaping is natural. Maybe next survey should ask owners if already on conservation program to determine if rebate would help.

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128	1) DO NOT grass over the dog park. My dog loves grass but it will be a maintenance nightmare and a massive water waster. 2) Ban any new installations of grass. 3) Provide a one-time tax benefit or cash benefit to remove irrigated landscapes and install xeriscaping. 4) Offer rebates on low-flow toilets and shower heads.
130	Hook-up the entire city to the main sewer system, and eliminate poorly treated sewage from aerobic and septic systems from contaminating our water table.
133	limit swimming pools and golf courses
134	People generally are cost conscious on their utilities, and there is a balance between costs, and maintaining vegetation that is fire resistant. We do not need another bureaucratic system of do gooders poking their noise into private individuals business.
140	Reduce or eliminate water used for most grassy areas such as lawns or golf courses. We are in the desert. Those places should not exist.
141	No
148	No but I would also like to see similar programs for installing solar.
152	Don't create another non value add government bureaucracy for this endeavor
153	no
156	Provision recycled water for landscaping and public toilets.
163	Rebates to fill in a pool (decommission).
164	Encourage low-water plants that are native. Would be nice to have a nursery that sold them nearby.
166	Place to report water leaking and breaks
167	Encourage rain water collection and filtration
169	More education of residents about water conservation ideas. I also would like information on the state of our aquifer. Will we run out soon or not
200	No
204	I have all drought resistant plants. I think the city could encourage that and not allow lawns on new builds. Perhaps a one time fee for swimming pools. Water limits on any new hotels or resorts.
205	No. Perhaps focus on commercial water conservation

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206	I have disconnected my irrigation system in favor of a natural environment in order to save water and money. What would be extremely helpful to me now are programs to help offset the cost of ensuring that my yard is more fire-safe through tree trimming, removal, fire-resistant plantings, etc.
208	No
215	Gray water solutions -
218	No
224	Rain barrel giveaway and installation. Pilot water conservation in residential areas. Demonstration projects in coordination with KSB on native plant garden conversions. Educational workshops on how to be a good steward. Programs in schools.
234	Allow grey water recycling help fund catchment systems (rain barrels)
235	these type of city programs are generally an inefficient use of funds and result in excessive administration costs and little improvement to the problem.
239	Don't do it
243	No
245	I think there are other issues that are more important to consider and some of these questions need more context. Most yards I've seen are very considerate of natural landscape, low water, or xeriscape. I'd personally rather see more incentives for solar.
250	There is a lot going on in the year 2024 with carbon sequestration. The documentary, 'kiss the ground' is an authentic political movement. There's a lot people can do to sequester carbon in their yards..
251	Outdoor water use is very limited already for myself and almost every neighbor.
259	Incentivize water conservation by offering discounts.
260	City Council is encouraging more building and apparently in the Real Estate business to back that long term plan. Then you are responsible for also building more water storage. Conservation alone is short term capacity, a Band-Aid.
261	I think the rain buckets and conservation of water is a great idea.
263	I answered No to the above simply because we have an efficient drip system currently. The city should consider rebates to assist residents install water capture systems.
264	Development of a free illustrated guide/brochure on creating water-wise residential landscaping. Incentives to replace water intensive landscape with water efficient landscaping. Free community classes on creating water-wise residential landscaping.

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268	Pamphlets mailed to residents about the benefits of native, low-water landscaping with coupons for native, low-water plants at Ace Hardware, Builder's First Source, etc., and maybe a native, low-water landscape contest
270	Not at this time
276	Water reports included with water bills that would rank an individual residence or businesses water use with the average water use of other similar users on a kgal/sqf basis. Color code it so that they would strive to be in the green as a below average water user.
277	Find a way to minimize big water features, and golf course use.
280	Base sewer charge on number of persons living in a home versus a single charge for all homes, regardless of the number of occupants. Also, STR's should have a higher sewer charge than homes occupied by residents.
286	Xeriscape information
299	I think people should be able to collect rainwater from their homes
302	Code enforcement should enforce water running into the street from broken irrigation lines.
303	Encourage desert plantings so watering not needed.
313	Nope.
317	Sedona water is a big concern of mine. We don't appear to have enough water for the level of development often championed. We don't seem to have enough water for large scale firefighting, for example. If the City does help do a rebate program, I hope it is coupled with analytics about water conversation. It would be upsetting if conversation efforts are undone with unchecked development.
318	YES, QUIT WASTING THE TAX-PAYERS MONEY
321	Incentivising the act of using leftover water from cooking or cleaning vegetables and food to water outside plants instead of pouring the water down the drain.
322	Landscaping rebates to create and plant native flora and fauna that is best for our area.
326	Remove all green grass. Use low water plants only.
327	I would give a rebate to homeowners that install landscaping that does not require watering.
329	Rainwater cisterns to collect roof drainage for storage and non-potable use.

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334	This is a fantastic idea and I support it 100%. Water in Arizona is a huge concern and anything that can be done to help, I support. Having any grass at all is selfish and ridiculous.
335	Some HOAs (notably Les Springs) do NOT allow residents to control their own irrigation. That needs to be addressd for this to work.
338	Offer residents incentives and rebates for eliminating the need for irrigating plants and shrubs completely.
342	NO - Sedona government is overbearing. Stop brining up controversial issues of the past (garbage hauling). Lobby the State against destruction of subdivisions - to STOP SHORT TERM RENTALS. (WE DIDN'T MOVE HERE TO LIVE ON MOTEL ROWO)
347	do not allow businesses to grow grass takes too much water. Pisa Lisa in West Sedona often sprays water all over the sidewalk when watering their grass
348	Reducing tourism would reduce water consumption to a fraction of current use. Reducing number and modifying landscaping of golf courses would save millions of gallons.
352	Not at this time.
356	I already have rainwater harvesting and efficient low-water use landscaping. Some help would have been nice 20 years ago when I put it in.
371	I'm not aware of any such programs, with STR's you will never get this off the ground
373	Maintain the native landscape in any new development project. Reduce grading/destruction of existing native vegetation and replacing it with non native ornamental plants.
381	Don't know how you get some residents/part-time residents to stop being so wasteful with their water usage. I don't think they care how selfish they are being.
386	Swimming pools and golf courses should pay a high rate for water.
391	This question should be accompanied by a list of options (escalating rates/surcharges, banning lawns, etc.) with an analysis by the Sustainability Department of the most impactful ones. We can't afford to just ask residents' opinions. And don't just focus on giving rebates or helping pay for upgrades: some changes just have to be mandatory.
392	The city should not get involved in anything that affects residents decision making or choice.
405	Show residents how to collect rain water.
410	None

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411	Conversion of landscaping from high water use (tier 3 water use) to low water use (tier 1 water use).
412	Recycle water programs such as separating gray water from waste water. Focus on native plants and trees which use less water.
414	We already have drip system set low.
415	Less people less water use. Its as simple as that. Typical single family dwelling occupied by a single family (its intended use) use way less water than single family dwelling that facilities multi family airbnbs. You could cut water usage drastically by handling airbnb, and stop building more hotels. Its not rocket science, less people less water consumption and problem alleviated.
428	Workshops for residents to learn how to conserve water
429	I have a good irrigation system. That's not the problem for many of us. Our landscaping was put in by the builder and has a lot of plants that need regular water. If I had the means I would have it xeriscaped. Landscape projects are very expensive.
431	Promote local native plants and zero water use gardening
437	We have two water distribution entities. Az water company, and Oak Creek Domestic Water (DWID). The City is not an owner , and should not interfere in their existing tariff and conservation issues pursuant to law.
439	No
448	Reduce tourism! They utilize more of our water than the residents do.
457	Outlaw grass. Outlaw fire pits (but that's for CO2). I'm on a private provider (Oak Creek) and it's borrowing millions to replace water pipes. The City could form a municipal water system. Or give Oak Creek money to help.
463	no
471	No
472	I am afraid rebates for watering system would encourage more watering. We live in a desert and should water very little. I think the grass lawns should be outlawed like in other deserts. Maybe cap amount of water a household can use, period.
478	educational programs demonstrations and website or print materials about indoor and outdoor water conservation; native plant sale (with KSB)
485	We have been trying to find a good contractor to renovate our drip irrigation system, so far without success. Maybe offer a list of approved contractors?

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495 I was shocked to see the lawn area at the new Brewer Rd park project being irrigated in January. (on a different topic)

505 Native plant certification/ rebate program

571 Cost is the only market signal necessary to manage water. Residents are capable of deciding appropriate cost to them without the city intervening.

576 7-canyons golf resort should offer reduced green fees for locals - it'll all our water and shouldn't be just for the enchantment folk

577 Tourists and vacation rentals use more water than residents. Those places with hot tubs change out their water after every stay - a waste of water.

578 N/A

593 Stop approving hotels and resorts which use substantially more water than individual residences.

594 Dead tree removal program for low income home owners..

611 Not offhand.

626 Look into PRIMARY WATER!, versus the 2ndary water we're all used to which is now contaminated. Water conservation is one thing, the QUALITY of the water is another.

640 More restrictions on new Pools, Ponds and Water Features size and capacity, for both Residential and commercial. Sedona needs to be more Water Wise. More Education on water usage to residents, tourists and businesses.

642 Someone the other day told me about the 1960 book: New Water for a Thirsty World by Michael Salzman, forward by Aldous Huxley, Science Foundation Press. The city should look into this.

675 City sponsored Rain barrel program

677 I live in a condo, so I have no control over our landscape and watering. However, if the city would work with the management of Park Place, I think it would be a great idea, since there are many ways water use by residents and conservation measures in the common areas could certainly be improved. There are ongoing issues with the fountains and landscaping irrigation that lead to a lot of wasted water.

689 None

693 We have a zeroscape lawn already (almost entirely faux pet grass for weed/dust control), zero incentive though and it was \$\$\$. Also, really frustrated that we pay a monthly sewer charge on a lot with NO SEWER. That's a bullshit clause, how do you charge for a service that's not received and get away with that. Please consider repealing that, it's only fair.

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696 N/A

703 Each business should have a cistern and use that water for grass, flowers, trees, etc. Uptown businesses can use it for the median 'forest' and foliage.

708 Require zero,scaling that does not use precious processed water

709 No

715 The metering system is fine I think.

719 Put barrels around the city to collect rainwater, then use during summer for watering plants, sale to locals for their plants.

721 No

722 Help people convert to desert landscaping instead of grass

727 The previous question was not appropriate for a simple yes or no. There are too many variables.

729 Public areas,and buildings , schools, commercial businesses should have rain barrel/collection points. They can be colorful competitions for senior center, schools. Why isn't the pool covered to reduce evaporation? The Cover could be solar, and a rain collection point. Could City offer grey-water distribution service to interested residents? More recycle (stations where you can refill your water bottle), water stations, there is one at Chamber, and Pink Jeep, but none in Uptown or Tque, Hillside, VOC. Sunset or Posse park. Please keep water fountains, children, young folk might now have bottle to refill, still need access to water.

733 No.

751 Already use water-saving techniques. Really can't do any more.

756 Watering lawns?

757 Get rid of or highly tax golf courses.

758 somehow add desert landscaping plants in the rebate to encourage use.

764 We have 2 for profit water companies we cant do much but try and save.

766 Already have all of these items.

775 Why does AZ Water Co. purge millions of gallons of water out of their system on a regular basis?

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777	We don't have irrigation, so we aren't affected, but I support the idea of recycled water for those that have it.
781	Other than doing similar for good citizenship, financially challenged could benefit.
796	Encourage the collection of rain water runoff. This may include preventing HOA from banning barrel.
797	The drip lines get broken by the Havalina so we need a sturdier lines or more water will be wasted. I get large water bills everytime the drip line gets broke.
809	Take a look at Clarkdale's water reduction strategies and tiered water rate pricing.
810	Providing mulch at reasonable or no cost to residents to use on their landscaping or gardens to help lessen moisture evaporation from the ground.
821	Put in a city Garden Center with Botanical Center for out door entertainment and native Po Wow gatherings. With a xeriscape plant center working with the ASU and other Ext services. Past time Sedona should have a historical indigenous Native Center on the native peoples that lived here.
825	More information/examples needed to answer question regarding outdoor watering system
828	Implement wastewater study recommendations to charge rates based on water usage.
834	I know private water companies are drilling, wells, deeper and deeper. I think the city should buy them out and impose, across-the-board, water conservation. I don't know how to cut it, perhaps indoor/outdoor or residential/commercial. Or perhaps the cost of water connected to much pollution a company causes (OHVs). We are not paying enough for water. We don't even know what our aquifers look like.
835	No
841	Charge an additional fee for each square foot of a lawn.
844	None
848	The Sedona WaterWise Alliance gave many workshops on residential water conservation. We wrote a water management plan for Sedona that was shelved, even though it was approved by the Chamber, the water companies and community groups. Bring it back and implement it. Our home is very water efficient with rainwater harvesting and xeriscaping.

13. Priority Ranking Resources are limited. Please rank the survey topics in order of importance to fund:

Item	Overall Rank	Rank Distribution	Score	No. of Rankings
Construct Pedestrian Bridges	1		1,567	369
Develop a Water Retrofit or Rebate Program	2		1,410	357
Expand Arts and Culture Initiatives	3		1,374	358
Create More Uptown Appeal for Residents	4		1,366	353
Consolidate Trash Hauling Services	5		1,327	355
City to Acquire the Sedona Airport	6		711	327

Lowest Rank Highest Rank

14. Are there any other comments you would like to add?

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4	More street maintenance in residential areas. Our roads are crumbling and the road right of ways are overgrown in my neighborhood.
6	Please build a pedestrian bridge over 179 and shut down the pedestrian cross walk at Tlaquepaque. No one is going to walk 200 feet to the tunnel being built now
7	Bridges don't work Airport not good idea Unlimited funds not a true statement. Major cities would be delighted with 33% of budget for capital projects. Issue is sedona spends too much solving issues caused be tourist traffic. Recommend \$1 spent on traffic issues for every \$1 spent on issues for residents. New community center I would actually go to with party room, coffee shop, pool tables etc.
10	No
11	Contrary to much of the other locals' public outcry, I think that the city of Sedona is doing a fine job managing and operating. I have attended some of the public meetings and support the city's efforts. I just hope that we can address more of the traffic issues (pedestrian included) that are not likely to go away anytime soon.
12	City desperately needs safe bike paths...this would help solve the traffic problem, the uptown parking issues and attract more people to live long term in Sedona. Sedona claims to be "green", but it's not.
13	no
14	The trails and connectivity to the trails should be a focus.
18	None of the items above are a priority. Why is creating more uptown appeal for residents on this list? Why is the City of Sedona only interested in generating revenue for the local businesses rather than improving the quality of living for local residents?
20	no
24	Quit Trying To Do More. Do What You Are Doing BETTER!!
26	Reasonably affordable housing accommodations for local employees are far more important than pedestrian bridges, or arts programs
27	Just that the tail wags the dog now here and it is probably too late to do anything about tourist accommodations and growth. Residents will continue to flee along with their tax \$ therefore more need for "bed taxes" and round and round. It's a very sad situation out of control now for a place that was once considered for a national park.
29	The city should continue to explore an alternative road between West Sedona and Hwy 179 to avoid the Y. The Priority Ranking question assumes all the items listed are important. The rankings will give a false impression of what the community desires.

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- 30 Find ways to reduce traffic and congestion caused by over-visitation
- 31 Why is Sedona's health care crisis is not even mentioned? Really? Wake up people!!! A community health care system should top the Sedona Residents Wish List, no? Mammoth Lakes, CA nearly mirrors Sedona in many ways (such as population & annual visitors) yet Mammoth has a full service 24/7 hospital which is a pillar of their community...what say you city leadership?
- 32 Get rid of homeless at every corner and around all of our shops. We look trashy. That will increase the appeal. Tired of seeing so many out of work getting free money with no taxes while Im working 7 days a week to run this store that not any of the locals support except my friends while they sit out there and getting taxed to death for everything without seeing the tax money go to anything that helps my business.
- 34 stop spending money on useless projects like acquiring an airport and public art
- 37 I think the city needs to have more control over short term rentals. We need to develop our sense of local community and this law has decimated our Juniper Knolls neighborhood. If we went back to 30 day rentals, it would change the culture back to working families or retired folk.
- 38 Lack of public restrooms is a true negative in the community. You need to provide infrastructure in order to have people follow and behave accordingly.
- 39 Where are these affordable housing units going in Shelby?
- 45 Bigger issues like traffic and housing compared to these little issues.
- 46 Improved traffic flow is an important priority for livability, but pedestrian bridges should be a last resort and placed only where they don't detract from the scenery.
- 50 All public parking should be parking fee funded. Public parking should all be variable rate and closely monitored (individual parking spaces) to use during enforcement. Conservation properties should be acquired along Oak Creek, and city should fund improvements for access to Cathedral Rock on forest land and fund parking limitations and enforcement on Dry Creek. Also fund improved separated bikeways throughout the city and in particular paralleling 89A.
- 54 Programs like the tourist shuttle seem to serve only a few wealthy neighborhoods, and cost a fortune. They are also perpetual costs for years for maintenance and staff. All the while my neighborhood has such a poorly maintained right of way you can't walk safely or drive two cars wide without scratching your paint. Instead of big ticket programs to satisfy cathedral rock millionaires how about a real tree maintenance department that can improve the walk ability of our older neighborhoods? Also concerned about the giant contractor trucks without diesel emissions spewing black smoke and driving on neighborhood streets that are too narrow. Would like to see if the city can restrict vehicles that do not meet emissions or keep them out of our neighborhoods.

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55	I have been coming to Sedona for 46 years. Why can't you see how our Uptown area is being destroyed and taken over by tourists and traffic! I know they are an integral part of our town. Do you enjoy driving in the congestion you have created? Too many in such a small area. Create an overpass from North to South at Talaquepaque.
57	Stop efforts to bring in more tourists to an already crowded town. No need to advertise. Every visitor is doing that on Social media for free. Rather than expanding services to meet demand, control the demand. Do not try to run the airport as there too many issues already on the plate that need resources.
58	No
59	You are doing a fine job in general keep up the good work keep the locals in mind please not the Chamber and tourism.
63	Thank you for the survey
64	The city needs to work with the Forest Service system to help the parking on Dry Creek Rd., Boynton Canyon Road. it's gotten to the point of extremely dangerous with cars parked on the road not even off the road and people walking 3 or 4 wide walking down the road and not moving for cars. It is truly a dangerous situation and one day there will be multiple casualties event With a group of people being hit by cars
67	yes, I believe that every parking lot in Sedona should be like the City Hall parking lot, covered in solar panels, which also provide shaded parking. The city could require this it's not a big deal for the business and the city could help the smaller ones. The large ones should bite the bullet.
69	It would be nice to redo the cultural park back into a music venue. Such potential.
72	Limit the dollars spent on tourism advertising. Traffic is horrendous during long weekends and holidays. We do not have the infrastructure to support the excessive number of tourists.
73	I'd prefer that the City attend to the responsibilities it already has - enforcing ordinances, maintaining infrastructure, developing the already approved community plan, reviewing proposed buildings and developments, and serving the residents rather than dreaming up ways to spend its already inflated budget.
74	I live in West Sedona, and Uptown feels like a different city. It would be great to have more connectedness.
77	Question #7 is a skewed question. None of these should be funded, so it is not relevant to rank their importance. The City tried to consolidate trash services which was attempted years before, which almost created a monopoly until residents put a stop to it.
79	Housing, housing, housing, housing, housing

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82	No
85	Keep the focus on the basics - public safety, wastewater service, traffic improvements, constraining tax rates to at- or below inflation to fund necessary items.
86	Next time you design a survey, give pros and cons of choices.
89	Typical push-poll BS. No option for None of the Above!
90	none of the above
92	ERP system (software that runs the city) should include Open Government features so citizens can self-serve info requests, permitting and licencing, conduct virtual town halls, and make financial and other reporting more transparent.
93	Appreciated the opportunity to respond.
94	Traffic management is of prime importance Roundabouts are not effective and slow traffic movement. The Airbnb situation needs to be managed and controlled, so not to impact the quality of life of neighbors and residence.
96	I don't think any of these things are very important and I strongly oppose the city acquiring the airport.
108	Work with AZ water to replace the main supply lines to the Cibola Hills neighborhood. Fix Cooks Hill traffic mess. I'm tired of the politicians talking about it. I'm a perm resident and the traffic backups are terrible.
109	The biggest problem for the city of Sedona is TRAFFIC and the city should budget its resources exclusively to that end before addressing other concerns.
111	Change the center barrier near the cross walk at Forest RD and Van Deren - its hard to see pedestrians when you are turning on to Forest from 89a, especially at night!
112	I do not think any of them are necessary, except maybe the bridge. If no crosswalk, build the bridge, otherwise DO NOT build it. No one will use the bridge when they can use the crosswalk.
114	The Sedona Oak Creek Airport Authority has done a good job of managing this Airport for over 20 years that I have lived here. Leave the management as it is.
116	no

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122 A pedestrian bridge is needed at the Tlaquepaque Mall! Traffic is continuously backed up on 89A causing a hazardous situation at the round a bout and is backed up all the way to the Chapel area. Residents from Oak Creek do not go to the West Side or Uptown Thursday thru Monday. The Mall owner and managers have too much to say about this situation. It is time to listen to the residents! They also need to provide more parking or offer a Shuttle!

123 Thanks for asking! Question, will uptown residents every be connected to city sewer? Would love to do away with septic.

124 Consolidated trash service: Although I clicked "no" on survey, I would support this if the cost was less than I am paying now and the services offered exceeded what I am now receiving

127 Yes - get rid of the previous (alleged) "temporary" sales tax increase. And you wonder why residents don't trust you?

128 I have two homes. In Sedona, I have private trash collection. Three companies compete for my business. Prices are low. In Caledon, I have city run trash collection. There is no competition. Prices are high. "How much higher could they possibly be" you may ask. 9 times. I pay 9 times as much for the same service that is run by my city than I do for a private service. PLEASE DO NOT BRING MORE SERVICES UNDER THE PUBLIC UMBRELLA. You're all doing a fine job of running Sedona. You'll never be able to do it as well as private enterprise. This is AMERICA. Please let's act American.

132 Please add a pedestrian bridge 179 at Tlaquepaque. The traffic back up there is so silly. No need for that chaos.

133 Be more attentive to residents rather than tourists

134 The city needs to start reducing costs and stay out of things that are not directly beneficial to residents. Telling us what trash service tio use, eliminates competition and interferes with the contractual relationship between citizens and a business. It is unconstitutional. We had 100 city employees in the early 2000s, and 3 to 4 million tourists, and 10,300 population. Now we have 9700 people, 3 to 4 million tourists and 180 employees. The city needs to get back to basics and stop being a playground for little myopic ideologies using tax dollars. Knock 1% off sales tax and make it more affordable for people to live here, and STOP using international building codes that just add 10s of thousands of dollars to any construction that tries to happen here.

137 Efforts to keep taxes down

140 Not sure why you think you want to acquire or operate the airport. Perhaps a hidden agenda? The existing airport management and board is doing an excellent job because they have the experience and special expertise required.

143 Cut down traffic into and out of the City by providing peripheral parking and shuttle service to visitors

I would like to see the city better preserve Sedona's rural, small-town character and become a better steward of our environment, sacred archaeological sites, wildlife and forests/wilderness and all that makes Sedona special and draws visitors. Overtourism and the damage it causes will cannibalize tourism. I am opposed to spending millions to increase capacity at the expense of quality of life and everything that makes Sedona special. Sedona has one road that runs through it that ultimately determines tourism capacity. Please find a better balance. I would like to see the city adjust its business-centric culture to prioritize full-time residents and better address issues that have reduced quality of life and caused so many residents to move. Refrain from supporting overtourism; and mitigate impacts specifically for residents. I feel more tourism revenues could go directly toward improving quality of life in the city and less to expanding city government and business. For example: Create a full-time resident vehicle permit that allows parking at shuttle-served trailheads even when shuttles are in operation, provides preferential parking and parking fee exemption (e.g., in Uptown). Build a Community Center similar to Cottonwood's with a gym and indoor walking path and year-round salt water pool. The city might find a way to implement a Permanent Fund Dividend with concrete proof of full-time residency similar to Alaska, but excluding STR properties. Please actively and proactively enforce the 'reactive' Trash Ordinance. Have any fines been assessed, even in cases of multiple violations? I think not. Rather than enforcement, the city is acting as a property manager for short-term rentals. When complaints are lodged, STR contacts are called and asked to remedy the complaint with little to no follow-up. Trash pick up in Sedona is Mondays and Tuesdays, yet code enforcement stated they only enforce after Wednesday, meaning they enforce only on Thursdays since the city is closed on Fri-Sun. Trash receptacles in some areas are left on public streets year round and yet nothing is done. A lack of complaints is not indicative of a lack of problems - the more STRs there are, the fewer residents there are to complain. Please also better protect Sedona Dark Skies and enforce Lighting Ordinance. It appears businesses all along 89A are installing non-compliant lights or replacing formerly amber bulbs with bright white LED bulbs on the blue light spectrum that is destructive to our dark skies and wildlife. Sedona is getting brighter and brighter. I would like to see the city change the Lighting Ordinance to clarify Dark Sky provisions and regulations. I would like to see Posse Grounds lighting made more Dark Sky compliant. Seek out consultation from Dr Jeffrey Hall, executive director of Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, who is a huge Dark Sky proponent and has offered free consultation to cities to help make them more Dark Sky friendly. I would like to see more education for residents and STR owners about friendly Dark Sky products and practices. Protect the viewshed and environment at all costs. I am opposed to 3-story structures, let alone 4 or 5-stories. I am opposed to outdoor lounges, especially upstairs, that will create echoing noise nuisances and light pollution for neighboring residences including late at night. Consider passing an ordinance requiring properties to trim or maintain trees to maintain the viewshed. Sedona is losing many views as a result of the planting of very tall growing trees, many of which are not indigenous, like Italian Cypress. Help facilitate the formation of a true resident/neighborhood council that is not dominated by business owners or cronies who stand to benefit by influence for one policy or another. Consider proactively and preemptively banning or heavily regulating dockless micromobility systems/vehicles within city limits (or at the very least: making dockless scooters illegal - or banning the parking of scooters within city limits - or designating no-drop zones - and banning micromodal vehicles from sidewalks, as opposed to micromodal pathways, and designate micromobility speed limits). I am concerned about the city trying to locally solve complex and systemic nationwide problems, such as homelessness and affordable housing with programs like building shelters, the proposed parking lot for people employed in Sedona to sleep in cars, or affordable housing, which is never affordable for those who need it and could go to persons who don't even work in Sedona. I feel more favorably toward

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realistically substantial downpayment assistance grants-loans forgiven based on years of residency or workforce housing specifically for those working full-time by Sedona businesses at physical locations within the city with preference given on a point system, if legal, to safety occupations, critical care providers, teachers, grocery store workers and city staff. I am strongly opposed to urbanizing Sedona and implementing big city urban strategies for problems - we are a small rural community and I am happy with it remaining such, even if it means businesses close or city government and services must shrink. I was drawn by the small, rural character of the community. I would like to see excess city funds spent on purchasing land for the sake of preserving open space and preventing/limiting development. If possible require all new developments to pay an extra tax to offset the impact to city resources, infrastructure and adverse impacts to quality of life. Require that new developments, especially for lodging, provide housing for a minimum of 50% of their employees. Possibly even facilitate bringing together groups of employers to combine resources and share costs to provide housing? Most important, don't give away the farm just because a developer provides housing please! Implement policies that better manage panhandling and the unhoused to prevent nuisance, blight and crime where possible. There are more resources and better economies of scale for the unhoused in bigger cities with more resources and existing programs. I am opposed to the creation of programs and services that will encourage already unhoused persons to come to Sedona. Please urge Sedona's Police Chief and mental health care leaders to join the pioneering Yavapai Justice and Mental Health Coalition to improve cross-system collaboration to reduce involvement in the justice system by people with behavioral and/or mental health disorders. It is striking that its membership appears to include stakeholders from every city and town in the Verde Valley except Sedona. Consider a reevaluation of city staff wages and residence requirements. It appears the city is overweight on highly paid director or manager level positions, while other lower-level positions appear to be underpaid. Along these lines, encourage a larger percentage of city staff to live within city boundaries - especially any director/manager/exempt positions - so that they, along with residents, will live with the impact of the policy decisions they make for the city. It may be difficult at this point, but at the very least maybe candidates for city employment who live in Sedona could be given hiring preference? Or consider giving a wage differential of a minimum of \$5/hour extra to full-time, non-exempt employees who live in Sedona? Consider hiring staff or funding a forestry position for trash pick-up around the city, on roads, at trail heads or on trails themselves considering the impact of city policies that have brought ever increasing numbers of tourists. Tourism tax dollars should supplement upkeep and maintenance even if a different agency is responsible for it. We are beyond relying upon volunteers who have historically performed trash pickup and other services (many of whom have died or moved) and the forest service is underfunded to adequately address the need. To reduce the heat island effect and temperatures in Sedona, I would like to see the city implement and require cool pavement technology and materials for roads (rather than asphalt), multimodal pathways and sidewalk surfaces to reflect back the sunlight that hits surfaces rather than retaining heat - especially considering all the new roads, sidewalks and pathways being added. Also consider banning structure colors that absorb and increase heat impact in the city, such as black or dark grey.

150 Stop spending on outside studies and consultants. Reduce govt staffing. Too much expenditures.

152 Stop the excessive city government spending and headcount growth

153 no

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- 154 Establish a graffiti clean up and general clean up task force to make Uptown more appealing. There is a recent proliferation of graffiti tags and graffiti stickers all over uptown signage, USPS and newspaper boxes. Sidewalks need to be pressure washed, as there is so much gum all over the sidewalks. Canyon Breeze, Sedona's Popcorn Emporium, and Black Cow especially have very dirty sidewalks, with spilled food.
- 155 Indoor pickleball courts.
- 160 How about restoring and maintaining the cemetery where our founders are buried? That place is a disgrace. if the city can't handle this, perhaps some local Scouts could work on this..
- 161 Too much of your budget goes to debt service. The size of the city budget relative to other cities of similar size is way too large -- you need to cut back and stop living beyond your means. Pay your debts
- 163 How about prioritizing the Pickle ball courts? No updates make one think it's been shelved.
- 164 Thank you for doing this survey. Would be nice to get demographic information on those that take part. I would also like to see improved caretaking of Posse Grounds park. The landscaping is not well maintained and there is often trash. Some of the sidewalks are cracked.
- 166 We need to double down on transportation for, disabled and elderly people. Get tourists out of cars and on buses. Make crosswalks in West Sedona it is ridicules now, and to much jaywalking!
- 168 Reduce the number of Sedona City employees. Lower the Sedona City Taxes by at least 1%
- 169 There are some great ideas here, especially art related. Sedona has gradually dropped the ball on being a city animated by the arts. But I don't want to rebuild this program for benefit of tourists. We have many fine artists in town who should benefit. I think connecting the creative community is a good start. For all art modes, literally as well
- 170 1. Don't go to uptown due to Y traffic congestion 2. Other than SAC and Heritage Museum, there isn't a reason to go to uptown. Shops and restaurants are aimed at tourists.
- 175 Adding a bike path from the Village of Oak Creek to Tlaquepaque and/or opening the Marg's Draw trail to biking would dramatically improve the safety and enjoyment of that trip by bike. Also, I would suggest using the budget surplus to pay off the debt! Thanks

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176	There are residential streets in Sedona that are not maintained by public works because they apparently did not meet certain criteria when the city was formed. These are not necessarily private roads either. They get a lot of traffic that the residents can't control. Why not use some of the capital improvements budget to maintain these streets so that all residents can benefit from the public works street maintenance. Currently you have individuals buying bags of asphalt to fill in potholes in hopes that their street will last a little longer.
177	This is a poorly written survey that will not provide scientific data to direct the city budget.
181	This is what's called a push poll. Shame on you!
182	The emissions when 179 is bumper to bumper all the way pass Back O Beyond road has got to be horrendous. This has got to be rectified as soon as possible. Those emissions ruin our air quality thereby our quality of life. Isn't the smoke from controlled burn or fires enough?
190	Push poll!
192	Focus on balancing business and residents with fair and impartial decisions geared to enhance what we are actually working with. No more bias and personal agenda driven initiatives. Community!
193	Expand Arts/cultural/recreational budgets Develop the Cultural Park for music again
199	Put a moratorium on any new development until traffic problems are resolved.
201	City management is blotted now....reduce staffing levels! Solve traffic issues first....work with ADOT to get this done. If City is looking for projects, why not get working on Cultural Pk. ? Housing issues.
204	It appears to residents that the city spends more time and money on increasing tourism than it does for things like sidewalks for residents, or working out a purchase of the community pool which is the ONLY pool residents have for their use. The restrooms are disgusting. They stink and the school district has no money. They need to sell that facility. They can't afford it. Sunset park's basketball court is a mess. Recreation facilities for residents come last in my estimation. Look how long it took to realize pickleball was the most popular new sport in America. Park and Rec is underfunded. New parking lots for tourists are not. Give us something we can see that is just for RESIDENTS.
205	The City spends millions of dollars on improvements, but rarely actually improve anything. Very wasteful spending for the past decade or so.

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206	PLEASE stop focusing on the same old tourism and traffic promotions and start thinking DEEPLY about what really can help residents. None of the ideas in this survey address our very real needs for (1) business diversification (2) utilities infrastructure and service improvements (think partnerships with the private sector) (3) grants, loans, support for safety improvements, including residential fire safety and (4) community services that are entirely focused on local desires and needs (not "festivals" that are really intended to promote tourism). Current city administrators and staff do not have the capacity to get outside the existing traffic and tourism boxes, so you need to hire outside help to begin the process to envision a future Sedona that is more focused on the needs of people who live here full-time.
208	No
209	The city should NOT acquire the airport as they have no experience in this field and there are more pressing issues and better use of tax money.
210	We need the sales tax to go down, it was supposed to be temporary and it needs to go back down - this will do the most to enhance the residents quality of life
213	Please have an option to decline paper mailing of the waste water bill - this is a huge waste of money and paper!!! Why doesn't the city focus on doing what it can to save money and preserve the environment now instead of creating more unnecessary waste and spending?
218	No
224	Thanks for this public survey! Please share results.
229	It is very seriously ridiculous that there is no public transportation from the Village in particular, but also from other local areas to and from the places where workers might need to go on a regular basis and if there were, they could leave their cars at home. Furthermore, light rail service connecting our most congested and well traveled areas would be the answer to a lot of endless debating that has gone nowhere. The main issue is that locals need to get around without their cars.
234	Thank you !
235	The city should reduce the size of their expenditures and staffing levels. It has become an inefficient behemoth. Rather than continue to spend, reduce the tax burden on residents.
243	None of these are really significant in importance. Making Sedona livable to residents and seriously addressing affordable housing should be your priorities. Get rid of the many dumb rules that making building an ADU so expensive and you'll go a long way to helping provide affordable housing opportunities

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- 244 Above rankings are none of these are important to most residents. You are completely out of touch with what is going on in this town. All above are a complete waste of money.
- 245 Better parking signage could help traffic flow in uptown along with a garage. There are public parking areas that seem to never be full because visitors don't know where to go. I personally think eliminating parking directly on 89A in uptown would help with traffic and allow larger sidewalks, etc. Better and clearly designated pedestrian walking and biking paths would be a major plus. Would love to have a walking uptown home tour. Proceeds could go to uptown improvements. The Wilo district holds one annually in Phoenix and it's super successful and fun. Local artists and musicians could be showcased. An uptown farmers market would be a great draw for locals if it's actual organic produce from farmers in the area. Could be at the Heritage Museum. It is difficult to comment on the airport without more specifics on the long term vision of a city purchase.
- 249 Get the a loud atv problem Under control,they are a problem bigger then your items listed above, we are a green city, and the atv s need to ride in a less populated area,
- 250 Airbnb has a lot of support in the community from Sedona residents that use the app, to local Airbnb hosts to businesses that are recommended by Airbnb hosts, to cohosts and other who support Airbnb hosts. Airbnb had a LOT of support in the community. Please, stop hating on us.
- 251 Monitor the number of people who use the new walkway at Tlaquepaque vs the current crossing.
- 254 Reduce city government agencies and staff and reduce sales tax!
- 258 Solve the transportation and housing problems before working on any of these crazy ideas. These ideas are just worthless diverions.
- 260 Sedona is a great place to live. Many thanks to our City Council, Managers and Employees. Uptown Traffic management is a priority, Red Rock News a source of suggestions. The Opportunity Cost of spending on outside Studies, then Rejecting independent results, removes Tax dollars from alternate City efforts.
- 262 please read this report done by a PHD <https://airfactsjournal.com/2023/12/g-a-airports-suffer-from-costly-mismanagement/>
- 264 No
- 268 I'd prioritize topics that directly improve fundamental aspects of our everyday lives and health--reducing noise and air pollution and conserving natural resources such as water. To me, these are far more important than the other topics.
- 269 fix the traffic at the double round about tell adot to add the lanes their is enough room to add double lanes from schnebly hill to up town and west sedona

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- 270 How much money is spent to staff a full-time gate guard at Back O' Beyond road? Do these specific residents pay more taxes? Is this permanent? I was under the impression that the gate guard would be there until work on the parking lot was completed. There isn't any ongoing work actually in process, however. We have many other residential roads that link to hiking trails around town. Are gate guards only provided to Back O Beyond due to the price of properties there? Can less wealthy areas of town expect similar special treatment by the City of Sedona in the future, if warranted? I feel if Back O Beyond residents want their community gated, they should incur the costs of doing so. With a functioning trail shuttle system now in place, the gate guard should be shelved.
- 272 i like what the city is doing
- 273 Leave the airport alone! Trash is fine. Need to focus on traffic and other ways around the problem for once in 23 years that I have lived here!
- 276 Getting pedestrians off the roadways should be a top priority as part of city's traffic mitigation and safety improvement strategies. The city's dark sky initiative is wonderful for stars but makes road crossings dangerous for pedestrians after dark.
- 277 Make the Cultural Park a viable performance space again - even if it must be enclosed
- 280 I think the budget should be decreased by 10% per year, rather than remain the same or be increased every year. 86 million budget for a town with less than 10,000 residents is ridiculous!
- 282 I don't have a strong view regarding the various priorities identified above. My biggest concern is the persistent lack of adequate medical options in Sedona. I believe that the City needs to develop a creative plan to attract medical professionals to Sedona, which could include free or subsidized housing and other incentives and that someone in City government needs to "own" this issue.
- 283 Get the 'drag and drop' to work! 1) Uptown Appeal 2) Water Retrofit 3) Pedestrian Bridges 4) Expand Arts Airport & Trash are a magnet for "mischief"
- 289 The City of Sedona needs to concentrate on traffic before spends money on frivolous items.
- 296 This is all garbage for the city to spend time on this survey. Its clearly weighted to what a far-left council wants and not to what the residents want.
- 297 Let Sedona residents garner a parking pass for all trailheads on a yearly basis. Even if it requires a greater cost. You have cut off direct use of trailhead parking in too many areas. That's not acceptable to many residents. We moved here 15yrs ago to freely use parking and trails and have purchased a "green pass" every year to do so.. Seems like you expect residents to use the shuttle like visitors. Once again this is unacceptable and will effect who we vote for in the next cycle.

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299 The Cultural park is personally what I am most curious to see what the city decides to do. I truly believe that seeing a true concert venue in town would bring some much needed excitement (and youth) to town

300 Please: Stop focusing on anything in Uptown except the traffic problems created by 3 million tourists. Locals have no interest in going to Uptown and fighting for souvenirs and over-priced merchandise while there are no actual shopping facilities for every day needs without driving to Flagstaff or Cottonwood. It would be nice to limit the number of shops in a category as well. Also, why is there a postage stamp size dog park - Santa Fe has 50 acres! In addition the tourists park in the dog park parking lot designated on the city blueprint as dog park parking but there is no signage designating the lot for the dog park users only. The lot is generally full with non dog park users.

302 1) Your Traffic control folks at Tlaquepaque need to be in tune when the traffic back ups at the Y. Because of the accordion affect of cars stopping and going, pedestrians need to wait longer to cross the street. Longer run of cars is more efficient when things back up. 2) The efficiency of the traffic lights on 89a needs improvement. To many times, the lights are green for north and southbound with no traffic. Allowing NB and SB traffic to go at the same time is more efficient. Sensors in the roadway and for pedestrians would make this safe and possible

303 None needed. Don't spend the money. Use the savings and cutting the cost of advertising for tourists to cut sales taxes, then the locals might spend more money here.

307 I do not support any of the above.

310 None of the above should be in the hands of a town that can't even manage a simple budget.

313 No

315 Please budget money to discourage tourists from renting ATVs, OHVs, riding on helicopter/airplane tours that all destroy our natural environment and create a lot of noise

317 Thanks for asking.

318 YES, QUIT WASTING THE TAX-PAYER MONEY ON MORE FOOLISH PROJECTS

324 We need a bridge from Back and Beyond across the creek to 89A. It doesn't matter what the cost. It will be millions, but it will really help traffic and I would be willing to let all other projects go, so that we can have a safe & better traffic pattern.

326 The California mentality has permeated Sedona. Shave off budget expenses and lower taxes..

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- 329 We love living in Sedona. Wonderful residents and city staff. But... The city has remained mired in a refusal to recognize the need for expanded infrastructure in the form of roads, bridges and bypasses to deal with the growth of population and visitors in our state and area. Stop trying to force the idealistic notion that everyone will get out of cars in the near future before it generates even worse impacts on our fiscal revenue, resident lifestyle and visitor experience.
- 334 Affordable housing continues to be a problem. Could there be incentives for Home Owners to build ADUs on their properties for long term tenants? I would do this if there was an incentive, in order to house single residents who work in the community.
- 338 Stop approving more commercial establishments that bring in more tourists such as resorts/hotels. Our infrastructure can't handle the current volume of tourists. Reduce the volume of tourists. We're planning to sell our home and move soon because of tourism taking over our city. It's become an undesirable to place to live because of tourists, jeep tours, UTVs. Get rid of the UTVs within city limits!
- 342 IMO the issues put forth represent nothing more than a means to hire more city employees. Sedona should have NEVER incorporated and many of those who pushed for it moved away AFTER the event. TOO MUCH GOVERNMENT AND CONTROL TAKEN OVER BY THE C OF C AND LODGING COUNCIL.
- 347 Build a bridge at Red Rock Crossing! Pave Schnebly Hill Road!
- 348 Focus City resources on improving Property Tax-paying residents' quality of life. We are in serious need of real, lasting, quality medical facilities. Reduce the pollution that's steadily killing the forest. Eliminate City sales tax to residents and increase it for tourists.
- 352 We need to address the traffic and housing issues in this town.
- 357 The town is dying as a community. In 2000 both Payson and Sedona were 10,000 people. Now Payson is 16,000 and Sedona is 9,900. The mass inflow of tourists is "fooling" some into thinking the town is vibrant. The numbers say otherwise. Only 60-70 single family home permits with over 80% never actually built. Please take diversification from tourism seriously. I'd love to hear local government talk about bringing in small tech companies, or a university satellite campus, or anything to bring JOBS.
- 360 Pedestrian bridge
- 364 None of the above are vital to quality of life; unless traffic is improved. You can't get to uptown to enjoy more arts or airport or hardware store to improve water reduction if you can't get out of your driveway.
- 371 These topics are fairly lame, they don't seem to resonate with our major issues of housing and traffic

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- 373 Please recognize that the Council and especially City staff are working for the citizens and taxpayers of Sedona. There has been an unbelievable amount of hubris within City staff telling the citizenry what they are going to do vs. listening to them. This survey is a calculated example of that to get the results the council and staff wants to orchestrate.
- 375 I'd really like to see solutions for residents accessing 89A from neighborhood streets, like making connectors to streets with signals, or adding signals, etc. so it isn't a death defying and time consuming maneuver to leave the house (turning left on 89 is usually an adventure with multiple cars trying to turn left at the same time between long lines of traffic -- I've had several near collisions in the "suicide lane" because people use it like another traffic lane or don't look for other people turning, etc.).
- 378 Is anybody listening?
- 381 Thank you for your consideration.
- 386 None of the items mentioned should be Sedona government priorities. Stick to the fundamentals and quit wasting taxpayer money.
- 391 None of the above come close to the importance of fully funding efforts that will reduce our CO2e emissions. Where's the urgency? Where's the leadership on the most important issue ever in the history of our planet? It's shameful to be so self-centered and provincial in our priority setting.
- 392 Most of these choices are a waste of money. How about supporting the local schools?
- 401 Please enforce dark sky lighting protections and trash ordinance
- 406 Why not invest in something specifically for residents and NOT tourists like a Recreational Center, near the pool?
- 408 Should not think about ANYTHING ELSE until you fix the traffic/excess tourists.
- 411 The city engineered "speed ramps" are useless. The only vehicles they slow down are low slung sports cars. They have no affect on SUV suspension. You need multiple rapid rise bumps to slow traffic. The speed ramp on Chapel by the recently completed parking area by Mystic Hill trail head is a complete farce.
- 412 Pedestrian bridges could also include bridges over Oak Creek. As for water programs, is the City the right agency to intervene in water usage vs. the AZ corporate commission. How do we measure the value of water saved and can we really save enough to offset program costs ? Similar questions apply to recycling. More curbside recycling seems appealing, but at what costs ?
- 414 Leave it all alone for now. A good idea would be to reduce local's sales tax. Also, the number of employees has ballooned over the past 20 years with basically the same number of residents and visitors. It costs way too much to run the city government.

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- 415 All of the projects your looking to fund in this study are other than possibly the pedestrian bridges, are a significant waste of funds. We already voted on the waste hauler issue, stop trying to create a monopoly, leave the people a choice and keep the market competitive, you'll hurt jobs and local businesses by having one hauler. This is complete over reach to even think about this. Whose getting paid off to be returning to this subject???? We voted, we said No.
- 427 The city should have its own trash trucks and pick-ups and make it part of the public works department. Residents do not want a monopoly trash pick up forcing us to use a certain trash service. The city might expand its own services and offerings.
- 428 Affordable housing is the most important thing we can do in Sedona
- 429 Sad that there is only one initiative here that I see, as they are stated, as important and it (consolidating trash) is minor. Really, focus on the initiatives that you are already working on. As for sustainability efforts look to helping residents replace their water thirsty plants by financial incentives and perhaps offering advice (partner with Master Gardeners?). Also, stronger incentives to install solar. As to the Airport, you did not give me enough info to be able to answer the question. How much decision making authority re the noise that affects a lot of residents would the City really have? Not sure we should add yet another layer of responsibility for the City. We have just taken on a few major projects (eg affordable housing and tourism) that added personnel, let's get that stuff right first.
- 431 Thank you for hosting this survey Please consider adding more shelter options for unhoused persons
- 432 I predict future residents will acknowledge how brave the current city counsel was in acquiring the Cultural Park property. This act is a great example of what city counsel needs to do in the future. Well done!
- 437 1. All of the above should not be implemented due to legal issues, and funding. 2. In addition, the City should not permit the use of any property at the cultural park or operate a homeless encampment for homeless workers at Sedona businesses. The next step will be to expand it to any homeless and illegal immigrants . 3. Some 23 - 25 years ago, with a population of 11,000 or so, and similar number of tourists, and traffic, the City"s employees were less than 1/3 of the current number. (Not including police) Cut staff by 2/3 . Why do we need them ?
- 438 In addition to the benefits already listed, the city can stop supporting SEDONA RECYCLES, a business with no cost of goods sold that cannot even operate without a loss. Select the trash vendor that does the best recycling. I heard they use disabled kids to sort the trash. Is that child/disabled person abuse?
- 439 City needs to be more concerned in fire safety. The maintenance of many lots, homes, and city managed areas is not sufficient. We are asking for a catastrophic fire event. The city should develop a program for tree trimming, brush removal, etc. once a year is not sufficient. One a month is more logical

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440	\$3-4 million for a bridge is ridiculous! Very suspect!
443	Add pedestrian bridges or underground walkways by Tlaquepaque
444	I am curious as to why they are building pedestrian bridge walkways near Tlaquepaque, and not stopping the foot traffic that crosses the street and stops the traffic flow.
448	Fix the flow of traffic on 179 northbound through Tlaquepaque and uptown for those who need to drive that road as a through road in order to get to places north of Sedona. OR put an officer at the "Y" to prevent vehicles from blocking the roundabout traffic because they can't move northbound on 89a through the one lane road in uptown.
453	create a local program where residents can ride shuttle for free and have red rock pass as part of our benefits.
457	I think the City of Sedona should lobby the state to create a "tourist zone" that would include VOC which electronic gates that requires payment of a fee for entry. Mass tourism is a major problem in many areas -- Venice, Amsterdam, etc. Venice has outlawed cruise ships (not a problem for Sedona) and charges tourists entry fees. Visitors should be required to book in advance. An electronic system some sort could be set up to admit and charge them. Maybe a huge parkinglot near I-17 with buses. Plan for 2050 when AZ will have 10 million.
463	rather limited selection of choices for how to spend our resources
471	I'm unimpressed by any of the above. I live near the Chapel and none of these proposals do anything for me.
472	I would LOVE a resident pass for parking at trailheads. This is all over the Hamptons in New York, you cannot park at the beach unless you are a resident and have a permit. Make it 1) tied to the license plate number of one private vehicle with a) proof of local utility and b) matching name on vehicle registration to someone who lives here so that it cannot be shared with airbnb guests or others. 2) Big fine to permit holder and canceling of permit if abused. 3) One per household. Then you are 95% certain only local residents are using it with their in car guests. I am mostly able to avoid traffic through timing. I do wish we had more organic grass-fed restaurants. I eat at Gerardo's and make everything else at home, buying from Farmer's Market my beef for example.
473	Leave tourism and short term rentals alone. Start prioritizing workforce housing and affordable housing. Why is this not in the budget!!! Do not create a safe parking homeless encampment at the cultural park.
478	I would like the City to help preserve native green spaces and help get rid of Tree of Heaven and other invasive plants.
479	I'd like to see ADOT pave or improve Schnebly Hill road for regular cars, or the city take it over. It would be another route into/out of the city. The Jeep tours have enough other options. Thank you for all you do.

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485 I noticed a long list of benefits for trash-hauling consolidation, and agree with most of them. But we selected Waste Management for a seemingly stupid reason-they pick up on Tuesdays, thus avoiding Monday holiday disruption. Please, if you do consolidate, get a hauler who will be reliable and predictable! As for the other items, I don't think they are necessary or the bailiwick of city government.

487 I do not like the idea of constructing pedestrian bridges Uptown or consolidating trash hauling services

493 Encourage more Uber

495 The city should examine all of its current irrigated properties for conservation updates. See the note I put in under residential water ideas. Thx & thx for soliciting input.

511 NEED TO FIND WAYS TO MITIGATE IMPACT OF TOURISTS BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING ELSE. TRAFFIC, TRASH AND INABILITY TO USE ANY SUPERMARKETS, RESTAURANTS OR TRAILS VAST MAJORITY OF TIME.

513 There should be a bridge at Tlaquepaque. The pedestrian way under the bridge will NOT be used, if the crosswalk is still available. The website to rank initiatives is not working. Highest priority is to consolidate trash hauling. The City should NOT get involved in the airport. It's okay just as it is! Promotion of tourism is still needed. Why were there no questions regarding this? Our store sales have dropped due to fewer visitors.

529 repeal sales tax

571 None of the foregoing "survey topics" should be funded. By requesting/forcing a ranking the city is merely providing cover for unnecessary expenditures. If the city is projecting a surplus, there are two logical options: 1.) cut the local sales tax and/or 2.) retire the current debt. The city is not a professional manager of airports or trash hauling or arts. The city's focus should be on reducing cost of capital improvements, public safety, "general government", and public works - areas that comprise ~ 60% of the revenue transfers. The city should be audited by an accredited professional public government accountability consultancy to verify that it is providing essential services at the lowest reasonable cost and taxes are set accordingly. Hoarding surpluses indicates that this is not the case. None of the "survey topics" listed above are free and none are fundamental to the base operations the city is responsible to the citizens for.

574 None of these truly need to be pursued. In regards to trash hauling, not everyone has room for two trash cans. Continuing to let people choose a trash company would be greatly appreciated.

576 \$\$\$ should go into fixing the cultural park back into the music venue it once was

577 Sedona residents - I am one - want you to fix the traffic problem! Please stop spending money where it has little impact.

578 I think the priority would be anything to improve traffic flow

ResponseID Response

580	For the next survey I would like to see how city could improve their health and youth services for their citizens. I would like to see city offering more services to children and youth (bring back after school services at the Hub) and utilizing pool for a year around services for us. Thank you !
586	We need affordable housing and moving visitors around efficiently (uptown walking bridge, Tlaquepaque pedestrians) before we spend money on anything on this list.
587	Sedona does not have a 'fireworks' display for July 4. What if we had one of those 'drone shows' that would 'hover' over the airport, where a lot of folks could see from their homes?
588	Preserve the cultural park as it was originally intended and put the effort behind that not uptown
593	Too bad affordable housing and STR issues didn't even make your survey. They are way more important than all but one of your issues in this survey!
599	Stop overnight parking at cultural Park. It will not benefit the residents. How much money will this cost? How will it affect the environment in that area? So many questions and the residents of Sedona are not getting the answers. Hold a citywide meeting at the high school to discuss, then take a vote of who is present at the meeting.
607	Bad precedent city is setting to run a sanctioned homeless overnight parking lot - built it and they will come.
618	The problem with consolidating the trash is people with horses rent dumpsters and Waste management is the only one who will pick it up in a dumpster.
633	I'm not sure about the pedestrian bridge. Seems it would be an eye sore, blocking skyline. I would like to include revitalizing the cultural park as a music venue. Uptown would be appealing if it had a coffee shop that was a good working space for locals (with parking avail), so not sure how realistic this is. The taco truck is currently the best part of uptown!
640	City should clean and manage Their 5'-6' areas between street and private property in residential areas, instead of adding it to property owners. This was done for years and years, then stopped 4-5 years ago with no other notice then to tell us to do it? When thinking about alternate street crossings, etc. such as bridges and underpasses, make Sure to include mobility for handicap. Example: The underpass at Tlaquepaque could use electric carts (like at the markets) to assist people to make the long path.
664	With city roads/streets in many subdivisions lacking proper maintenance, it seems to me that all of the considerations offered are wasteful. Why can't this city properly maintain their current obligations?
670	No Parking garage in Uptown!
675	City needs to acquire 89a from the State.

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677 I don't believe that the city acquiring the airport is a good idea. It is run by competent people who do they best they can with the situation that exists. Having the airport in the middle of the city is the problem, not how it is being managed. If you wanted to improve the airport noise situation, I would suggest moving the airport out onto county land outside of town with free shuttles into town.

684 The improvements to Posse Grounds area have been exemplary. Kudos.

689 I would like to see the performing arts such as theatre be funded. The "animated" part of our town's mission statement seems to be missing. I LOVE the art that is featured around town and I'd love to see the actual LIVE performances be funded as well. This could mean a budget going towards Sedona Youth Theatre -a successful 16 year theatre program for kids that as of this year 2024 has a new home at Mary Fisher with the International Film Festival. With assistance for LIVE theatre, we (Dev Ross and Shondra Jepperson), could produce more LIVE theatre performances here that would be involving young actor/singers along with professionals in our community in plays, musicals, variety shows, etc. LIVE performances help with the mission statement of "animated."

693 Curbside recycling is a good idea in theory but will only invite more pests unless it's in covered bins...but then what, two bins? Patriot says they recycle but read the fine print, ONLY if things aren't bagged. Who doesn't bag their trash? So we still end up taking our own recycling.

696 N/A

697 Scale back the amount of ATVs that can be rented at a single rental location.

700 Forget trash truck consolidation. Ridiculous

702 Please seriously look at your every decision to make your efforts align with Sedona returning to a pleasant place to live, not just visit.

703 I hope I didn't waste 10 minutes of my life completing this survey.

704 Sedona needs to support more funding for the performing arts non-profits of sedona. This should not be connected to there funding sources.

706 Stop building more hotels and residential areas that increase the traffic issues.

709 No

715 Uptown can be a mess. Please continue to work towards an easier way for tourists to get around and not hold up the terrible traffic dilemma that has only increased through the years. Thanks

719 Council: DO NOT VOTE ON SEDONA BECOMING A 15 MINUTE CITY.

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721	STOP NOISE POLLUTION. CREATE A CITY ORDINANCE PROHIBITING LOUD CARS/MUFFLERS. HOT ROD CARS AND LOUD MOTORCYCLES ARE HORRIFIC HERE. SEE SEAL BEACH CA AS THEY ARE VERY STRICT AND IT WORKS!! SIGNS WARNING VISITORS ENTERING CITY LIMITS THEY WILL BE TICKETED
729	Why isn't housing traffic on your priorities? Let go of Airport, let go of trash. Your council meetings are too long, inefficient time. Council needs to be better 'read' on issues, sometimes you get into the weeds on a subject that is JUST an information update, no decision is to be made. The 'what if' and out of the ozone questions waste time..understand the purpose of the item on the agenda..example last Safe to Park meeting..review the council portion..this was an update on project...what if...what if...
733	No.
736	Please build a median in highway 89 through west Sedona. That's my number one request
742	There needs to be focus on residents that live in and around the area more than a homeless park. Ignorance has lead to this last resort bandaid and it's time the city pays attention to its housing crisis because it is the LOCALS that support the tourism we thrive off of. Take care of us first, expand second. Can't have tourism without sustainable housing and development for those who fully reside here.
753	Please continue working to raise awareness of the damage caused by ATV's and outrageous rent & property prices caused by greedy short term rents and air bnb's.
756	provide monthly brush pickup. Start a Fire Safe program so that lots and cluttered homes need to be maintained. We are asking for trouble with all the unkept lots and property, when it comes to fire.
757	Uptown needs a modern fire station. Uptown is vulnerable to wildfire in the National Forest. Has the Uptown water system and pressure been modernized? Fire Prevention and Preparedness should be a major budget consideration not public statues. Residents lives before anything else.
758	Now consider adding pedestrian bridge over 179 at Tlaquepaque in addition to the walkway under the bridge ,if you don't install a highway median wall to prevent pedestrians crossing the road. Alternative idea: add pedestrian stop light at crosswalk at Tlaquepaque that allows crossing every 30 minutes (they can shop more while they are waiting or walk under the bridge.)
764	You need a whole lot more questions for public transportation.
769	so much congestion means that residents can't enjoy being here.
777	Improving vehicular traffic flow and controlling short term rentals are the most important issues.

ResponseID Response

781 Nope

787 Q #7 should have as a selection: None of the Above

788 none of the above are critical to local full time residents

796 Fix traffic lights in uptown to improve flow of traffic. Get rid of city paid workers stopping vehicle traffic to private neighborhoods along 179. Pay your employees better so they don't leave for other jobs and/or make local housing vouchers available to them as additional compensation. Stop designating over night parking locations in primo spots and subsidizing "van life". There is a trend in social media influencers to live out of a van instead of a residence which cultural park caters to. This will soon be taken over by such people and govt funding to get people in to housing will be waisted. An overnight parking lot is a good idea but place it where people can walk to get groceries and can be a safe location for domestic violence victims not worried about stalking from their abuser.

797 We need cheaper and better internet. That should be a priority. Other towns nearby have at least a choice. Optimum rips us off. I'm paying \$138 for basic internet. The same goes for APS. The add excessive fees to their bills. Also if your one trash company raises rates because of no competition that will only hurt us.

810 Would it be possible to pave Schnebly Hill road to connect with Hwy.17 at Munds Park? It would cut down on the traffic problem and give everyone an alternate to go to Flagstaff and in less time.

818 resident permits for trail parking. no homeless encampments. buy a hotel to give rooms to working homeless. enforce dark skies ordinance . to many trash cans out all week.

825 Thank you for this survey.

828 My # 1 priority is for the city to build shared use pathways to connect neighborhoods to businesses and provide safe walking and biking opportunities.

834 I think the city is doing a wonderful job, and it makes residence lives easier and happier. Perhaps the city could look into the height and intensity of the posse grounds lights. They are impossibly bright, impossibly high, and they flood our bedroom and light up the wall opposite windows. We are to darken our living space or to view dark skies, or to see a moonrise. REALLY? What a shock when we moved here because of dark skies. The Manager of parks and recreations was very helpful and gave me lots of information about the lights. He said he did not yet know the details on the pickle ball court lights. In the last few years, has the allowable volume been raised for events at posse grounds? I'm about a half a mile away, and I can clearly hear the words in song and speech over the loudspeakers. Thank you very much for reading all of this and for asking our opinions. Sending our best to the city staff.

835 No

837 residents should be able to park at trailheads when shuttles are running

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838 Hold off on homeless parking lot until city lawsuit appeal has been decided. We need more services or funding to help seniors access healthcare transportation. Enforce airbnb trash laws.

844 More affordable rental housing is needed!

845 This survey is badly biased. I do not care to rank any of the items in question 7 as City priorities. The acquisition of the Cultural Park Place was a debacle and demonstrates the City's fundamental inability to govern wisely and efficiently.

846 This questionnaire is biased in it's wording. The City has proved its inability to govern wisely with a 23 million dollar purchase of property with NO plan and now they want to turn it into a homeless park...just what we need.

848 Keep up the good work. The new Community Plan should just be a slight edit of the previous Community Plan with sustainability efforts integrated into every department and community activity. Getting vehicles off the road is a much better solution to traffic than building more roadways.