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POLCO STANDALONE QUESTIONS REPORT



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INTRODUCTION

The City conducted its third phase of public input for *Round Rock 2030* from mid-April through mid-June using Polco, an online public engagement tool. The questions posted on the *Round Rock 2030* Polco page were based on input received at the in-person quadrant meetings the City hosted in February and March. Respondents were encouraged to read the descriptions for each online question to learn more about the topic prior to responding. Respondents were also encouraged to leave comments on each question after answering to provide staff more feedback.

In mid-May, the City added a policy discussion survey to the City's Polco page. This policy discussion is an important step in creating land use policies for *Round Rock 2030*. Policies are meant to be general statements that guide the comprehensive plan. City staff incorporated concepts from the current adopted comprehensive plan and current trends in planning practice to draft the policies. Specific information and implementation strategies related to each policy statement will be incorporated into *Round Rock 2030* as it is developed. Input received for all of the online engagement questions and surveys will be incorporated into the content of *Round Rock 2030*. More information can be found in the Policy Discussion report.

Polco is an online engagement tool that helps local leaders collect civil, insightful ideas and feedback from the community in real time. It is an easy way for residents to learn about and participate in key initiatives and decisions. Polco uses a variety of publicly available data to verify residency and voter status of respondents. Polco never shares individual level data or responses (other than anonymous comments) with the city or anyone else. Both of these are important; the verification helps city staff have more confidence in the data, and the strict privacy helps foster an environment of safe participation online.

TIMELINE

April 22: Standalone questions posted to Polco

May 1: Historic Preservation survey posted to Polco until May 31 for National Preservation Month

May 20: Policy Discussion survey posted to Polco

June 17: Standalone questions and Policy Discussion survey closed for input

July 17: Polco results and 12 draft policies presented to Planning and Zoning Commission

August 8: Polco results and 12 draft policies presented to City Council

Disclaimer: The following document is non-interactive and is only intended for reference purposes. The content of this report provides the description and results from the standalone questions posted to Polco. Comments were recorded verbatim from Polco as entered by respondents.

TYPES OF USERS

Results in this report are categorized by types of user as reported by Polco. Users may belong to one or more categories.

All Respondents: all users that responded to a question regardless of demographic data

Registered Voters in Round Rock, TX: users that are registered to vote in Round Rock as verified by Polco using public records

Live in Round Rock, TX – Self-reported: users that self-identified as living in Round Rock regardless of voter verification information

Registered Voters from Anywhere: users that are registered voters as verified by Polco using public records, regardless of where they are registered to vote

OUTREACH

In order to reach a variety of residents and stakeholders in Round Rock, staff advertised the opportunity to give public input on Polco in a variety of ways:

- Announcement at the City Council meeting after quadrant meeting results were presented
- City Newsletters posted by the communications department
- Emails sent to 2,830 subscribers, which include quadrant meeting attendees, subscribers from the Round Rock 2030 website, and various community groups.
- Outreach to Round Rock Independent School District
- Advertisement in Round Rock Chamber of Commerce *Investor Connector*
- Outreach to Williamson County Association of Realtors
- Posters and postcards at Round Rock City Hall, Round Rock Public Library, Clay Madsen Recreation Center, the Baca Center, and ACC Round Rock
- Facebook Ads, which reached over 100,000 people and got over 5,000 clicks.

QUESTIONS ASKED

There were 21 standalone questions asked on Polco as well as two surveys; a historic preservation survey and a policy discussion survey. This data in this report focuses on the 21 standalone questions. Reports for the two surveys were generated separately.

Housing Type

- Are there enough housing choices for you to be able to up-size or down-size throughout your life without having to leave Round Rock?
- What does large lot housing mean to you?
- What specific types of homes do you think are missing in Round Rock?
- How important is having the ability to walk from where you live (or would like to live) to retail/restaurants/services and public transit?

Housing affordability

- What does affordable housing mean to you?
- What price do you consider affordable for home purchase?
- Should the City adopt policies that require developers to provide affordable housing units?
- What types of housing should the City allow to facilitate more affordable housing?

Transportation

- Should the City prioritize funding for public transportation improvements?
- If public transportation in Round Rock were more frequent and expanded to new areas of the city, would you use it for day-to-day activities?
- If available, would you use public transportation for your daily commute?
- How could the bus system be improved?

Entertainment

- Are there specific arts/culture/entertainment/activities that you would like to have in Round Rock?
- Should the City allocate funding to public arts and culture facilities, such as a performing arts venue?
- Are there certain underutilized public spaces in the city that could be improved for public use?

Safety

- Do you feel safe in the following areas of the City? I feel safe...
- What should the City do to address safety as we grow?

Growth

- Based on the photos provided in the background for the question, which type of mixed use development do you prefer?
- The most critical impact of projected growth in Round Rock is (select up to 3 responses)

Environment

- Should the City require developers to adhere to a certain standard of energy efficiency and natural resource conservation for new development projects?
- In what ways can the City facilitate conservation?

DATA SUMMARY

- **1,261 participants:** This number represents the amount of people that signed up for a Polco account to respond to questions on the Round Rock 2030 Polco page. This does not indicate that each person that participated responded to each question and/or survey.
- **10,184 responses:** This number represents the amount of responses to all questions posted to the Round Rock 2030 Polco Page. It is important to note that each completed survey counts as a single response, regardless of the number of questions within the survey.
- **1,311 comments:** This number represents the amount of responses to open-ended questions as well as the amount of comments on standalone questions. This number does not account for open-ended questions within the two surveys that were posted.
- **Most answered question:** The question that received the highest participation, with 774 responses, is "Should the City require developers to adhere to a certain standard of energy efficiency and natural resource conservation for new development projects?"
- **Least answered question:** The question that received the lowest participation, with 216 responses, is "What should the City do to address safety as we grow?"

HOUSING TYPE

- Participants were divided 51% in favor - 49% against on whether or not they felt that they would be able to up-size or down-size throughout their life in Round Rock. Some participants that responded against specified that affordable housing or lack of senior housing options would prevent them from being able to up-size or down-size.
- At the quadrant meetings, participants indicated that single-family homes on large lots were desirable. By asking a follow-up question on Polco, staff found that 80% of participants perceived large lots as being 1/2 acre to 1 acre. Only 10% of participants thought large lot meant 2 or more acres.
- Participants indicated that the City is missing small single family homes (40% of participants), senior/age-restricted communities (29% of participants) and small multi-family complexes of 2-stories, usually less than 20 units (28% of participants). Additional comments specified that accessory dwelling units and single level condominiums are missing.
- It is not important to be able to walk to retail/restaurants/services or public transportation for 41% of participants, while it is important for 36% of participants. Additional comments specified that walkability in Round Rock is very poor and that walkability should not take priority over other City initiatives.

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

- At the quadrant meetings, participants indicated that they were concerned about affordability in the next decade. An open-ended question about housing affordability was posted to Polco and received 226 responses. Highlights include: concerns about high property taxes, ownership vs. rental, housing that is affordable for public employees, housing that is affordable for families, and quality in relation to housing cost. There were also several comments that associated affordable housing with poverty, subsidized housing, and unsafe neighborhoods.
- Another open-ended question about housing cost received 372 responses. A majority (74% of participants) of responses fell between \$150,000 and \$300,000. There were 20 non-conforming responses that gave different ranges for ownership vs. rentals, prices for different age brackets, or prices dependent on size and quality of a house (i.e. A \$150,000 house may be possible to find but it could only be a 2 bedroom, which may not be feasible for a larger family).
- Participants were divided 54% in favor - 46% against on whether the City should require developers to provide affordable housing units. Supporters were skeptical that affordable units would be integrated with market-level units. Opponents generally did not want government interference with developers and did not want more apartments.
- A majority (77% of participants) responded that they would support single family homes with smaller houses or less land as an option for affordable housing in Round Rock. Almost half (48% of participants) responded that they would support smaller multi-family projects.

TRANSPORTATION

- A majority (66% of participants) supported prioritized funding for transportation improvements, while 34% opposed. Supporters acknowledge that even if they would not personally use public transportation, it was still important. Supporters also asked for stronger connections to Austin and Georgetown. Opponents were concerned that buses would add to traffic and would rather prioritize existing road infrastructure/quality.
- Participants were divided 47.5% in favor – 52.5% against on whether or not expanded service would encourage them to use buses for daily activities. Supporters wanted improved service to Austin, improvements to the existing 51 bus route, and wanted connectivity to services (schools/colleges, hospitals, grocery stores). Opponents generally disliked buses and thought they were inefficient, made too many stops, and were expensive.
- Participants were divided 49% in favor – 51% against on whether or not they would use public transit to commute. Supporters responded that they already used transit or that they would like to see better service to Austin. Opponents responded that had a job that required travel to various locations, they did not need to commute (retired/worked from home), or they disliked buses.
- When asked how the existing bus system could be improved 77% supported expanded routes to places it doesn't go now, 57% supported more frequent service or extended hours, and 49% supported better stops/shelters for transit. Supporters were concerned about paratransit services, locations of existing stops, and aligning bus schedules with rail service. Opponents were concerned that buses add to congestion, and generally wanted buses to go away.

ENTERTAINMENT

- When asked if there were specific arts/culture/entertainment/activities that should be in Round Rock, participants responded that live concerts (74% of participants), Broadway and regional shows (57% of participants), and local arts entertainment (55% of participants) were desired.
- A majority (73% of participants) supported funding for public arts and culture facilities. Supporters desired a balance between the sports/recreation focus of the City with a new focus on arts/culture, but were concerned about where funding would come from. Opponents thought arts/culture should be left to private entities and did not want their taxes to be spent on arts/culture.

SAFETY

- At the quadrant meetings, participants identified safety as a concern for the next 10 years. By asking a follow-up question on Polco, staff found that people generally feel safe everywhere in Round Rock. Participants were concerned about safety at parks and along trails and suggested better lighting and/or safety call boxes. Participants were also concerned about increasing numbers of vagrants coming to Round Rock from Austin.
- An open-ended question asking participants what the City should do about safety as we grow received 216 responses. Many participants showed support for increasing police/fire/EMT staffing and facilities to support the growing population. Other participants were concerned about downtown bars, traffic safety, lighting, immigration, and density.

GROWTH

- At the quadrant meetings, a majority of participants supported developments where people could live, work, shop, and dine in a pedestrian-friendly area. In order to follow up, a visual preference (Mueller or the Domain) question about mixed-use development was asked and received 252 responses. Mueller received 37% support, while the Domain was only favored by 16% of participants. A large amount of responses (42% of participants) were non-conforming, meaning that participants gave responses other than the two options provided. Common themes from non-conforming responses were anti-growth and anti-Austin. Several comment stated that they were unable to see the photographs provided in the background on Polco.
- A majority (80% of participants) responded that increased traffic and delays was one of the most critical impacts of growth in Round Rock. Cost of providing infrastructure (46% of participants), crime and safety (45% of participants), housing affordability (41% of participants), and protection of the natural environment (41% of participants) were also considered critical impacts of growth.

ENVIRONMENT

- A majority (88% of participants) felt that the city should require developers to adhere to a certain standard of energy efficiency and natural resource conservation for new development projects. Supporters were concerned about water, trees, and green/open space in the City. Opponents felt that the government should not interfere with the market and were concerned about associated development costs being passed on to residents and consumers.

HOUSING TYPE QUESTIONS

Question: Are there enough housing choices for you to be able to up-size or down-size throughout your life without having to leave Round Rock?

Context: At the City's quadrant meetings in February and March 2019, 31% of polling respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed that Round Rock has enough housing choices to be able to up-size or down-size throughout their life without having to leave Round Rock. This means that there is housing available to suit the needs of young professionals, families, empty-nesters, and seniors.

Choices: Yes or No

All Respondents		
Options	Count	Percent
Yes	220	51%
No	214	49%
Total	434	100%

Registered Voters in Round Rock, TX		
Options	Count	Percent
Yes	158	53%
No	138	47%
Total	296	100%

Live in Round Rock, TX - Self-reported		
Options	Count	Percent
Yes	213	50%
No	209	50%
Total	422	100%

COMMENTS

Comment	Answer Selected
downsize and move closer to community services and stores.	Yes
There are enough housing choices but not enough quality of life related services for us. We may move to Georgetown which we have observed over 30 years doing a better job of planning AND IMPLEMENTING plans that contribute to quality growth that wants income from visitors but also balance the needs of the taxpayer living in the city. I've heard young people in my pricy subdivision state that they wish they knew about Georgetown before they moved into our subdivision due to the visual appeal, treed areas, a park system designed for the residents to actively use, a significant engagement by staff in the arts, and fewer chains. I know SO MANY founding moms and dads of current day Round Rock (1950 to 2000) who moved to Georgetown and other communities that are more visually appealing and had a variety of services available to them as residents. Services are not over the top, but they are available and easily accessible.	Yes
I am a teacher who spends more than half my income on rent. That and student loans take the majority of my income.	No
I'd like to see more smart buildings for young professionals who have minimal hassle moving in or out. More homes for active seniors who don't Want the hassle of maintaining home or garden, have community, and feel like home, but with freedom and no heavy medical care on doorstep, very small kitchen and great dining 24 hour facility.	No
As I age, it would be nice to have a community for seniors that is NOT a nursing home environment but one that is more humane and incorporates seniors into nice, green space communities and walk-able and accessible walking trails, safe spaces for one's pets, with onsite access to caregivers and medical personnel. With access to groceries, and medical care.	No
More affordable housing with backyard and garages.	No
support safe, affordable and attractive housing for expanding senior demographic.	No

Question: What does large lot housing mean to you?

Context: At the City's quadrant meetings in February and March 2019, 32% of polling respondents identified that they would like to see single-family homes on large lots built in Round Rock. Round Rock's code defines a 'small' sized lot as having at least 5,000 square feet, or a little more than a 1/10th of an acre; a 'standard' sized lot has at least 6,500 square feet; and a 'large' sized lot has at least 10,000 square feet, which is about ¼ of an acre.

Choices: ¼ Acre, ½ Acre, 1 Acre, 2+ Acre

All Respondents		
Options	Count	Percent
1/4 Acre	42	10%
1/2 Acre	182	42%
1 Acre	163	38%
2+ Acres	44	10%
Total	431	100%

Registered Voters in Round Rock, TX		
Options	Count	Percent
1/4 Acre	31	11%
1/2 Acre	125	44%
1 Acre	100	35%
2+ Acres	29	10%
Total	285	100%

Live in Round Rock, TX - Self-reported		
Options	Count	Percent
1/4 Acre	40	10%
1/2 Acre	176	42%
1 Acre	159	38%
2+ Acres	44	11%
Total	419	100%

(Percentages rounded to the nearest whole number and may not sum to 100%)

COMMENTS

Comment	Answer Selected
It means affordable to me	1/4 Acre
Allowing large lot (over 1/4 acre) sf development *now* in Round Rock would be insanity does not pay for itself (not that any sf home development does). Once RR is built out, what's done is done ... the only way to increase the tax base significantly then is to bulldoze and build up ... never a great option politically, or economically for anyone other than those with very deep pockets. Would rather see some 20 to 40 story residential towers where La Frontera is.... which is what is going to happen right next door in Robinson Ranch sooner or later.	2+ Acres

Question: What specific types of homes do you think are missing in Round Rock?

Context:

Small single family homes: Attached examples include townhomes, while detached examples include patio or garden homes. These are part of a cluster of several homes built very close together, and where exterior maintenance and landscaping are usually provided through an association fee.



(Example of a patio home, a small single family home)

Single family homes on large lots: a 'large' sized lot has at least 10,000 square feet, which is about $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre.



(Example of a single family home on a large lot)

Luxury homes: also referred to as executive housing or mansionettes. These houses tailor more to the premium market and have bigger house and lot sizes, with premium amenities and features. Examples include homes found in Mira Vista or Arbor Place.



(Example of a luxury home)

Small multi-family complexes of 2-stories, usually less than 20 units: these complexes have less units and do not have as many stories as traditional apartment complexes. They are usually more integrated into the community, and allow for more affordable housing without clustering multi-family units in large complexes. Examples include smaller complexes found in Hyde Park in Austin.



(Example of a small multi-family home)

Accessory dwelling units: a smaller second dwelling on the same lot as, or attached to, a single-family house. A dwelling unit is a house that has its own kitchen. A second unit could be an addition

to the house with a separate entrance or a small separate house in the back yard. The second unit would need to meet all building codes, including having a permanent foundation.



(Example of an accessory dwelling unit)

Senior/age-restricted communities: This includes 55+ communities, independent living facilities, or assisted living facilities. This type of housing often includes more accessible floor plans with single-story living and wheelchair accessibility.



(Example of a senior/age-restricted community)

Choices (respondents could select multiple answers): Small single family homes, Single family homes on large lots, Luxury homes, Small multi-family complexes of 2-stories, usually less than 20 units, Accessory dwelling units, Senior/age-restricted communities

Note: Percentages reflect the share of respondents that selected each answer; the sum of percentages will not equal 100%.

All Respondents		
Options	Count	Percent
Small single family homes	192	40%
Single family homes on large lots	242	16%
Luxury homes	78	16%
Small multi-family complexes of 2-stories, usually less than 20 units	137	28%
Accessory dwelling units	86	18%
Senior/age-restricted communities	139	29%
Total Responses	874	
Total Respondents	484	

Registered Voters in Round Rock, TX		
Options	Count	Percent
Small single family homes	127	41%
Single family homes on large lots	149	48%
Luxury homes	45	14%
Small multi-family complexes of 2-stories, usually less than 20 units	99	32%
Accessory dwelling units	62	20%
Senior/age-restricted communities	89	29%
Total Responses	571	
Total Respondents	312	

Live in Round Rock, TX- Self-reported		
Options	Count	Percent
Small single family homes	189	40%
Single family homes on large lots	237	50%
Luxury homes	75	16%
Small multi-family complexes of 2-stories, usually less than 20 units	136	29%
Accessory dwelling units	84	18%
Senior/age-restricted communities	135	28%
Total Responses	856	
Total Respondents	474	

COMMENTS

Comment	Answer Selected
When considering housing types we also need to consider park space that is within walking distance from all types of neighborhoods, places where people can feel safe getting fresh air and exercise.	Small single family homes, Single family homes on large lots , Small multi-family complexes of 2-stories, usually less than 20 units, Accessory dwelling units
Would love to see more of the following two options: more single family ranch style type homes that are perfect for first time homeowners with the same opportunity for larger acreage lots for ranch style type homes for those families looking for more privacy and space to live on.	Small single family homes, Single family homes on large lots
Condominiums. Round rock doesn't have any. They are typically more affordable but have higher rates of owner occupancy. A HUGE problem facing ALL Round Rick neighborhoods is the Extremely high rate of non-owner occupied single family dwellings - rental homes. They tend to not be cared for.	Small single family homes, Accessory dwelling units
More home on larger lots would be nice as many do not give privacy as needed in some communities now being built. I do like my neighbors, but do not like to shake hands through the windows.	Small single family homes, Single family homes on large lots , Small multi-family complexes of 2-stories, usually less than 20 units, Senior/age-restricted communities
HOA's prevent the building of ADU's. Remove those restrictions!	Single family homes on large lots
Really I wouldn't vote for any of these options. What I think is missing is larger, multi-story condominiums.	Single family homes on large lots
Until the day we no longer need cars, garage conversions ... yuck. Lets get some ADUs in here!	Luxury homes , Accessory dwelling units
I would appreciate an other selection as well as these home types don't cover everything.	Small multi-family complexes of 2-stories, usually less than 20 units
We need single level condominium units.	Senior/age-restricted communities

Question: How important is having the ability to walk from where you live (or would like to live) to retail/restaurants/services and public transit?

Context:



(Examples of housing in walking distance to retail/restaurants/services and public transit)

Choices: Important to live where I can walk to retail/restaurant/services and public transit, Important to live where I can walk to retail/restaurant/services but not public transit, Important to live where I can walk to public transit but not retail/restaurant/services, It is not important to be able to live where I can walk to any of these

All Respondents		
Options	Count	Percent
Important to live where I can walk to retail/restaurants/services and public transit	159	36%
Important to live where I can walk to retail/restaurants/services but not public transit	54	12%
Important to live where I can walk to public transit but not retail/restaurants/services	52	12%
It is not important to be able to live where I can walk to any of these	182	41%
Total	447	100%

Registered Voters in Round Rock, TX		
Options	Count	Percent
Important to live where I can walk to retail/restaurants/services and public transit	95	34%
Important to live where I can walk to retail/restaurants/services but not public transit	33	12%
Important to live where I can walk to public transit but not retail/restaurants/services	37	13%
It is not important to be able to live where I can walk to any of these	117	41%
Total	282	100%

Live in Round Rock, TX - Self-reported		
Options	Count	Percent
Important to live where I can walk to retail/restaurants/services and public transit	156	36%
Important to live where I can walk to retail/restaurants/services but not public transit	52	12%
Important to live where I can walk to public transit but not retail/restaurants/services	51	12%
It is not important to be able to live where I can walk to any of these	175	40%
Total	434	100%

(Percentages rounded to the nearest whole number and may not sum to 100%)

COMMENTS

Comment	Answer selected
The walkability of our city is a national embarrassment.	Important to live where I can walk to retail/restaurant/services and public transit
Important for me to be able to Cycle from West to East Round Rock and the downtown area without getting hit.	Important to live where I can walk to public transit but not retail/restaurant/services
My husband uses public transportation to get to work at the Domain. Currently, I have to drive him to and from the bus stops. it would be great if he could Walk to a bus stop that could take him to the Howard train station.	Important to live where I can walk to public transit but not retail/restaurant/services
More affordable housing with backyard and garages	It is not important to be able to live where I can walk to any of these
Nice but not necessary. Too many other priorities - transportation, public safety, economic development, water service, and such come to mind.	It is not important to be able to live where I can walk to any of these
I am not willing to move to accomplish this. However, I would love to be able to walk to a local coffee shop, homestyle restaurant (NOT a fast food joint), branch library, or mom-and-pop market.	It is not important to be able to live where I can walk to any of these

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY QUESTIONS

Question: What does affordable housing mean to you?

Context: At the City's quadrant meetings in February and March 2019, 68% of polling respondents identified affordability as an important issue for Round Rock over the next ten years. To determine your total housing cost, add what you spend on mortgage/rent to what you spend on basic utilities. Include water/wastewater, electric, gas, and trash pickup but not optional services such as telephone, internet or streaming services. To calculate percentage of monthly income devoted to total housing cost, divide your total housing cost by your monthly gross income.

The US Census Bureau suggests that those who spend 30 percent of gross income on housing experience a "housing-cost burden."

(<https://www.census.gov/housing/census/publications/who-can-afford.pdf>)

Choices: Open-ended question

RESPONSES (226)

Housing where you aren't going to loose your home to tax inflation.
It means a home I can afford... not just now, but in the future... without being taxed out of it. I'm turning 50 this year and have been in Round Rock for 9 years; I've never seen this level of increased taxation. Sure, we may contest the tax assessment if we like... as long as we specify in writing, in person, the exact number of stars visible from the exact original corner point of our lot on the third full moon of the second quarter... for people like me that don't have time to jump through the hoops to contest every year, we end up paying far more than our neighbors... then next year comes around and our increase is again based on a higher tax amount... it's exponential and will end up making me leave.
A house whose taxes do not go up \$18,000 EVERY year. Round Rock is not affordable and I have a two income family. We would leave Round Rock in a heart beat for a more affordable place, but that would mean leaving central Texas and our family. But, if the trend doesn't stop soon, we will be forced out!
Low property taxes
Not being taxed out of our homes. We're quickly becoming "house poor" because tax assessments are increasing almost 10% each year.
Place to live that's safe and not on top of neighbors
Housing that does not eat up more that 25% of my income

Housing that doesn't make me skimp on other aspects of my life or eat half of my paycheck. We need to focus on the middle class as a whole. There are homes that are way too expensive, and then there are homes that we can't qualify for because we make "too much". This puts the middle class in a bind, and makes us the struggling class. Offer more affordable options for middle class families, and uphold our integrity by offering more housing options than just apartments. Stop driving us out of the city because we can't afford to live here.
Homes - both for ownership and rental (including apartments) that are affordable to people of lower than median income, including those substantially below the median.
A house that would cost \$1,000 or less a month for people on fixed incomes.
Starter homes
Housing that a middle class family can afford.
Commensurate with median income
Houses that cost less than median for the region.
Crime, pollution and Squalor
A way for me to have a house instead of apt
Homes that are constructed well enough to retain value well past payoff date
225K
lower cost without having to move even further out from the city.
It means housing that can be afforded on a single salary working no more than 40 hours a week in an area that is safe and healthy for all those living there with food, amenities, and services, especially for children, nearby.
Housing units that will allow for individuals and families to maintain a roof over their heads without having to resort to living in tent city or in the streets. Another way of showing less fortunate individuals that we care about our communities.
Round Rock needs better affordable and low income housing for folks that work and go to school here. It's a shame that some RRISD teachers, janitors, and staff can't afford to even live in RR.
150-200k
The ability for families on median income to own a home.
inexpensive; reasonably priced homes and lower property taxes
A home that I can pay for without any tax payer help.
>\$160,000
something you cannot find in round rock any more
Single family homes that a young working person/couple can buy as their first home
BOTH the cost of homeownership is within reach of people as well as the availability of reasonably priced rental properties.
average 2-income family can afford a home and utilities without living paycheck to paycheck.
Maintaining existing property values without massive increases in value.

Something a school teacher can afford.
A mortgage I make and still save some money
Low prices and taxes
first time middle class home buyers can afford to buy a house
housing for a family of four making minimum wage. I would love to see Round Rock make efforts to increase the minimum wage in our area as well.
Basic amenity housing that allows a family to live there for a reasonable price; e.g., priced at about the national monthly housing expense level.
Affordable housing is generally a negative term. Just because you want to live somewhere, doesn't mean that we (taxpayers & gov) should be paying for you to live there. It's a welfare program that disincentives working towards goals and bettering yourself. A more realistic approach would be to teach people that life isn't fair and you cannot live somewhere just because you want to. Some places are more expensive than others. That's the beauty of the market.
Lower cost but still a decent standard of construction, living and neighborhood feel.
Lower taxes. Currently spending as much in taxes as P&I combined - absolutely ridiculous.
Keep prices from going up and up and up year after year.
Housing that single parents & low income can afford
More affordable units priced so median-income individuals can afford it
Section 8 type housing. Apartments generally.
Something most families can afford
To me it's two things: 1) homes priced so that working class people making less than \$100K per year can afford them, and 2) subsidized housing for people who are in reduced circumstances for whatever reason.
Housing costing between \$100,000 and \$200,000.
taxes stop going up 10% every year.
Not allowing landlords to jack up the rental amounts past a certain percentage year by year.
The term sounds good, but it is relative and undefinable. What is "affordable" to one person may not be to another. City leaders should not be drawn into this "discussion" because it has no end.
Housing someone on minimum wage can afford.
Affordable housing needs to be available and on par with wages. Each class/level of worker should be able to live here. So, based on minimum wage there should be \$500 monthly rent options.
Houses which are not only "affordable" in terms of cost but which are also affordably maintained.
Affordable to a single person working a full-time job that pays less than a living wage (which will shift over time).
1 and 2 bedroom apartments or condos
Being able to live within your means.

Housing for lower income
We need to have at least some housing that is affordable for teachers, city employees, retirees, and people who work full-time at essential low-pay work, such as cleaning staff at the hospitals. This doesn't have to be all single-family houses. We need some basic, no-frills rentals as well.
30 to 40% OF Monthly Income..
Government subsidies
Lower property tax rates.
A home at a price point commensurate with the mean household earnings for the area and taxes that are affordable enough to compliment but enough to ensure a marketable and desirable area that is not at risk of only being supported by low quality "Cracker Jack" builders.
Under 200k
\$100,000
Types of home ownership that are accessible to all levels of income.
I could sell my home and still buy a new home in the city with a bigger lot.
low rents subsidized by government
It means there is adequate housing for all income levels of people working in the city. If 20% of people make \$15 an hour then 20% of housing stock should be priced at 30% of those peoples' incomes.
Pricing where first time home buyers can afford, homes large enough to start a family.
Low property taxes through city programs to keep the taxes down, and affordable mid-range housing (200-300k)
Mortgage or rent takes no more than 25-30% of average income.
Housing that correlates with avg household income. Property tax that isnt excessive
Sounds like there's good guidance on this from experts, based on the description to this question.
Housing that a low income family can afford
Low income housing that is artificially low priced and thus subsidized by residents paying full price. This creates a burden on housing that is market based and on tax payers who are not subsidized.
We are in our late 50's and can't afford these houses. We are stuck paying HIGH rent. It would be wonderful to have a "home". It would mean the world to us.
A situation where a family working full time at a retail job can afford to own.
Houses under \$150,000, or multi-bedroom apartments under \$1000 per month. \$500 per month for a studio.
Rent under \$1,200 for 3 bedroom house or apartment. 3 bedroom house to buy \$150,000
The cost of housing (excluding taxes, ins & maintenance) to be less than 25% of gross income. Property Taxes must be financially manageable for the average family.
Section 8 housing
Homes where a traditional down payment would be 10K or less with 5% down

Thirty percent of the average household's income in Round Rock.
Housing that is affordable for a single person working for the State, County and or City. The true meaning of Middle Class. Not middle class for Austin but the actually middle class. The group of us that work hard in social services and are underpaid but love our work.
A living arrangement that enables someone who is in a low income bracket feel that they can still live in the City, be close to everything that the City has to offer, despite financial status. All while proving an environment that is safe to live and comforting for the occupant.
Homes that our teachers and first responders can afford to live in.
People shouldn't be taxed out of their homes.
Someone making the median income should be able to afford to live in Round Rock.
Housing that does not require more than 30% of the household income.
Keeping ham-fisted power seeking government officials out of private markets where they introduce chaos and inefficiencies because they have the narcissistic hubris to think they have the ability to "plan" economies and the right to tell people what to do with their private property.
Where poor people live. Not something i want in round rock
It's in the name, homie. Affordable and accommodating to families. Safe and cute.
As cost of housing rise our wages don't. Housing cost should match the average wage for low to middle class. I make \$3130.00 per month, but rent cost almost 1000.00 for a 1 bedroom apartment. I can never get ahead or spend money locally except for utilities and groceries.
That above poverty and up to median income could afford the month to month cost of living.
Less property taxes and affordable housing. The past 8 years the cost of living has dramatically increased making it harder for everyone to have a good quality of life here.
More money for other activities
Family earning average salary can afford to buy average house.
\$200 to \$250k
Housing that is reasonable in price and taxes so that as we plan to retire we don't follow the trend of having to move to Georgetown to find more affordable housing and offerings. We are seeing it every week that family and friends 55+ are leaving the area due to feeling priced out of living in Round Rock. We are starting to get a reputation that it's too expensive to live here. Most of the residents who work in the area in the blue collar areas that I deal with day-in and day-out live in Hutto, Taylor or Georgetown. What does that tell us? It should be clear we are not offering affordable pricing to all.
It means not having the value of my house increase by 200% like it has over the last 6 years that I've lived in it. It in no way reflects the actual value of this property, and is just an inflated number. Affordable means affordable. Not Affordable if you're rich.
Smaller, energy efficient, cost within average wages.
The monthly rent does not exceed what a person working 40 hours per week at minimum wage can afford.

1 bedroom apartments being affordable to our young people. How is an 18-21 suppose to move out of the family home went rents start at \$800 +?
Something to play with my kids and not have to work my ass off in order just to make my rent
A price that is below market.
Low property taxes
If you have a good career and work long hours you can have a house.
Housing that people who work in all industries can afford.
housing that our teachers and public workers can afford
Housing that takes no more than 30% of a family's monthly net income.
Affordable housing means that someone should be able to secure housing for 1/3 of their monthly income.
Where 2,000 sq ft would include 4 bedrooms, 2 baths with the usual accessory rooms (one dining, one family) and could be bought under \$200,000 and with financing available at 80% LTV
Homes less than \$100k
Not living in Round Rock!
single parent
Well built homes in nice neighborhoods that are not only affordable to buy but the taxes are reasonable. Since I've moved to Round Rock, it's been the taxes that have impacted us the most.
Being able to afford housing close to work and schools, and still have ability to save money after paying for necessities like utilities/food.
Section 8 or low income housing
Affordable housing to me means that my family isn't spending over 40% of our income on housing alone.
Housing should cost no more than 40% of a household budget. In order to determine how much people can afford to spend on housing, you have to look at how much they are earning. Younger people in particular have experienced unique challenges in increasing their earning, and many of them have been unable to acquire a home or other property that can act as an investment. Affordable housing must be considered to go hand in hand with living wages.
Affordable for minimum wage workers
Something a first year teacher could afford
likely reduced value of my biggest investment if affordable housing is built nearby....
150,000. And under
Affordable on two minimum wage incomes.
Affordable housing means a 3 bed 2 bath at or around 1400 sqft, under 150k.
average family can buy and afford it
Housing where all people are able to afford to buy a home.

It means housing that people want to purchase in a certain area. If you want to build low-cost housing then you are generally talking about building an area that will at some point in time be a slum area. So affordable might mean building small unit apartments which lease at a lower cost but still offer the building quality and amenities that people want.
A home that a single mother making around 40-50k a year could support her family and herself.
Affordable for all regardless of income or if you have children, have never worked.
Reduce/eliminate/streamline development/permitting costs
Something the working class people can comfortably afford. Possibly no more than 30% of their net income.
Housing that people below median income level can purchase without paying more than 30% of their monthly income
Person/family earning median income could afford ownership costs. I.e. Mortgage, property taxes, HOA dues <40% monthly net income. A big factor in housing affordability is property taxes
low income
Less taxes! Stop increasing them!
A place that can be rented or purchased that doesn't exceed 30% of your monthly income.
Less than \$800/mo
That a dual income family of 4 would be able to pay their bills without short-term (payday) loans.
Based on minimum wage - people need to have a safe affordable home.
Price to purchase, low property taxes, low dwelling insurance, efficient house for lower ongoing costs like electricity and water
Folks either making <\$20k/yr or on gov't subsidies living communally (multiple family) in one unit among a higher density apartment complex which becomes an eyesore (due to drugs and apathy) w/in 5 yrs that can never be either removed or improved.
32%
Affordable to someone working a full time job.
The ability for people making minimum wage to afford housing
150000 to 200000
Not only inexpensive but low property taxes, water, and electric bills, etc. It should not be that one cannot afford food, etc.
A home I can live in without taxes that are higher than my mortgage payment.
Housing meant for me to afford
A SFH that people can afford to live in and enjoy life in the city they live without being house poor. Able to spend money in the city for which they live, enjoying the amenities that are provided. A place for which they can raise children in a safe and friendly place.
A 1700 square foot home with a price tag of about 230,000 on at least 1/2 acre of land and less property taxes so I don't get taxed out of being able to afford my monthly payments.

Lower taxes
What seniors on fixed incomes and lower wage earners can afford
total cost of ownership less than 50% of take home pay
housing that allows folks with limited earning potential to live comfortably,
It means long-time citizens of Round Rock, here before the population boom, can own homes here without being priced out of new builds and leaving their starter homes.
Affordable housing to me means a good house that doesn't need fixing up, has a decent lot size, but still a small less than 1,300sqft house that cost less than 200,000. Also, affordable housing to me means that apartments and houses for rent aren't raising their prices every year. The sales price on homes go up, and rent goes up. There are a lot of hard working people that have to work multiple jobs, have roommates, etc in order to afford housing.
Costing less than 1/4 of your take home pay.
Affordable for most working class people.
Crime
Ensuring that there are residential options for people with moderate and lower incomes. We don't want to price out teachers, police officers, and those who work in the service sector.
Lowered property taxes as that is what is pricing people out of the area is the insatiable greed by local taxing entities.
Low rent
What first time home buyers can comfortably afford.
Being able to buy a house without being house poor. I would not be able to afford my house that I live in today.
Exactly what it's means. But for every income level. Based on your median income there should be housing available that is affordable
Having many housing options available that match the 30% of income guidelines
Housing that can be obtained and maintained without being more than 25% of a person or persons monthly/yearly income.
cheaply built
Housing that someone making less than median family income can afford.
Where it doesn't take a 2 income family to pay the rent. The rent at most apartments is a bit ridiculous, even for 1Bed/1Bath
Average family income can afford.
A balance of initial cost, annual taxes per SF assessment or leasing cost per SF that is reasonable for retired or reduced income family units. Dense housing and shared homes are available at a lower rate for single individuals.

Affordable housing means being able to live in a nice safe well built home with sidewalks street lighting and able to afford my rent lease or house payment without having to juggle other bills in order to eat
Where no one has to pay more than 40% of net income for housing. I rent a bedroom in a house and it costs nearly 65% of what I receive each month. That is seriously not affordable. I can not ride the bus and do not have a car. Round Rock has been my home for nearly 20yrs and now I may have to move due to lack of truly affordable housing.
<\$230,000
A clean, safe place where up to a family of four or five can live. If it is affordable, infrastructure has to exist to get people to stores, school, doctors so the poor and working poor do not have to have 2-3 cars which can also eat up a limited paycheck or public funding. It is an integrated approach-- not just taking a piece of land because it is unattractive (flooding, near dangerous neighborhoods, no public transportation, far from schools). Or, provide, in whatever way is possible, more Section 8 type housing or encourage and zone areas, or make people more aware, that subsidized housing can discretely co-exist with existing housing in an already established neighborhood.
Housing which is affordable for all income levels.
Home prices the median income level of our community can afford.
Affordable housing is not just the cost of buying the house, but it's also the cost of property taxes.
25% of household income
Section 8 or subsidized house, poor management/upkeep of the property by both the owner and residents, an element of crime and lower property values for neighboring residences.
Housing at the \$200k price point
A single-income teacher with three years experience should earn enough to buy a home in the district they teach in.
Low income apartments; foreclosures, rental properties and higher crime rates.
My house was affordable but thanks to increase in taxes now not so much. The idea of cheap affordable housing (trailers and low income apartments) will increase crime that's just how it is.
Drugs, crime, property devaluation, worse schools like Callison. Lower test scores. Teacher apathy, racism towards whites, Asians like at Callison.
A person working within the city making a livable wage within that city to buy a house in the city within that city they work.
Housing that those with limited incomes could afford to have an acceptable quality of life. Safe housing, well maintained, and appealing. Subsidized housing for Seniors, Families, and those in need, the latter for a limited 18-24 month period of time. Case Management services as appropriate for those who require same and are in subsidized housing.
under \$180,000
Housing that allows our teachers, nurses, and other essential citizens to live comfortably.
Not much, high quality housing means infinitely more.

There are public servants on welfare so the better question is What does it mean to city Government?
One that does not force me to live pay check to pay check.
Affordability is relative to your income. The best way to make housing affordable is to attract high paying jobs to the city and minimize development costs for new housing by reducing regulations.
Small condos/units/homes for sale under \$150k. Income based rental properties
Affordable housing is offering a variety of products at different price points for varying stations. Affordable to me would be to afford a home payment on a single person's salary and that means a large lot with a single family dwelling may not be accessible to someone in my position right off the bat.
Purchase price not greater than 2.5 times annual salary.
More affordable safe housing for senior citizens & the disabled. Rent adjusted per income & affordable for others.
Housing for a typical family size that doesn't cost them more than 30% of their income
Minimal code and zoning regulation, a minimalist approval process that is as close to instant as possible, and no city interference in the market. In this kind of environment housing will be as affordable as it possibly can be and allow the market to expand and contract efficiently to meet demand at all price points.
Something I can afford to pay for on my own that doesn't take over half of my monthly income; there are still people living in round Rock that aren't rich.
Lower taxes. As it influences rent prices and single family homes
Housing for those of us who are getting close to retirement age and needs an affordable home
Able to payoff mortgage in 10-15 years with more principal towards mortgage than interest and have enough money leftover for childcare or private school tuition, utilities, and use UberEats several times a week.
It means that a family or individual can pay for quality housing without sacrificing other living essentials such as food or utilities.
I usually think of apartments available that are less expensive than average.
Affordable housing should provide housing at reasonable costs and should be accessible, clean and modern for citizens living and working in the neighborhood.
Single mom working just one job full time can afford to live there, feed her kids healthy food, and have enough left over after utilities to go to a movie or Round Rock Express game occasionally.
Housing cost is less than 30% of income and appraisals that don't skyrocket each year forcing homeowners out of the city their taxes have built

It means a lot to me. I have two boys under 2 years old. We cannot afford daycare so I stay home with them. We are on a single income from their father. We cannot afford to live in a two bedroom but most places require that if there are 4 people, they must have a two bedroom. We can barely afford the single bedroom we are living in now and it is the cheapest we could find. No washer and dryer, the floors feel like they're caving in, we can't afford to keep air conditioning on during the day time. Some people don't realize how good they have it.
Your average Joe, teacher salary could afford it.
the houses are getting to be inflated, overpriced for what you get.
Affordable housing means SAFE neighborhoods that are designed for middle class families. At least middle class people have morals and know working hard for your hard earned dollar will get you places.
Within the means of young families just starting out.
Not being taxed out of my house. 200-250k It breaks my heart that as Austin continues to become more elitist- it's pouring into Round rock.
A 3bed house from 800-900 is affordable. 10k for a 2bed is not affordable
Rent that is affordable for someone making minimum wage.
Do NOT need nor want it near my neighborhoods!!!!
That people could purchase something in full, pay it off and retire.
A variety of prices of houses and the largest representative group being not more than 10% of the area average.
Less than 800.00 rent for 1 bedroom apt. allows for some quality of life expenses.
ability to afford with primary employment without addl supplemental income
Low to mid 100k or rentals that are between 600-800/month

Question: What price do you consider affordable for home purchase?

Context: At the City's quadrant meetings in February and March 2019, 68% of polling respondents identified affordability as an important issue for Round Rock over the next ten years. To determine your total housing cost, add what you spend on mortgage/rent to what you spend on basic utilities. Include water/wastewater, electric, gas, and trash pickup but not optional services such as telephone, internet or streaming services. To calculate percentage of monthly income devoted to total housing cost, divide your total housing cost by your monthly gross income. The US Census Bureau suggests that those who spend 30 percent of gross income on housing experience a "housing-cost burden."

(<https://www.census.gov/housing/census/publications/who-can-afford.pdf>)

Choices: Open-ended question

Price Range	Count	Percent
Under 100k	4	1%
100k-149k	36	10%
150k-199k	81	23%
200k-249k	110	31%
250k-299k	70	20%
300k to 349k	37	11%
350k +	14	4%
Total	352	100%

Data was categorized and tallied to produce the table above. For responses that included ranges, the midpoint was taken. The table excludes 20 non-conforming responses that did not give a specific number or single range that could be represented in the format above. The comments are included on the next page.

NON-CONFORMING RESPONSES (20)

\$1,000/month or less
\$10-20k down payment for ownership
\$200,000-\$250,000 for two income household of white collar workers \$125,000-\$150,000 for two income household blue collar workers \$550-\$750 for two bedroom apartment (blue collar worker)
100k and under, but slightly more realistically 150 to 200k.
150-180k for single family; 230-280k for one with accessory dwelling unit; the elder orphan program should be fully utilized so the elderly get the care they need
30% of income. Look at your population and their incomes. It's pretty simple math.
A single person earning the areas average wage to purchase a home.
Affordability is different for everyone. (1 vote)
Affordable is renting a 3 bed house for 1,200 & lower.
Based on a public servants salary????
Between \$80 and \$90 per square foot.
DEPENDS ON SIZE AND QUALITY OF THE HOME...THE AREA WHERE BUILT..THE AMENITIES AVAILABLE FOR THE HOMES IN THE AREA..
First home - \$170,000. Home for retirement/downsizing - \$230,000.
For me personally anything under \$300,000. But for someone else that number could be under \$180,000
It doesn't matter what I consider affordable. There are a lot of single parents that can not afford to live anywhere in around Rock.
No more than 30% of the household's income on housing (inclusive of utilities and taxes).
That's too broad of a question, due to multiple income brackets for Citizens in this City. There is no single dollar amount that works for everyone. (1 vote)
There are so many factors involved in "affordability": size of home, size of lot, location of home, cost of living, annual income. How does the cost of the current housing stock relate to the current cost of living and median annual income of our residents? That information is crucial to determining what is "affordable."
This is an incredibly subjective question to ask the public and quite frankly is unnecessary as everyone will have their own opinion not based on facts. Just pull the data on median income in the area, understand who is below that curve, and do the math y'all.
Whatever price the market determines WITHOUT unconstitutional government interference! You have NO BUSINESS involving yourself with peoples private financial decisions. I moved to Texas to get away from collectivist crap like this!

Question: Should the City adopt policies that require developers to provide affordable housing units?

Context: One method to address affordable housing is to require developers to contribute affordable units or pay fees. For example, 10% of units within a rental residential development might be required to rent for less than market rate. Alternately, a developer might have the option to contribute a fee to fund such units elsewhere, in lieu of providing the units on-site.

Choices: Yes or No

All Respondents		
Options	Count	Percent
Yes	236	54%
No	201	46%
Total	437	100%

Registered Voters in Round Rock, TX		
Options	Count	Percent
Yes	166	57%
No	127	43%
Total	293	100%

Live in Round Rock, TX- Self-reported		
Options	Count	Percent
Yes	230	54%
No	195	46%
Total	425	100%

COMMENTS

Comment	Answer Selected
We are in dire need for affordable housing in Round Rock. How can anyone here afford rising rents when living paycheck to paycheck? Plus, there are no affordable homes, just ones that are less expensive than Austin. We have a city of hardworking people, but many of them will have to leave in search of a more affordable place. Central Texas is getting more expensive, so why don't lead with innovative ways to foster economic diversity here? Let us have quality of life for everyone.	Yes
Expect apartments! We gave fat far too many do NOT need any more apartment complexes!!!	Yes
We need more affordable housing with backyard and all we need more affordable everything for the people from round rock	Yes
Yes, but only if it can be done in such a way that the affordable housing is integrated. Not set apart like a let's stare at the poor people zoo.	Yes
Our house's value has increased \$80,000 in about 7 years. If we were buying today, we wouldn't be able to afford a home like ours.	Yes
There are cities that require that at least a certain percentage of units be marked as 'affordable housing', and this would work. The rest of the units are profit-making, while there are also affordable housing options earmarked for buyers based on earnings restrictions. For example, if an apartment building with 1000 units was built and 10% of them were required to be 'affordable', then 100 units would be earmarked as affordable housing. Everybody wins.	Yes
Policies that required developers to pay fees and contribute to affordable housing often have the opposite effect. It increases the cost of development and reduces the number of units built which causes prices to go up. The most effective way to create affordable housing is to make it profitable for developers to build it.	No
They tried it in Austin. The "affordable" units are not.	No
Absolutely not. Further restrictions and encumbrances on real estate development will impede growth. This is a big part of the problem that Austin is having. If you want more housing options encourage it by making Round Rock a desirable area in which to invest.	No
That's not how the market works: high prices are caused by scarcity and can be lowered by increasing supply, subsidizing is not a sustainable strategy and hurts future growth.	No

<p>I think we have a good inventory of starter homes and homes that could offer lower rent. Many homes built in the 70s and 80s were smaller (1500-1700 sq feet). If the neighborhoods were enhanced with publicly funded amenities like expanded parks and activity centers, such as near Sunrise and between 79 and 3406 (I hate saying gentrified), there were some good bones in those structures and people would have a place to walk to and build community in a positive way.</p>	<p>No</p>
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Question: What types of housing should the City allow to facilitate more affordable housing?

Single family home with small house or less land: examples include garden homes, patio homes, or courtyard homes, which are smaller than average single family homes and may be part of a grouping of several homes built close together. Exterior maintenance and landscaping are provided through an association fee.



(Example of a patio home)

Accessory dwelling units: A second smaller dwelling on the same lot as, or attached to, a single family house. A dwelling unit is a house that has its own kitchen. A second unit could be an addition to the house with a separate entrance or a small separate house in the back yard. The second unit would need to meet all building codes, including having a permanent foundation.



(Example of an accessory dwelling unit)

Manufactured homes or tiny homes: A manufactured home is one that meets federal building code standards instead of local standards; currently these are allowed in Round Rock only in an area specifically zoned for them. Tiny homes are a dwelling that is 400 square feet or less in floor area, excluding lofts.



(Example of manufactured homes)

Smaller multi-family projects: Examples include studio apartments, efficiencies, and micro-units.



(Example of smaller multi-family project)

Public assisted housing projects: Housing units may be owned by an organization such as the Round Rock Housing Authority, or vouchers may be given out to offset costs.



(Example of public assisted housing project)

Choices (respondents could select multiple answers): Single family home with small house or less land, Accessory dwelling units, Manufactured homes or tiny homes, Smaller multi-family projects, or Public assisted housing projects.

Note: Percentages reflect the share of respondents that selected each answer; the sum of percentages will not equal 100%.

All Respondents		
Options	Count	Percent
Single family home with small house or less land	477	77%
Accessory dwelling units	150	24%
Manufactured homes or tiny homes	165	27%
Smaller multi-family projects	296	48%
Public assisted housing projects	144	23%
Total Responses	1232	
Total Respondents	616	

Registered Voters in Round Rock, TX		
Options	Count	Percent
Single family home with small house or less land	311	76%
Accessory dwelling units	102	25%
Manufactured homes or tiny homes	100	25%
Smaller multi-family projects	195	48%
Public assisted housing projects	94	23%
Total Responses	802	
Total Respondents	407	

Live in Round Rock, TX – Self-reported		
Options	Count	Percent
Single family home with small house or less land	456	77%
Accessory dwelling units	145	24%
Manufactured homes or tiny homes	159	27%
Smaller multi-family projects	284	48%
Public assisted housing projects	137	23%
Total Responses	1181	
Total Respondents	592	

COMMENTS

Comment	Answer Selected
Please lower property taxes instead of using taxes to artificially lowering the cost of housing	Single family home with small house or less land, Manufactured homes or tiny homes, Smaller multi-family projects
City should not be in the business of allowing or forbidding kinds of housing: manage your budget and let the free market decide what kind of housing is needed.	Single family home with small house or less land, Accessory dwelling units, Manufactured homes or tiny homes, Smaller multi-family projects, Public assisted housing projects

TRANSPORTATION QUESTIONS

Question: Should the City prioritize funding for public transportation improvements?

Context: Currently in Round Rock, public transportation includes buses. In the future, public transportation may include other options.

Choices: Yes or No

All Respondents		
Options	Count	Percent
Yes	364	66%
No	186	34%
Total	550	100%

Registered Voters in Round Rock, TX		
Options	Count	Percent
Yes	220	65%
No	121	35%
Total	341	100%

Live in Round Rock, TX - Self-reported		
Options	Count	Percent
Yes	355	67%
No	173	33%
Total	528	100%

COMMENTS

Comment	Answer Selected
I have family in similar cities such as Portland and Kansas City. Each of these cities have an extensive (Portland more than KC) public transportation system. They have train hubs in the neighborhoods. You hop a train and it takes you to the airport (which is an hour ride). So easy. This needs to happen in greater Austin/RR area.	Yes
Grade-separated Light rail to Georgetown, downtown Austin, ABIA	Yes
Although I personally would not use public transportation on a day to day basis I think it is necessary with the growth of the city. I would definitely use it for trips downtown if available.	Yes
We need better, more extensive bus routes that connect with Austin's more fluidly.	Yes
With growth, expansion of public transportation options is inevitable. Additionally, like it or not, people need to progress towards the future of more pedestrian style traffic, less using an automobile for every little trip. Most people who "hate" on public transportation because it causes MORE traffic are the same people who are the sole passenger in their vehicle. A bus with 10 people on it is replacing 10 vehicles with 1, so their arguments against are absurd.	Yes
East to west arteries should grow. 130 expanded to 3 lanes all the way to North Loop.	Yes
I think public transportation could help ease traffic delays. If there were more routes and stops with extended times I would use the bus for work, errands, going out, etc. When you are in traffic all you see is one person per car. Imagine if we could use public transportations more efficiently and effectively how many of those people would switch over to public transport for convenience of time? Cars are expensive many young people trying to go to school and work cannot afford vehicles. I was one of those students. We are very depended of cars in Round Rock, it would be nice to be able to depend on bikes and public transportation than just cars.	Yes
More public transportation might alleviate some of our traffic issues.	Yes
Anything to relieve traffic I would support!	Yes
Yes	Yes

I selected 'yes' so I could comment... but my answer isn't necessarily a yes. I think the public transportation play in Round Rock is a longer term bet than just "improve and people will use". Most folks that I know won't switch to public transportation, except as an alternative to other paid alternatives to helping them enjoy dinner/drinks responsibly (I'm not going to take the bus to go to work or get groceries, but I may use the bus instead of Taxi or Uber/Lyft/RideAustin to go out at night). That said, if public transportation was improved to the extent that it became a viable alternative for students, they may grow up with a different mindset regarding "taking the bus" somewhere. It all depends on how it's implemented, and I think it's a tough balance... more young people on the bus tends to make less older people want to use that mode of transportation... and how long do you support an initiative that can't support itself?	Yes
Public transportation is the need of the hour with increasing traffic and community size. Everyday during peak hours we see precious time being wasted with traffic and that problem can be fixed with a strong transportation system. It also helps mobilize the entire community instead of marginalizing people that can not afford cars	Yes
The current roads/highways are not sustainable. We definitely need other options.	Yes
Public transit is an integral part of a city our size.	Yes
Bike Lanes. This has been a severe lacking issue and something that would help alleviate a lot of traffic. Round Rock could become a model for the rest of the US by having bike Lanes be part every roadway.	Yes
Bicycles	Yes
Metro rail to Austin can be a great option	Yes
Improve US 79 before Kalahari Resorts opens!	Yes
If light rail and/or more express bus routes ran to more places in Austin, it would expand the pool of employers for me.	Yes
Yes..but not in the top 5 critical things for the city.	Yes
Austin needs better public transportation, and while some of that may bleed into the suburbs, I don't see it as a specific priority for Round Rock on its own.	No
City should have absolutely no business in managing transportation -- it should maintain the roads and let the market handle the rest.	No
That last thing rr needs is to support public transportation and to take advice from the city of Austin. As a 2nd generation Texan and native austinite the only thing public transportation adds is more traffic. Light rail will never work in Texas and has proven time and again to be too costly. Austin for example wanted to spend 10 billion on a light rail system that went across the river but forgot to include the funds to build the bridge in the 10 billion to take the light	No

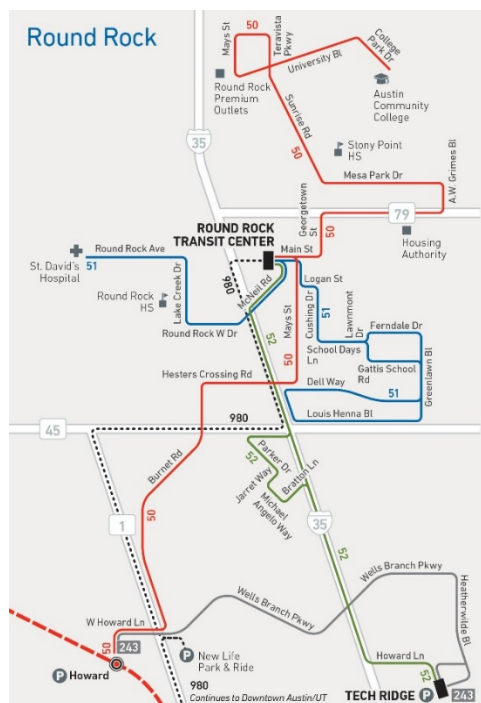
rail across the river. There are other options for Texas that are not bankrupting city liberal ideas as a Texan I don't want to be paying more in taxes than I already am.	
Prioritize funding to reduce taxes.	No
Prioritize I35.	No
This shouldn't be a priority. We have the buses, now build the roads!	No
The residents of Round Rock drive cars. We are a suburb of Austin. High density urban development is needed to support public transportation systems. The real question is what is the vision for Round Rock 50 years from now?	No
public transportation within RR is something I would never use. If I can't walk or ride my bike there (both very desirable) than I will drive. The only public transportation I have used and will continue to use is the bus service between Austin and RR.	No
We need the city to get its head out of the sand and add more lanes (and shoulders to facilitate right turns) to every thoroughfare in Round Rock. Traffic bites at any time of day and just because the city council or whomever handles this stuff doesn't feel the impact doesn't mean the many thousands of the rest of don't. We have cars, we're not taking the bus, no matter how many of them you have hogging the lanes in the city.	No
More affordable housing with backyard and garages	No
Against. Current infrastructure is struggling to support passenger demand as it is now. Funding public transportation would not be something I'd advocate. Direct money and efforts toward other projects.	No

Question: If public transportation in Round Rock were more frequent and expanded to new areas of the city, would you use it for day-to-day activities?

Context: The City currently contracts with Capital Metro to provide transit service along four fixed routes that have been selected and defined by the Transit Master Plan adopted by Council. There is no anticipated service expansion planned at this time.



(A CapMeto bus near the water tower in downtown Round Rock)



(Existing bus route map)

Choices: Yes or No

All Respondents		
Options	Count	Percent
Yes	266	48%
No	294	53%
Total	560	100%

Registered Voters in Round Rock, TX		
Options	Count	Percent
Yes	169	46%
No	197	54%
Total	366	100%

Live in Round Rock, TX - Self-reported		
Options	Count	Percent
Yes	257	47%
No	286	53%
Total	543	100%

(Percentages rounded to the nearest whole number and may not sum to 100%)

COMMENTS

Comment	Answer Selected
I used a service called Chariot to come to work. It was great. If we had a service that got me close to work I would use it! Driving Austin traffic is awful!	Yes
I probably wouldn't use a local bus very frequently, but would love to see the commuter train route extended to Round Rock... and it wouldn't just help locals get into Austin - it would also help folks from other communities get here without congesting our roadways	Yes
In the future, I would like there to be a Metro/rail from Round Rock to Downtown Austin. Currently, I would like buses from Round Rock to connect to the Cedar Park Metro station or whatever the nearest Metro station is.	Yes
I currently do and will continue to use this system.	Yes
Blue line 51 needs to extend further up Gattis School to at least Red Bud or Cedar Ridge High School. This will give better access to more residents. Or lines that service the back end of the current routes, enabling others to use more than one line without having to go through the hub. For example one that connects from Blue line 51 going up Gattis (serves Cedar Ridge) and across to Hwy 79 on Red Bud, then down 79 to AW Grimes meeting the Red line 71, then continue on AW Grimes on a direct route to the Round Rock Higher Education center. This will help residents hitch a ride to school or Seton Medical Center.	Yes
I wish that if this does happen, please do not forget the edges of the city. The people who live on the eastern and western sides of the city do not seem to get the same amount of services as do people closer in. I just hope that city planners do think about us.	Yes
I need public transit and so I appreciate that it is here and hopefully growing.	Yes
I want to go to Austin and I don't want to drive. A bus from the Dell Diamond parking lot or train would be welcome. Also, bike lanes along Old Settlers Blvd, 79, Gattis School Rd., Redbud Lane, 110, etc. More people would cycle to/from their homes if they felt safe in their own lane.	Yes
I would love to use public transit for weekday commute. Need more interconnection between suburbs and more small routes with Cap Metro. Commute is 1 hour most days. Public transit would currently take 15 minutes to train, 30 min ride to downtown, catching a bus downtown and taking two more for close to two hours of commute--one way. If one or two of those connections could cut out to make a 1.5 hour commute with wifi already available on capmetro, I could possibly justify using part of commute as work.	Yes
No to busses. Yes to rail.	Yes

There needs to be a true lightrail system in the Austin-metro area that does not take 2 hours to get from suburb to downtown Austin. This area should do some research into other large cities to see how it's really done, take notes, and go back to the drawing board to redo the system we're have now. This system that is currently in use is not even close to being sufficient for anyone to really consider using as a daily commuter because it takes 2 hours to get anywhere one way. This city needs to get some real city engineer planners to fix what's broken before all hell breaks loose in this city with traffic.	Yes
I live in Southeast Round Rock (Forest Creek) and I would very much like to have bus service or a shuttle to downtown Austin and downtown Round Rock. Also, to medical facilities, recreation centers, arts centers, and business districts. Aging in place means access to safe and convenient public transportation.	Yes
I use the bus system. It has enhanced my quality of life. I would love to see extended service into evenings nd weekends. We are a big city now and public transit is a basic ans standard need.	Yes
WOULD ENJOY THE TRAIN	Yes
Yes I would use it. I live and work in Round Rock. My husband works in Austin and we have one vehicle. It would be great if you had more connections from West to East Round Rock with extended times for those that work until 5pm or longer. I would use public transportation for work, but am not able too because there's no convenient connection/stops between East and West Round Rock and the times are not convenient. I would use public transportation for day to day activities if the bus had extended times. On another note I think we should have bike lanes and a safe/good bike system. It would benefit many people that want to bike to and from work or run errands or go to downtown RR. I see many people biking near the downtown area, I've biked myself and bike lanes would be beneficial for riders.	Yes
There is a bus stop that goes right by my house, and I attend evening classes at TX State, it would have been convenient to take the bus to and from school, but the buses didn't run at convenient times. I have yet to take a bus to run local errands either because of the timing. It would also be nice to have better commuting options for getting into Austin. I was a frequent user of the bus system in the Denver Metro area, but haven't found it usable here.	Yes
I would only use it if it provided better access to and from Austin. We need alternates to I-35!!	Yes
Keep big CapMetro buses out of the City period. Use a small bus feeder system. Airlines don't fly 747s to every small airport in the world. Those big busses are gaudy, inefficient, and clog free flowing traffic to no end.	No
Public transportation is poorly used, inefficient and expensive.	No
We don't need city buses.	No

Give me a route from my neighborhood to get to the new "Bar District" downtown in the evenings.	No
City should have no business in managing transportation, maintain the roads and let the market take care of this.	No
Get rid of those buses.	No
We don't need more transportation in round rock ie: buses we already have a traffic problem no need to add more vehicles to the road that includes scooters, bikes, skateboards, horse drawn carriages.	No

Question: If available, would you use public transportation for your daily commute?

Choices: Yes or No

All Respondents		
Options	Count	Percent
Yes	249	49%
No	263	51%
Total	512	100%

Registered Voters in Round Rock, TX		
Options	Count	Percent
Yes	157	48%
No	173	52%
Total	330	100%

Live in Round Rock, TX- Self-reported		
Options	Count	Percent
Yes	245	49%
No	255	51%
Total	500	100%

COMMENTS

Comment	Answer Selected
I would use public transportation to get to destinations in Austin, if there were a transportation center in RR that is conveniently located (not in downtown RR) and has plenty of parking. I would prefer an express service from RR to Austin rather than having to go to Tech Ridge or Howard station and connect to another route.	Yes
I already do, but only once a week.	Yes
I admit I am blessed enough to work at home; however, I would use it to commute if it serviced my neighborhood and I had to commute. I know, I know, some are saying "Easy to say, if you are not needing it." Well, I know this may cause me grief, or some name calling, but I moved here from California to be nearer to my father's side of the family. We lived in a more rural type neighborhood on a farm. We caught a bus on the extensive public transportation system there, twice a day to get to and from the school in the city. We saw two crimes related to the bus line in the 20 years I lived there following its inception. The access to experiences in our city, and to the BART systems which provided access to UC Berkeley, Oakland, and San Francisco, and the advantages that came from having the access, far outweighed the two crimes (car break-ins).	Yes
I already use it but were there extended routes, I would use it even more!	Yes
I may not use it now (and it does not come near my home-- far East RR) but as I age, and if I had a sidewalk to Highway 79 from Oakbluff to a stop on or near 79, I may use it especially if it takes me to downtown Round Rock and key Round Rock shopping centers in the city. I use the metrorail from Howard Street regularly when going to downtown Austin. That needs extended weeknight hours and a bus that goes directly to that rail stop.	Yes
Only if if went to East Austin.	Yes
I currently have access to and do use the CapMetro bus system daily to commute to/from work and the gym. I would love for this service to expand to weekend as well as weekday, even if the hours were reduced. I do not own an automobile so access this system was a big consideration when choosing where to live when I recently moved.	Yes
I'm probably lucky in that I commute from East Round Rock to Taylor but if I could ride my bike a mile or two to a train that takes me into Taylor and back, I'd take that daily. Why wouldn't I?	Yes

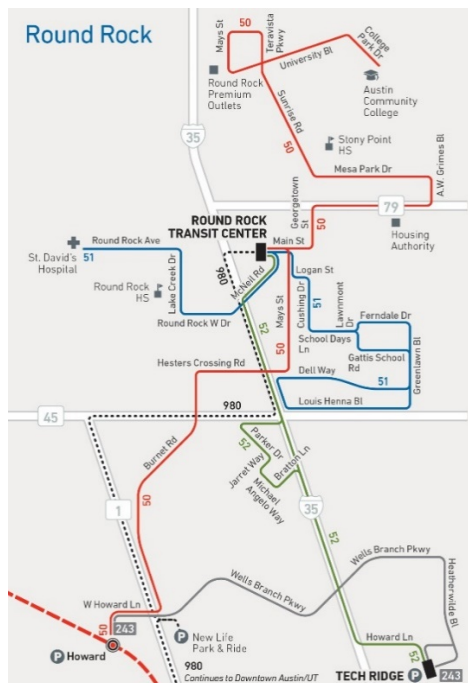
We shouldn't have to drive 20 mins to cedar park or way over to Howard to commute another 45-55 to get to work in the Austin area. Also,..My sister has epilepsy and has very limited public transportation options here in Round rock. Non drivers and commuters need better transportation... look up how awesome Singapore's transportation system is. They use buses and trains and there is always a way to get from anywhere in the city to Another part of the city. Round rock is cut off from the rest of the city bc of the limited options	Yes
I work from home - no commute. If I did use public transportation, it would be for entertainment purposes (RR Express games, dinner/drinks downtown, etc)	No
Often multiple stops to make so using a vehicle is more convenient with already daily time limits.	No
I work in Taylor. If you could expand the Interurban service or make use of rail then possibly	No
This question doesn't take into account that some of us don't commute. Many more work-from-home and retirees than when I did commute.	No
inefficient locations, ride times, pick up and drop offs, Public transit benefits very few but the entire tax paying population has to subsidize the effort. (or we perhaps get state and federal "grants" which are still taxes right) This is not a safety issue (like police and fire) and while I understand and have compassion for the folks who depend on it, the tax payer drain for the benefit is grossly out of proportion. Top it off with dirty buses, safety concerns etc and public transit sounds like a rather poor choice financially for the tax payers and individually for the riders...	No
i work at multiple sights that require i go to anywhere from 2 to 5 locations daily any where from Buda to Georgetown. I doubt any public transport could accommodate that. but my daughter would use it to go to work and i would use it on the weekends	No
Public transportation is limiting. I can't use it to go to work, run by the grocery store, pick my kid up from practice and run a book over to a friend. I need a car to do all my errands and it's efficient to group them after work. I've lived with public transport (San Francisco) in a walkable city and in a non-walkable city (Washington DC). My commute was long and crowded. And I had to come home to run errands. My car commute was short and private. Public transport isn't efficient for the way I need to live.	No
Bike Lanes. This has been a severe lacking issue and something that would help alleviate a lot of traffic. Round Rock could become a model for the rest of the US by having bike Lanes be part every roadway.	No
I don't commute; retired.	No

Question: How could the bus system be improved?

Context:



(A CapMetro bus near the water tower in downtown Round Rock)



(Existing bus route map)

Choices (respondents could select multiple answers): Expanded routes to places it doesn't go now, More stops on existing routes, More frequent service or extended hours, Upgraded buses with amenities such as Wi-Fi and better seating, Better Stops/shelters for transit, Increased density near transit (i.e. housing & commercial services)

Note: Percentages reflect the share of respondents that selected each answer; the sum of percentages will not equal 100%.

All Respondents		
Options	Count	Percent
Expanded routes to places it doesn't go now	325	77%
More stops on existing routes	110	26%
More frequent service or extended hours	242	57%
Upgraded buses with amenities such as Wi-Fi and better seating	127	30%
Better Stops/shelters for transit	208	49%
Increased density near transit (i.e. housing & commercial services)	141	33%
Total Responses	1153	
Total Respondents	424	

Registered Voters in Round Rock, TX		
Options	Count	Percent
Expanded routes to places it doesn't go now	212	77%
More stops on existing routes	64	23%
More frequent service or extended hours	152	55%
Upgraded buses with amenities such as Wi-Fi and better seating	75	27%
Better Stops/shelters for transit	126	46%
Increased density near transit (i.e. housing & commercial services)	89	12%
Total Responses	718	
Total Respondents	276	

Live in Round Rock, TX- Self-reported		
Options	Count	Percent
Expanded routes to places it doesn't go now	314	77%
More stops on existing routes	105	26%
More frequent service or extended hours	235	58%
Upgraded buses with amenities such as Wi-Fi and better seating	120	29%
Better Stops/shelters for transit	202	50%
Increased density near transit (i.e. housing & commercial services)	133	33%
Total Responses	1109	
Total Respondents	408	

COMMENTS

Comment	Answer Selected
<p>Expanded routes connecting the tail ends of routes now. Smaller buses, only growing in size if consumer numbers increase, OR, more increase the number of shuttles on a route depending on its use by the public. Currently the map seems to infiltrate neighborhoods based on property value? I live in a neighborhood not currently serviced by the buses, the property values are moderate. The residents here have plenty of kids that could utilize the system. I would use it instead of driving my car, if it came up here. Maybe adding bus stops set off the sidewalk, and solid bike racks, could help residents bike to a location and then "get on the bus Gus".</p>	<p>Expanded routes to places it doesn't go now, Better Stops/shelters for transit</p>
<p>None of the above -- city should have no business in managing transportation and should focus on maintaining the roads instead and let the market handle the rest.</p>	<p>Expanded routes to places it doesn't go now, More stops on existing routes, More frequent service or extended hours, Upgraded buses with amenities such as Wi-Fi and better seating, Better Stops/shelters for transit, Increased density near transit (i.e. housing & commercial services)</p>
<p>It makes no sense that the paratransit service availability is tied to existing bus routes. Riders who depend on this service need to be able to travel to and from locations throughout the city. A special needs resident can be picked up at their home but cannot be taken to a particular address in the city because it's too far from an existing bus stop...I'm at a loss to make sense of that.</p>	<p>Expanded routes to places it doesn't go now, More frequent service or extended hours, Better Stops/shelters for transit</p>
<p>Bring the buses through subdivisions instead of forcing riders to the periphery of their subdivision. If school buses can do it, so can Cap Metro.</p>	

After the "trial" period has ended, utilization of stops should be analyzed and those deemed to be "permanent" should have benches/shelters installed in addition to just the bus stop signage. Most stop locations have dual direction stops, East/West or North/South in the same vicinity but there are some that do not. The 50 Southbound (Howard Station) has a stop in front of Cornerstone along College Park Drive but there is not a sibling stop across the street for the 50 Northbound (ACC). So, if you board the Southbound bus in the morning, you are stuck choosing between a stop along University Blvd or at ACC in the evening to get off the bus. An additional stop needs to be provided on the NB route to compliment the SB route. Weekend hours would be a wonderful addition. Some of the existing routes have extended hours of operation during weekdays which has been great.	Expanded routes to places it doesn't go now, More stops on existing routes, More frequent service or extended hours, Better Stops/shelters for transit
Have bus times align with MetroRail schedule.	Expanded routes to places it doesn't go now, More frequent service or extended hours
Round Rock has buses? Have live here for thirteen years and not sure I've ever seen one.	Expanded routes to places it doesn't go now, Increased density near transit (i.e. housing & commercial services)
Smaller buses on more routes with more stops and more hours served.	More frequent service or extended hours, Upgraded buses with amenities such as Wi-Fi and better seating, Better Stops/shelters for transit
I would like to see Public Transportation move away from Internal Combustion Engine and use more advanced Technology such as Battery Electric and or Hydrogen based drivetrains.	Upgraded buses with amenities such as Wi-Fi and better seating
I feel buses only get in the way and add more traffic to an already congested town.	Upgraded buses with amenities such as Wi-Fi and better seating
frankly, I'd prefer no bus. I moved here to get away from the city center.	Upgraded buses with amenities such as Wi-Fi and better seating

I would like to see buses go away. So, again, my choice of an answer was not possible.	Better Stops/shelters for transit
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ENTERTAINMENT QUESTIONS

Question: Are there specific arts/culture/entertainment/activities that you would like to have in Round Rock?

Context: At the City's quadrant meetings in February and March 2019, attendees expressed an interest in community gathering spaces that support arts and entertainment.

Choices (respondents could select multiple answers): Broadway and Regional shows (plays and musicals), Live concerts, Children's shows, Local Arts entertainment, Other

Note: Percentages reflect the share of respondents that selected each answer; the sum of percentages will not equal 100%.

All Respondents		
Options	Count	Percent
Broadway and regional shows (plays and musicals)	246	57%
Live concerts	322	74%
Children's shows	156	36%
Local arts entertainment	239	55%
Other	63	15%
Total Responses	1026	
Total Respondents	434	

Registered Voters in Round Rock, TX		
Options	Count	Percent
Broadway and regional shows (plays and musicals)	160	56%
Live concerts	216	76%
Children's shows	102	36%
Local arts entertainment	159	56%
Other	37	13%
Total Responses	674	
Total Respondents	286	

Live in Round Rock, TX - Self-reported		
Options	Count	Percent
Broadway and regional shows (plays and musicals)	237	57%
Live concerts	313	75%
Children's shows	152	36%
Local arts entertainment	228	55%
Other	59	14%
Total Responses	989	
Total Respondents	418	

COMMENTS

Comment	Answer Selected
I would like more local access to a variety of quality entertainment. I would also like to see something like a county fair style event where local people can show off crafts, food, garden, and hand made items as well as fine arts. A Maker Faire or something like that would great.	Broadway and regional shows (plays and musicals), Live concerts, Children's shows, Local arts entertainment, Other

Question: Should the city allocate funding to public arts and culture facilities, such as a performing arts venue?

Context: At the City's quadrant meetings in February and March 2019, attendees expressed an interest in community gathering spaces that support arts and entertainment. The City currently uses hotel occupancy tax revenue to fund arts and culture programs like the Music on Main concert series and Chalk Walk. The Hotel Occupancy Tax is an existing tax that is paid by visitors staying at Round Rock hotels and motels. There are limited uses for what Hotel Occupancy Tax revenue can be used for. The rule of thumb is that it can be spent on programs and facilities that support the tourism industry, ie, generate visitors to a community, which is why a portion of Hotel Occupancy Tax revenue can be used for arts and culture activities.

Choices: Yes or No

All Respondents		
Options	Count	Percent
Yes	484	73%
No	183	27%
Total	667	100%

Registered Voters in Round Rock, TX		
Options	Count	Percent
Yes	313	73%
No	118	27%
Total	431	100%

Live in Round Rock, TX- Self-reported		
Options	Count	Percent
Yes	463	72%
No	179	28%
Total	642	100%

COMMENTS

Comment	Answer Selected
Arts and cultural facilities make a city a more desirable place to live and local attractions cut down on driving distances.	Yes
Spaces for Arts groups, specifically theater and music, are very limited. Most theater spaces, that would be appropriate for theater and music groups, are in the public school system. Access to theaters in the public school system, by outside Arts groups, is very limited obviously because these theaters booked up with school events. Arts groups that need a decent sized stage and seating for 300+ audience usually end up looking to churches and other houses of worship. This is not ideal as most churches are not designed to be theaters. Having a mid-sized theater in Round Rock would allow local arts groups to thrive and be a way to attract outside events to Round Rock. (Austin has the same issue, a lack of a good mid-sized theater space.)	Yes
If we can afford it, a performing arts center would be a fantastic long-term investment. In contrast to Kalahari or the Sports Center it could be something for Round Rock residents to enjoy rather than something just for visitors.	Yes
We have spent so much on sports facilities, I think it's time to concentrate on the arts for a bit.	Yes
When families and all individuals have the opportunity to experience a cultural event, there is a bonding and feeling of importance that is bestowed upon all in attendance. There is a sense of pride and ownership in the community and the emotional unity that can result from such a happening. Years of research prove the value and importance to develop the internal, spiritual, intangible qualities that are presented through the ARTS. We have been void of these experiences far too long and I urge leadership to recognize this amazing gift our community needs desperately. Although we are continuing to grow in numbers, let's not forget our unity and spirit that can be honored through the ARTS.	Yes
It would be great to see a convention center or something similar that could be used by various groups, both small local groups as well as larger organizations, for meetings, conventions, expos, demonstrations, etc	Yes
This would boost our economy.	Yes
It seems that more hotels are being built in RR so there should be more revenue to support the arts. If government can guarantee that those funds would only be used for that purpose it should be enough to support the arts without raising taxes and fees.	Yes

It should be a balance we need these things but will other things be cut to support this effort	Yes
Bring in National Entertainment. Build in a NO AUSTIN TRAFFIC zone.	Yes
Should not require purchasing of tickets at all events and the performance.	Yes
So critical that the City supports the Arts and the importance of a specific multipurpose venue for all citizens to enjoy. As a taxpayer we find our family spending more and more money outside the community when it comes to live music, view of art, entertainment since the opportunity is not available locally. A multipurpose venue would bring in more financial support for a variety of for and not for profit businesses and organizations who are putting money elsewhere due to lack of space/venues in the area. I personally believe we are 8-10 years behind in this project that is needed for our community in our efforts to move forward in growth with the needs and wants of our ever growing diverse community.	Yes
Our public, private and nonprofit arts providers have done an amazing job growing the cultural offerings available to our residents. Because of their work, Round Rock has a unique opportunity to be an arts destination, serving its own residents and those of neighboring communities. However, this opportunity will not last forever. For years, those on the front lines have told us that the lack of an arts facility not only prevents us from achieving the excellence in arts that characterizes other aspects of our city - it actively weakens our budding arts providers and, especially in the case of nonprofit partners, drives them to look to other municipalities for support. Participants' response to the 2030 Plan make it clear that residents are hungry for arts in Round Rock; we have passionate city staff and partners ready to meet that need; we know what we need to do; let's invest in our artists and a vision of our future that gives ALL our residents a reason to love where they live.	Yes
I moved to Round Rock because it is a small town with plenty of green open fields. If that changes, I will move.	Yes
Support but minimize tax impact. Maximize sponsor and donor support. Keep separate auditable account records.	Yes
Round Rock is overdue for a performing arts center of some sort. A community of this size and affluence should be a leader in the arts.	Yes
I feel like performing arts venues should be supported by the private sector and non-profits.	No
I agree that arts and music venues should be privately funded instead of raising property taxes on everyone to provide what a few use.	No

Delete Please do not obligate the entire tax paying population to increased local taxes for the benefit of a very select few. Stay in your lane. City govt needs to make property tax reform it's one and only priority. Endless property valuation and tax rate increases must stop. Property owners are not the piggy bank for state and local governments to abuse at Will. Failure to do so will result in spoliation decrease The city council fallback position of "we have never increased above the rate we can increase tax rates yearly" is a really nice way of saying "we aren't doing our job to protect tax payers"	No
City should not waste resources on something the market can take care of.	No
Until our property taxes go down, use existing facilities. No new spending!	No
We already have programs in downtown as mentioned and nutty brown is moving in as a music venue. It seems like a large scale venue would face significant competition for events between H-E-B Center and Frank Erwin Center/the planned replacement. I feel between H-E-B Center and performing arts programs at UT, we are well covered for large productions, specifically where adults can make an evening of it and travel further. That may be less suitable for younger kids and a series of youth focused performing arts events at a smaller local venue would be more beneficial. something similar to the OPAS Jr program at TxA&M. Maybe rather than City of RR building a location, partner with RRISD to utilize one of their performing arts centers combined with HOT moneyto attract programs for kids.	No
With the revenues from Hotels and the fact that they become filled with people due to arts it is symbiotic.	No
The city should make More affordable housing with backyard and garages	No
Area high schools already have large, performing arts facilities that the taxpayers have already funded. Let's leverage those buildings that already exist in our communities and build a sense of community at the same time.	No
Are you politicians just looking for a way to raise taxes!! Stop with the spending and desire to spend and excess building. property taxes and bond issues, school tax Etc and everything else that is involved, is just way too much.	No
Have a performing arts center with the schools, a community theater, whatever. Higher priorities, taxes high enough.	No
Cedar Ridge HS just opened a beautiful Theatre. Rather than build yet another structure, why not utilize our schools facilities? Investing in our students and our schools by contracting with them for their facilities and manpower is investing in our kids and our community.	No
Keep the funding, (our taxes), for essential services and leave all others to private funding. Ya, I'd like a lot of fun and nice things and have the tax payers pay for it! It's called the California spiral. Do not let it happen to Texas!	No

I did not realize the hotel tax funded this until after I responded no. Initially I thought ticket sales should support this and while that can still be the case when applicable, for community sponsored events I support the continuation of the hotel tax supporting this.	No
It's a question of priorities. Preserving green areas, trails, parks, and environmental well-being are is much more important for the majority, versus entertainment for a few. The argument that new venues would attract growth and money misses the point. We already have more than enough growth and any money brought in would to the wrong people, the ones already getting rich at our expense. Let the wealthy invest with their own money, not with our tax dollars.	No

Question: Are there certain underutilized public spaces in the city that could be improved for public use?

Context: At the City's quadrant meetings in February and March 2019, attendees identified that they would like more public spaces to use in Round Rock. Cities are starting to identify underutilized spaces such as alleys, certain trails or parks, rooftops of buildings or other publicly owned spaces in order to improve them so that they can be beneficial for public use. Examples of alley improvement projects include Alley 111 and Domo Alley-Gato in Austin.

Choices: Yes or No

All Respondents		
Options	Count	Percent
Yes	325	73%
No	119	27%
Total	444	100%

Registered Voters in Round Rock, TX		
Options	Count	Percent
Yes	209	73%
No	79	27%
Total	288	100%

Live in Round Rock, TX- Self-reported		
Options	Count	Percent
Yes	315	73%
No	116	27%
Total	431	100%

COMMENTS

Comment	Answer Selected
Every park needs to have natural or built shade, a drinking fountain, a restroom, seating, and lighting if there is a parking lot or picnic pavilion. A port-a-john doesn't count as a restroom because it doesn't have hand-washing. I'd also like Wi-Fi at the parks, but that's a nice-to-have, not a requirement. A lot of our parks don't even have shade or a water fountain so of course they are under-utilized.	Yes
Brushy creek at Chisolm Trail, ie:the old "bathing beach" needs to be developed into a true park, today its a weed patch	Yes
The bike trails along brushy creek still don't connect east and west...	Yes
The undeveloped 200 acre area between Behrens Ranch and Woodglen is a great natural area that could be developed into a park similar to Walnut Creek Park in Austin. Keep it natural but add maintained walking, hiking and mountain biking trails.	Yes
It would be nice to further enhance the area in Old Town along Brushy Creek and the low water bridge area. This area could be one of the prettier spots in Round Rock with some thoughtful planning.	Yes
There are some sections right next and out and around Eagle Bank, A Branch of Round Top State Bank and Dell Diamond where we could facilitate an outdoor olympic style pools, similar to what Georgetown has at Williams Drive pool. As yet, living in Round rock for 13 years, there is no outdoor pool system for adults, kids in grade school, and seniors. All we see are kiddy parks, but no options for kids or families to sit out with their community at an outdoor pool. We also dont have Rock climbing walls or anything closely related to obstacle courses. Our community needs things like this to keep people entertained, but at the same time, bring the community together outside of their homes and devices. We have all these big ball parks, but no recreational pools and parks.	Yes
There aren't enough sidewalks on University Boulevard. The area between Sunrise and A.W. Grimes has sidewalks in some areas, but they're not continuous. Also, I've seen pedestrians walking across the road bridge that crosses over the low-water area near the Scott & White hospitals, between Mays and Sunrise. There's no other way for pedestrians to get across other than using this bridge, which is very dangerous. It's an accident waiting to happen. Perhaps a pedestrian bridge that parallels the road would be the best solution.	Yes

<p>I strongly advocate for large amounts of undeveloped green space and trees to be left in place in Round Rock. We do not want to live in a city overrun by fast food places, gas stations, and parking lots. Keep Round Rock green and set aside much land to just sit there and provide us with a greenscape for humans and habitats for wild animals. Do not turn parks into soccer fields like is being done to Old Settlers, which is just ruining this once beautiful park.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Instead of underutilizing our public spaces, utilize them. Development through the years has decimated the tree lined acreage in the area bounded by 79/Redbud/Gattis School Road. The city's major arterials into the center of town are unattractive, and the mess on 79 with fast food joints and Kalahari detracts from what was once potential for more attractive development... So tastefully utilize our public spaces-- help build community for OUR RESIDENTS!</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Parks I love our parks, and would just love to add to the functions and fun of them, including: I think the parks could all use more information about nature, including at least one of them having an environmental education center. I would also love to see murals at the parks or other art features. I would love to see a recreational or other interactive feature at Centennial Plaza, as well as shade flags over the green space, so it's more comfortable to enjoy it. I absolutely love the addition of the sculptures over the years, especially the recent Allan Houser Exhibition and now this new one. What a marvel! Also, is Kinningham House being used to its fullest extent? I've never been able to go inside, since it's closed when I am there, so I don't know! I love how much activity happens in Prete Plaza and Centennial Plaza, but would also enjoy seeing festivals and other goings-on at other public parks in the city, so that not everything takes place in just downtown. We also need more places for people to lock their bikes, so that if you're enjoying, say Memorial Park, you can tuck your bike away, wander through the park and along Chisholm Trail Rd (which, by the way, is in dire need of sidewalks! This is the most dangerous crossing to see the round rock and to wander up the road to enjoy the local biz just north of there!). History & Culture Would love to have a once a month discussion/tour inside of the Palm House, which is otherwise a bit sleepy inside, and yet when you look at the guest book, there are a lot of visitors going in there! Yet, not much information to really be educational. It would be great to see a downtown history tour on occasional weekends, as well as an update to the signage about history outside of the historic buildings. More interaction with and education about history would be a great use of our downtown public space. I love all of the sculpture in downtown and certainly want to see some murals too! Sidewalks There are so many places we need sidewalks. I know you must be working on this, but to me safe connectivity throughout our city is an important use of public space!</p>	<p>Yes</p>

Again, visiting the round rock is a dangerous and unprotected walk, as is walking up Chisholm Trail Rd, until you get to sidewalks, as is getting from Round Rock HS to downtown. Just a few examples. We don't have a lot of public space, or just open vistas, as we allow for more development of land. Alas.	
Yes	Yes
Yes I believe there could be better use of Public development in busier, easily accessible areas such as Hester's crossing/ Louis henna area. There's too much fast food restaurants, nothing wholesome. The shopping center area around the Hester's crossing Provides opportunity for wholesome development	Yes
As we look at underused park land we need to make sure that improvements also allow for natural surface trail where users can feel the dirt under their feet.	Yes
The gap in the brushy creek trail to get the regional trail to downtown is a no brainer. I understand that there may be a challenge getting the right-of-way for it, but it could be huge for economic development and get people from Wilco and Cedar Park to enjoy the thriving downtown. Lots of trails in neighborhoods out west that could use it to ride a bike over	Yes
le: behind pioneer point in old settler.. there is a green Belt owned by the city.. The neighborhood could use a trail there.. instead it's unused.	Yes
The area across from RR High School has space for a recreation center for the west side of town. We voted the money for it, but of course since we are essentially the poor side of town now everything has to be built on the east side where it is new and shiny.	Yes
I wish when Freeman park was built, Power and water were installed, this could be utilized by people who use brushy creek trail and people who would like to use the park more for family events and a restroom facility would have been nice. Water coolers are not safe as people who want to do ill will could tamper with them, and harm unexpecting children.	Yes
Keep and add to the green spaces and parks, greenbelts, trails, etc. as much as possible. Don't let Round Rock turn into a concrete jungle like Dallas!	Yes
Would love to see the area all along the creek be updated especially near the bridge area off of Chisholm Trail and behind the old 620 Cafe, past the ROUND ROCK. Making it more of a destination spot for residents and visitors.	Yes
City should consider getting rid of public spaces through auctions: this would both increase revenue (and enable economic growth), decrease expenses (and enable economic growth), and let private developers to use the spaces in a way that enables economic growth.	No
More affordable housing with backyard and garages	No

<p>I fully support having common, public spaces but disagree with the premise that public spaces necessarily have to be developed and utilized. What's with the desire to push dirt around and put stuff on land. What's wrong with some trees, grass and nature? Those are the spaces that provide some counter balance to Round Rock's congested roadways and strip mall culture.</p>	<p>No</p>
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SAFETY QUESTIONS

Question: Do you feel safe in the following areas of the City? I feel safe...

Context: At the City's quadrant meetings in February and March 2019, 48% of polling respondents identified safety as an area of concern for Round Rock within the next ten years. These questions seek to clarify what respondents meant by safety.

Choices (respondents could select multiple answers): In my neighborhood during the day, In my neighborhood at night, In Downtown Round Rock, In public parks/on public trails, In commercial and retail areas, Other

Note: Percentages reflect the share of respondents that selected each answer; the sum of percentages will not equal 100%.

All Respondents		
Options	Count	Percent
In my neighborhood during the day	393	99%
In my neighborhood at night	344	87%
In Downtown Round Rock	320	81%
In public parks/on public trails	237	60%
In commercial and retail areas	295	74%
Other	27	7%
Total Responses	1616	
Total Respondents	397	

Registered Voters in Round Rock, TX		
Options	Count	Percent
In my neighborhood during the day	265	100%
In my neighborhood at night	234	88%
In Downtown Round Rock	219	82%
In public parks/on public trails	158	59%
In commercial and retail areas	201	76%
Other	15	6%
Total Responses	1092	
Total Respondents	266	

Live in Round Rock, TX - Self-reported		
Options	Count	Percent
In my neighborhood during the day	381	99%
In my neighborhood at night	332	86%
In Downtown Round Rock	307	80%
In public parks/on public trails	228	59%
In commercial and retail areas	283	74%
Other	27	7%
Total Responses	1558	
Total Respondents	384	

COMMENTS

Comment	Answer Selected
I generally feel safe in Round Rock. I feel safe on the trails but am on them during the day. I wouldn't go at night without a friend, but I use that level of caution anywhere - not just Round Rock.	In my neighborhood during the day, In my neighborhood at night, In Downtown Round Rock, In commercial and retail areas
More affordable housing with backyard and garages	In my neighborhood during the day, In my neighborhood at night, In Downtown Round Rock, In public parks/on public trails, In commercial and retail areas, Other
I had an experience at one of Round Rock's parks. I was followed in the park in broad daylight by a man, there could have been two, because I saw the two men together, but I noticed one following me. I got away. I think there should be more police presence in parks and trails. There are a lot of people that like to exercise at the parks and trails especially women and they should feel safe when they go for a run alone.	In my neighborhood during the day, In my neighborhood at night, In Downtown Round Rock, In commercial and retail areas

<p>I feel save during the daytime in many commercial/retail areas. I am less comfortable in spaces along the interstate. And a lot of commercial hugs the interstate. I worked in retail on the interstate, in ROund Rock, and vagrants would sometimes great us in the morning. And, we have heard of increases of crime in the shopping centers along 79 and IH 35.</p>	<p>In my neighborhood during the day, In my neighborhood at night, In Downtown Round Rock</p>
<p>I feel generally safe using the public trails in the city, and I very happy to live near several that are walking distance or a short drive away. However, I'd like to see some emergency call boxes, like they have on university campuses, along some areas. I'd also like to visibly see Round Rock police on bicycles/horses/foot etc. make appearances every so often on these trails, particularly in the early morning/early evening, so folks on the trails who may have bad intentions or who are acting inappropriately are aware that they patrol the area regularly. For example of inappropriateness, I was walking on the bike/walking trail near Play For All Abilities park with a friend around 10 am on a Saturday morning,. When we entered the tunnel to walk under AW Grimes, we came upon a young man who was lurking in the tunnel smoking, and he had a can of beer wedged in the wall behind him. Why was he drinking and smoking so close to a children's park? That's inappropriate. Why was he lurking in that tunnel where it was hard to see him until you were very close to him? That's inappropriate. If I were walking alone I would have been afraid to continue into the tunnel by myself even though it was broad daylight. FYI, I did call non-emergency RR police to report the incident and hope it was investigated.</p>	<p>In my neighborhood during the day, In my neighborhood at night, In Downtown Round Rock, In public parks/on public trails, In commercial and retail areas</p>
<p>Generally, I feel safe. It has nothing to do with police presence. in fact I wish that cops would go to precinct stations, which we obviously do not have, and stay there until called. Also, I would prefer not to have speed traps anywhere at any time. Speed traps would be impossible if the cops stayed in their precincts until called. Speed traps are just one of many reasons I want the cops to stay off the roads until called. Patrols are a military thing. I know that cops think that they are in the military but they are not.</p>	<p>In my neighborhood during the day, In my neighborhood at night, In Downtown Round Rock, In public parks/on public trails, In commercial and retail areas, Other</p>

Question: What should the City do to address safety as we grow?

Context: At the City's quadrant meetings in February and March 2019, 48% of polling respondents identified safety as an area of concern for Round Rock within the next ten years. These questions seek to clarify what respondents meant by safety.

Choices: Open-ended

RESPONSES (216)

1.Limit high density housing 2. Work directly with DHS and ICE to remove illegal aliens, their sex and drug trafficking 3. Limit/abolish Section 8 and low cost housing
Need to be good about lighting places where people who walk and bike interact with cars or intersect each other. This is crucial as 75% of pedestrian deaths occur in dark conditions
Population density grows crime and neighborhood problems Exponentially We need to stop building high density apartments at once, Our city is maxed out now
I still feel safe in our city. As we grow. I believe increasing technology to deter crime would be helpful. When crime happens in downtown RR, the #1 question I get asked is if I have cameras to cover that parking lot. The answer is no. I only have camera to cover my business, it doesn't extend to other public areas.
Stop making Round Rock into Austin! No to affordable housing...trailer parks and more apartments!
When creating walk-able areas ensure that they're well lit and well maintained. Maybe look at installing Blue Light safety posts that call the police directly when activated in select areas.
Maintain police and fire coverage. Expand main roadways, stop blocking left turns with medians, fix traffic light timing.
Attract higher income average, prevent overcrowding / limit high density housing
More public involvement and outreach to educate and inform the population of dangers, hazards and laws. (ie. Fireworks laws in Round Rock are regularly ignored with the 'it's my yard and money, move if you don't like it' mentality.)
Traffic safety seems to be the major need as we grow. Too many accidents.
Slow growth. Reduce the number of cars on the road. Have plans and training for quick response to terrorist acts or active shooters. Encourage community policing, with frequent interactions with locals.
Less apartments
Maybe we should stop trying to compete with Austin and slow the growth. I raised my kids here. Planned on retiring in the house I raised them in. Won't happen. I have to move - 1 - because I can no longer afford it here. 2- the growth is going at an insane rate. Pushing out long time residents. Thanks city of Round Rock
keep staffing levels consistent with growth. Better lighting and improvements to walking and bike trails

Not call out the entire force on brown kids. When I see one high schooler sitting on the curb and four squad cars around it definitely shows that priorities are not being spent on actually being concerned about safety. All day long people run the red light at mcneil and oakridge, plenty of accidents. Never see any sort of law showing concern there.
Quit trying to make RR into Austin. Stop trying b to make Main Street like 6th in Austin.
We need more officers, better trained. Increased patrols and presence along side cutting edge up to date training will deter crime. Also, increased economic opportunity for low income residents. If people are able to work and earn a living wage they won't be out committing crimes. Raising the minimum wage for a city would be a boon to the economy as well as a crime fighting tool.
Don't have 4 or 5 police units show up at ever traffic stop. Do police work not act like an invading military.
Add more Police Officers and sub-stations, much like you have done with the Fire Department
Equip and maintain our police department with the appropriate number of officers and staff. Pay them well so as to retain good officers instead of them going elsewhere for more money.
Investigate home & auto burglary by taking fingerprints, gathering surveillance video from surrounding sources. Following up on leads, instead of just writing lame traffic tickets.
More public lighting
Add additional police patrols, Work on traffic congestion, Slow down racers on the AW Grimes speedway. Do something about the noise these race cars make on our roadways.
Make sure the police dep't stays well funded and enforcement allowed
Community policing
Patrol presence in parks and public venues
Keep our police force adequate for the population. Work with county law enforcement and adjoining cities to patrol and prosecute criminals. Keep sending the message.
Have more police or parks and rec presence on the Brushy Creek trail as well as emergency call boxes. If there was some way to budget cameras that would be amazing.
Continue with first class law enforcement & safe streets.
Worry more about speeding and crime instead of minor code enforcement violations. Branches being in someones yard should not be more important than the safety of citizens.
Analitics to determine where and when police, fire and medical units are most needed rather than just targeting population density.
Add variety of police units, like bicycle units to patrol neighborhoods, street patrols in dense areas like downtown or the outlet mall.
Police substations and cameras in piublic areas
Roads. Rational placement if new development. I'm sure Kalahari will being lots of money but the location chosen was less than ideal. Traffic is already bad on 79, Kalahari will only make it worse
Allow more growth by allowing denser development and mass development. Mix use should be encourage. Allow mother-in-law houses or apartments on larger lots.

continue to be VERY tough on crime and criminals
more police substations in each area of the city
Build more public roadways
Improved traffic flow, reduce crime
Encourage citizen participation, Neighborhood Watch, etc.
large police force
Add police to keep police ratio the same or better
...better sidewalks and better lighting... traffic management... focus on anti-bullying in schools (tougher policies, better training for teachers, school admin and students/parents)
I cannot comment until "safety" is defined.
Build a wall around Pflugerville
Require new developers to provide funding for police through tax or fees.
Increase police force proportionally to increase in population
Traffic, more lighting, more police patrols thru neighborhoods at night - since a lot of people's cars are getting broken into lately. Nip any type of gang activity in the bud before it expands.
1. Invest more in police-citizen engagement programs. 2. Train residents in neighborhood watch programs. 3. Offer more community programs in art, music, fitness - especially to for youth (ages 13-30).
Hire more police, fire and ems
Continue to hire more police officers and provide consistent patrols
There needs to be more police presence, emergency phones etc. in parks, even if police officers have to be on bikes. I was riding my bike home from work and it was between 5:30 and 6pm there was day light. I cut through a park (I used the park for road safety reasons and as a short cut) and a man followed me. I got away, but it was a very scary and traumatizing experience. I called the police when I got home and reported it. Parks are supposed to be safe and I did not feel safe, anything could have happened.
We don't have many street lights. At night the streets are dark and it's difficult to see your surroundings when driving or walking.
Invest in neighborhood watch programs
Increase fire..police..emt..in line with growth
more police. the RRPD does a great job, but will need more officers as growth happens. more frequent patrols in higher crime area neighborhoods, as well as more patrols in general areas as well.
Hire & train more public safety officers.
Enhance police department services. Continue to partner with RRISD. In fact, the county, city (mayor) should enforce that this relationship stands.

Plan for traffic, have necessary infrastructure
That's the cops job
Increase Police officers
Keep it a priority
Education, spending money on our Police as well as community programs for afterschool
Ensure that there are proper programs to support the under served, lower income, and marginalized community.
Improve sidewalks, and lower speeds in neighborhoods.
Support the first responders (Sheriff, police, fire, EMS). Have even more involvement between all these groups and community.
Police presence.
Aggressive police enforcement of criminal laws and high visibility enforcement.
Manage traffic safety. Thanks for the new 4-way stop in Paloma Lake! Also, manage small time crime in our neighborhoods. Plan the US 79 area safely near the new resort location through the new baseball venue planned in Hutto.
Keep up with the Community Policing Program.
Hire more police personnel. Have more affordable after school, weekend, and summer offerings for kids, especially for the at-risk populations.
Slow growth.
more bike trails, prohibit open container and drinking on city streets. program to encourage immunizations, improved street lighting. continue to improve police, safety officer coverage with growing population. Ensure child safety in schools- guns, illegal drugs, bullying. Creating community spirit/ love of our community to reduce crime and vandalism
Provide properly trained police officers.
Hire more pice officers
Provide better access for pedestrians and bicycles. Concentrate on accident areas and have law enforcement actually do something when people are driving recklessly.
Better lighting in ALL neighborhoods. Sidewalks. Limit parking in neighborhoods to one side of the street. Enforce blocking people's driveways. Enforce no parking in front of mailboxes. Encourage neighborhood watch groups. Enforce mowing of greenbelts empty lors trim trees.
Lighting and sidewalks
Fix traffic problems you will have less road rage problems.
More city patrol, or at the least more city installed cameras.
community policing
Provide enough law enforcement - street lighting -
Safety begins in all aspects of the City from home, to school, to the public library, to public safety, to PARD, etc. Provide adequate police force personnel to compliment the growth.

Increase education for all schools, businesses, and public shopping areas in ABC (what to do in case of an intruder with guns, etc). Encourage positivity, community, & unity.
Set into motion processes to help revitalize our existing neighborhoods. The city started this process in the early 1990s. I would think the PD would have some good ideas as they have spent years in community policing and focusing there work in the various sectors of the city.
On street parking. It congests the streets impeding travel and has gotten way out of hand with broken derelict vehicles on the side of the road or homes with excessive accessory vehicles taking their primary parking so they park the vehicles on the street.
Citizen education and involvement on public safety issues
I think police officer presence is doing fine. Whenever I drive around Round Rock, I will see multiple police vehicles patrolling within a 5 minute drive. My main concern is for pedestrian safety, which can be improved with better street lighting and increasing visibility of pedestrian crosswalks. I would like to see flashing lights installed at crosswalks that are not at a traffic light.
More community and neighborhood events. The more people know one another the easier it is to spot when something is off. Lighting. Stressing that even if you feel safe, lock your vehicle, sheds, houses, etc. Communication about if you live in a MUD you need to contact county police.
Keep police staffing as a percentage of population increase. If crime goes up, tweak staffing up until stats stabilize.
More police surveillance
More police and more education and programs in schools
more community engagement with safety/emergency service providers
Require sidewalks and adequate lighting.
Have community events that involve safety personnel and citizens to bridge the gap between citizens and safety personnel.
Add more police officers patrolling areas of town. Foster good relationships with kids in school to make sure they don't head down that path of crime. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.
Increase Public Safety funding
More police hired
Walkable neighborhoods that encourage neighbors to be all up in each others business and mixed economic level neighborhoods.
Hire cops as you grow
keep infrastructure investments scaling with the growth.
Neighborhood watches
More police patrols; program where the city helps businesses install and maintain surveillance equipment; city installed/maintained cameras in higher risk public places like parks and downtown; city crime alert system where we can receive crime alerts on our mobile devices;

"community policing" where patrol officers literally walk around neighborhoods and interact with the community more
Maintain community policing
Lighting, education, community friendly police & fire departments; work with County to provide same.
Increase police force and patrols.
More police
have more police patrolling the streets, monitor stop sign use, control noise (loud cars and motorcycles)
More Police
Keep the schools good, keep the number of cops at recommended levels, make sex crimes a priority - let's not take 2 years or longer do a DNA test so a rapist can be prosecuted. Alternatively, allow women to open carry with out a license so we can take care of ourselves (and if a few odd men get accidentally shot, well, that's just the cost of not protecting women).
Street lighting! Round Rock is SO dark. There are not enough lights. Pedestrian bridges over high speed limit city roads such as A.W. Grimes. Well-lit paths and walkways connecting the central neighborhoods. Central neighborhood and business beautification.
Improve traffic flow
Hire more police officers and first responders.
Infrastructure and Police/Fire must keep up with growth.
Expanding PD.
In my neighborhood traffic has caused more injuries than anything else I have seen. Almost every week there is an accident where someone gets hurt. Put in more roundabouts. Outlaw six lanes at stop signs (fewer lanes or make it a traffic light). Look at the hard data for what actually causes people to get hurt and respond accordingly - not just what people feel will make them safer. These surveys are not cool if you are going to use them to make decisions on things that you have actual facts for.
More police officers and community involvement
Support schools, provide assistance for the poor and disabled, include diverse voices in decision making, ensure mental health and drug treatment services are available,
Consult with current police department on increase in safety issues.
Community policing. Maintain police presence/visibility, traffic enforcement. Effective lighting in public areas.
Increase Citizen Patrol, use student school patrols like other cities/states so kids can learn to start positive peer interactions before things get ugly. Work with the youth in schools NOW to create a city culture of Consent which will lower crime rates. If we improve the self-image of the current population we will reap huge benefits as new people enter.
Continue the relationships between the police and the community

more community communication
Continue SRO program with rrisd in order to provide all citizens high quality LEO protection
roadways
Increase funding in public safety. Increase the number of officers and targeted programs/units. Install security cameras along trails and other public area.
continue adding sudewalks for pedestrians as roads grow. you've been doing an awesome job!
Ensure ample budget for RRPD, Fire Dept, etc. Also it is critical to ensure an competitive wage to teachers to keep RRISD as a strong and high-ranking district as that will drive the community as a whole.
More gun regulation
Community policing, volunteer citizens, increased presence at events
Adding homeless shelters
Fund the police/fire/ems departments
Improve sidewalks and lighting. Support neighborhood volunteer patrols
Increase police presence and hire more officers
More lighting at all City property. Run off the prostitution and homeless wandering around McNeil Road and 35. Protect the children standing on the 35 access road waiting on a school bus that are coming from the Extended Stay. I've seen kids that look around 5 years old. They could be snatched! Physically paint directional arrows on the pavement. Some City signs are so small and placed in unnoticeable areas, that people literally are going straight in left turn only lanes or going straight in right turn only lanes - i.e., McNeil/35. Have your City workers smoke on their own time. Stop allowing them to ride around town in City vehicles with the window down smoking a cigarette. They look unprofessional and if you want to promote safety, look professional!
Stop letting bars take over our city. I'm tired of seeing inebriated people leaving bars. Trashy.
More/improved bicycle lanes on major roads(Red Bud, 79, Gattis). Better marked crosswalks and and trails that attache Brushy Creek trail to Downtown, Old Settlers park near Red Bud on the south side of 79, and to main trail along Hairy Mann Trail. More police support on the East side(Forest Creek areas), more lighting on major and arteries (Red Bud south) and on Brushy Creek Trail.
ensure the best police and fire departments in the state
More Police Officers, Camera's, Facial Recognition, Drones
This question seems too broad. Are we talking safety from crime, safety for vehicular or pedestrian traffic, pollution, flooding...?
Boycott the STAR tests or petition to abolish them. Allocate educational resources instead to character building programs from any early age.
Add enough elementary schools so that all children can walk. This increases the sense of hyper-local community. People are more likely to look out for neighbors they feel like they know.

Stop people texting and talking on the phone while driving. We have WAY too many distracted drivers.
create sense of felt accountability
Hire more officers
Increase police presence.
Provide additional funding for public safety that is relative to the proportion of population growth.
Continue to adequately fund police enforcement and mental health availability and units within law enforcement equipped and trained to deal with it.
Reduce low income housing, keep criminals out of area
More police presence
Slow your roll on growth. With more people and more cars on the road comes more safety issues.
Counter the NARCO gang influence in schools.
More police
Improve the roads so that there are less accidents.
There's lots of good research out there on what makes cities more safe. Research-based policies are good!
evaluate the call response times and call loads to determine proper deployment of resources and need for more officers
Improve lighting in all areas; improve schools; improve affordable recreational activities for residents of all ages; improve first responder capabilities; emphasize community policing methods.
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More available units out and about on patrols, (on foot and vehicular) visible to community to prevent crimes (more community presence) not just when called for emergency service,
stop building everywhere, keep some green and open space we paid big money to live here it's already too much traffic and too many construction going on everywhere
Ensure police staffing remains at required levels
Provide emergency services equitably across the city. Increase budget for additional police officers. Plan infrastructure to accommodate more traffic in developing new areas.
Increase police presence and visibility, keep trails safe with patrols and get after residents with their dog illegally off leash.
Round Rock should have enough men and women on the police force to accommodate the growing population. Also be sure that there is enough lighting on the streets for night time activity. Don't put up so many apartments that will attract h1b housing. Deport all the illegal aliens from the city as well as any homeless people that migrate from the city of Austin

fund public safety and citizen education on safety above the median of jurisdictions in the area. Innovate.
Make sure local Police Departments are generously funded, staffed, trained, and equipped.
More police patrol
S____, IDk, the whole dang police department showed up on my street, helicopter in the air, fire dept standing by, swat team, just for one young man unarmed on a roof after hitting his father. Whole neighborhood held hostage by PD for 5 hours. That is just WAY OVERKILL . We need to find s better way.
Regulate traffic!! We are not the Wild West anymore, so enforce the laws! Speeding, red light violations, running stop signs. It's gotten ridiculous. And quit building all these money-making shopping centers until the roads can actually support the increased traffic. Don't follow Austin's and build roads after the fact. You'll never catch up that way.
Make mental health resources more readily available, expand after school programs, have better lighting, have more police substations, and teach police about de-escalation tactics.
more police presence and enhanced safety to parks and trails
Add more police officers and patrols
Survey city properties that have unsafe access/egress and protect them with stoplights.
Well lighted neighborhoods , police presence, upscale homes, more of the arts, increased educational and employment opportunities.
Training for existing police. More officers.
No "affordable" housing
Keep adding police to keep a good ratio to population and crime rate.
Hire police officers.
Add more traffic cameras
not sure
Manage growth. Make developers foot the cost of the infrastructure and other needs they cause. If roads can't handle the development, don't approve the development. Make those creating growth foot the bill, not the taxpayers.
More police
1.Require better lighting in parking lots. More sidewalks along major routes including Hwy 79, Mays, Redbud, and Gattis School Rd. 2. More organized low-cost activities for teenagers, especially weekends, and summer evenings. [3. Maybe we should look to something other than alcohol sales for adult entertainment & increasing the city's tax revenue?]
More police
Address traffic issues in neighborhoods.
Avoid high density housing developments. Ensure a well-staffed police force that has time for positive community interactions, as well as the time to adequately address criminal issues.

Keep police presence hi but with a focus on community involvement and being “one of us” in an effort to avoid an us vs them mentality to grow between the police dept and citizens.
Traffic, traffic, traffic
Police should focus more on real crimes and less on pulling people over for broken lights or going 5mph over. Put the effort in to pull over the guy doing 30mph over weaving through traffic instead. Investigate reports of break ins and residential thefts.
Lighting, safe roads, crime prevention and response, social services for those in need
Hire more cops and have them patrolling neighborhoods and commercial areas frequently. People don't misbehave with a cop staring at them. Expand the number of lanes on the road (pick any and all, they all need it) to decrease traffic buildup and frustration.
Provide additional funding for the Police Department to expand on the street support and the addition of more employees within the community affairs/relations area. By doing so the community can continue to view the local Police Department as a partner and not someone to be afraid of. They have done an exceptional job in this area but as our City grows this area of support could do so much more if they had additional staff. As a City I would be focusing on this area in preparation of what an increase in population can bring to our area in terms of crime etc.
More police so that you don't have to pull SROs out of RRISD.
Find ways for neighbors to get to know each other. And to provide training for police officers in cultural awareness and awareness of mental health issues.
Annex police stations
More Police presence at schools and Universities. More Police routes to include county subdivisions. More police presence on open roadways where speeding is prevalent and unsafe. [McNeil, 79, & 1460/AW Grimes]
I feel Round Rock is safe because the legal system/courts are tough in Williamson County. The criminals don't want to get caught here. Keep it that way.
Monitor high traffic areas and areas that have an increase in traffic accidents. The area we are in has grown so fast that the streets are not keeping up with the traffic. 110 is going to be expanded but we now need a traffic light at Limmer and 110 with the new street addition.
Minimize or eliminate high density housing. Do not force developers to provide "Affordable Housing".
Support a national policy on sensible gun regulation.
Traffic, traffic, traffic. Better public transit will help.
Higher priced homes; less renters
Technology.
Police presence. Police involvement in communities. Well lit areas for walking, shopping & eating. When a crime is committed, follow through with punishment as allowed by the law. We want a community that is tough on offenders.
Limit population and development and strongly limit traffic and noise.

Increase size of police department and facilities.
DO NOT HAVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING! CRIME WILL RISE!
Clean up construction sites on road work and restore pavement markings and lighting
have more cops. crack down on traffic violations. ticket drivers who use phones while driving.
Allow neighborhoods to come together to crowd-fund private security services that are twice as effective at 1/3 the cost of public police. Then this amount should be deductible from property taxes. This is a wildly successful model as proven by this case study from Detroit. If it works there, that should tell you something: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r2IbjhV00as
Education of Citizens, to help expand Neighborhood Watch programs. Allow Citizens and or Neighborhood Leaders to work closer with the Police Dept so that clear lines of communication can be had, expectations can be set.
Maintain appropriate ratios of officers and firemen to residents.
Promote more citizen involvement in Neighborhood Watch groups. Promote more citizen involvement in police ride along and visits with Neighborhood Watch groups. Promote more fire safety awareness among students in the schools and in such venues as Neighborhood Watch groups. Promote education of citizens who are licensed weapons carry on the law, safe and legal weapons carry practices. Promote the formation of citizen weapons carry groups where the police officers can help with this education. Encourage the development of practice shooting ranges and use these as a venue for education on the carrying and use of firearms in safe and legal ways.
Reduce the number of people coming here. Stop it altogether is possible. The more people the more crime.
Increase neighborhood watches with active involvement from local police. I do like that I am seeing more motorcycle police.
Roads, roads roads. Expand 35 from Westinghouse through 45 to at least 5 lanes each way. Widen 1431 from 130 to Cedar Park to at least 4 lanes each way. Widen 79 from Hutto to 35 to at least 4 lanes each way. Widen 620 from 35 to 45 to at least 4 lanes each way. For all East/West thoroughfares, exchange stop lights for access ramps to move traffic along. Remove all at grade railroad crossings like redbud/79, mcneil/35, and 620/Chisholm trail. Put in metered freeway on ramps. Close either the SB35 on ramp at 620 or the SB off ramp for Hester's Crossing.

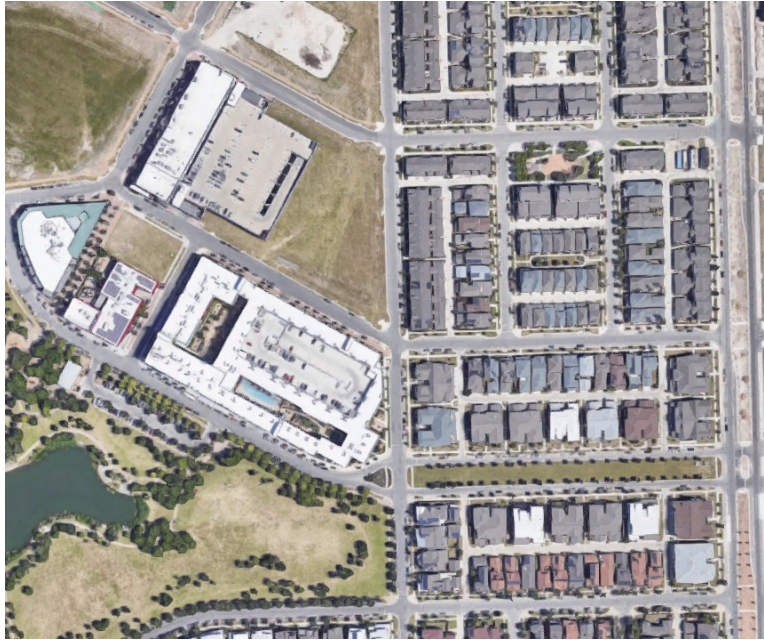
GROWTH QUESTIONS

Question: Based on the photos provided in the background for the question, which type of mixed use development do you prefer?

Context: A nearby example of mixed use development is Mueller in Austin, which is located just east of IH 35 and Airport Boulevard. Mueller contains all forms of residential housing, including single-family homes, duplexes, fourplexes, townhomes, and multifamily apartments built in close proximity to retail, restaurant, and entertainment destinations in a pedestrian- and bike-friendly setting. Buildings are typically between two and four stories tall.



(Mueller residential)



(Mueller residential and commercial)

An example of mixed use development on the taller and denser end of the spectrum is The Domain in Austin, which is located between North Loop 1 (Mopac) and Burnet Road, north of Braker Lane. It contains several multifamily apartment buildings up to five stories in height, many of which have retail and restaurant space on the ground floor, as well as other buildings eight to twelve stories in height which contain larger office tenants and hotels.



(The Domain)

Choices: Open-ended

Response	Count
Mueller	94
Domain	41
Both	11
Total	146

Data was categorized and tallied to produce the table above. The table excludes 106 non-conforming responses that did not specify either Mueller or the Domain. These comments are included below.

NON-CONFORMING RESPONSES (106)

One of the reasons I moved to Round Rock was because of its small town feel in a city setting. I don't believe these plans reflect that. Too much city, not enough green space.
No pics seen
No buildings above 3 stories when on a higher elevation and no more than 4 when at a low elevation. No commercial above 3 stories
Any that will include affordable housing.
I like a live, work, play concept. Where people can work within walking or biking distance of where they live. Also community areas where team sports or family activities can be enjoyed.
none
Residential
No photos shown.
REIT
Retail, office spaces and affordable living places.
Mueller may serve as a good example. The Domain already exists and is within easy driving distance. Building another one would not add much to the value of living in Round Rock, and as other commenters have stated, may in fact detract from it.
Let the marketplace decide. Government micromanagement is one of the few things that could hurt Round Rock.
None of the above!!!!!! Again, my answer is not listed.
I honestly prefer the small town feel. If it want a bigger city feel, I can drive into Austin. The Domain isn't that far away.
I'm not sure what the solution is, however we seem to be on the right road questioning how we develop. I won't be here probably beyond 20 years or so, so maybe the young people who will have to live with what is being discussed today and should have opportunities for input. My two kids really like the idea of their future not depending on driving a car. So, I think whatever it takes to live, whether that be work, food, exercise, and entertainment, be very close by, either within walking distance, or require very little public transit.

what photos?
What photos?
I like the idea of green spaces. The Domain is nice for shopping, but lacks the nature component which I prefer.
Residential only.
Absolutely not. Residential areas should be just that- residential. I don't want traffic and vagrants that hang around commercial areas near me in any way, shape or form. I paid good money to live in a particular neighborhood with particular demographics, and I'll be damned if I let this city reconfigure it out from underneath me. Get your butt back to the drawing board and stop looking at that hellhole named Austin for inspiration.
I think there should be a mixture of solar, wind, gas, and water power.
Park and live
I want to keep the small town, family oriented feel. Not a fan of the Domain. It's too big and crowded
Can see pics
light density - not rows and rows of it but just individual buildings on one lot with mixed use
None
I don't care for either the first example Mueller is a perfect example of gentrification of an area that used to be occupied by minorities as a 2nd generation Texan and former Austin resident the area has been ruined. Second to have duplexes, multiplexes, townhomes and single family homes all in one area will only bring low income and H1b housing. the second example which is the domain will only work if the well too do or those who have the financial means to live in that area which is not really diverse.
None of them, they're all too dense
mixed use communities
mixed use has promise, but it can't be held captive by developer profit dreams.
No photos
We don't need to tear up all the open land in favor of building out all over the place. We don't have to be one big concrete jungle from San Antonio to Dallas to Houston.
Can't see photo
None
I'm sorry, I do not see any picture or access to them in this poll on my phone.
Retail and entertainment center with public transportation hub to help move people in and out
I support mixed-use developments that include housing affordable on the median income provided by the commercial occupants.
No picture for reference.
None - More trees - more trails - more water - environmentally friendly - keep small town feel - promote family
Christian faith events.

These photos look horrible. I hope Round Rock doesn't start building such high density mixed use development. Please keep Round Rock green and livable.
I do not mind either.
Retail stores,
Low rise shops with living space above, lots of parks and greenspace and public amenities like tennis courts, swimming pools and playgrounds
I don't know
I think round rock is on the brink of too much development. More housing, more industry, means more people and traffic. Threat of losing small town feel we moved here for.
Retail, restaurant, and entertainment
Neither. These are high density/major city feeling that is not consistent with Round Rock and benefits of living here. They take enormous amounts of land that need an integrated transportation alternatives (non car) that does not work in a City like Round Rock or the Austin area. These developments will place a large demand on existing infrastructure without a lot of benefit to the residents.
What photo?
Affordable houseing lots and lots of affordable housing for families. With backyard & all. A 3bed house shouldn't be 1,500 + for rent.
Green space is and will be more important than close shopping options. Pick better options with lots of green space, developed and natural with some trails.
Mixed use shopping centers
Broadway, theater, concerts, performing arts.
That is NOT my kind of living area. Austin too much wants to become a North East US style uber urban area. Not for me!
Neither
Single family
These are all so fake - Mueller is like a fake small town for rich people - why put city resources towards something where only the very rich can live and pretend they are enjoying a small town life. The Domain is a fake downtown. We have a real one. Lets make the most of that.
What photo ?
Neither. Round Rock should abstain from the mistakes of Mueller and the Domain.
Single family homes and duplexes
No reason to do mixed use, just build as much office space as possible to enable economic growth, and everything else will come.
I see so many empty store fronts in existing shopping areas, I'm not sure we need any more. Additionally, our current infrastructure can't support any more traffic volume.
development with ease of access, not damaging flora and fauna of the land.
Meuller Residential & Domain

"... duplexes, fourplexes, townhomes, and multifamily apartments built in close proximity to retail, restaurant, and entertainment destinations in a pedestrian- and bike-friendly setting. " All of this, no. We need houses, the proper housing. Round Rock NEEDS to stay a medium town sized feeling. Not everything needs to be like the Domain. That place is a mess and always crowded. One of the reasons we moved to Round Rock was the space. We need to keep that space open. Keep businesses to the out-skirts of the town. Get a whole foods down here, help cut down on traffic with better road access. Do not do mixed development. Putting in duplexes, fourplexes, townhomes, and multifamily apartments lowers the value of the houses around, and increases the taxes for property. Stop building those and build affordable houses. Build some 2 bed 2 baths, small places for the just-starting person/family. Give them a chance to set their feet. Get rid of these torn down/run-down apartments that arent maintained by their landlords. Condemn those. Give people a better option for living, that used to be the staple of Round Rock.
Small
Love the idea of mixed communities as long as there are offering of reasonable housing for all residents needs.
I prefer the small town feel of old Round Rock and dislike either development plan.
Mixed use has its place, but needs to be well thought out and have proper access points to get in and out (Domain does a pretty good job of this). A high density center may make sense in Round Rock, as "secondary downtowns" seem to be a proven concept now and there is another one going up at Indigo Ridge. Walkability and transit connections to other dense areas or apartment complexes are a must if we want young people to buy in to it, who are using cars less and less until they have families at a later age
NONE!
Education, healthy leisure activities, long pedestrian mall areas to walk with family friendly store fronts (NO VAPING STORES or GAS STATIONS). Maybe Mueller apartment style living on top on one section so AS NOT to block skyline in a 360 fashion.
Development that helps to bring services to people, bring people together. Food establishments, coffee shops, dessert shops.
None; we are already packed too densely in Round Rock. Would like to see return of larger lots in developed neighborhoods.
zero lot line or court yard homes with grocery, pharmacy and bank close.
Please control the vertical growth and continue to include lots of green spaces.
Non! Keep that in Austin!
Mixed use development projects always mean high cost - places for rich people. I can't afford to shop in the Domain, why do I want to see a similar project in my own town? High rise projects are by the nature of their cost only suitable for high dollar housing. Again, why do I want to see more places that people like me (school teacher pay) could never in a million years afford. Austin has basically kicked out the middle class in the name of mixed use projects. I am adamantly opposed to them here in Round Rock.
Where is the option for "none of the above"?

Accessory Dwelling Unit
More trails and open space (with or without trees) for kids to explore and play unregimented play
Nothing like Mueller or the Domain. They create too much traffic, are overly expensive and would ruin the Round Rock feel.
Single family
We do not need a mixed use deveopment. Let's support locally-owned businesses instead of a glorified mall. Let's build affordable housing that is beautiful and ample for our residents to thrive and have dignified lives.
Shopping, restaurant housing
only saw 1 photo
What I like about mixed use developments is that amenities are within walking distance. I think that park land, open space and trails need to be a part of the requirement, humans need natural things in their living environment. One of my concerns about mixed use developments is getting a higher percentage of the people who live in the development to also work in the development to cut down on traffic. Will the wages at the shops be sufficient to support someone living in the nearby housing? Otherwise the density of housing and retail will cause more traffic in an area not less.
I have family and friends living in Mueller (none with children) - while this seems to be a trendy development model nowadays, the side streets are always full from parked cars with few places for visitors and obvious safety issues for pedestrians and drivers not aware that a scooter or car often is darting out from an intersection street, the pedestrian friendly shopping areas require paid parking to get there in their cars, and as it is "dog friendly" - the park on nice days and the small dog park on Mueller are overflowing with dogs and people..which of course will become worse as soon as the construction is done with the hotel complex on Mueller opens...the houses are crowded next to each other and the prices are absurdly expensive. This is exactly the opposite scenario of what I want in Round Rock. The Domain style with high rises and shopping is just as unappealing.
not sure
Definitely needs green spaces. I love in one of these mixed communities and I love the affordability but parking is always an issue. Common drives that have mini garages behind a row of town homes never offer enough space and causes an over flow onto the rest of the neighborhood.
The city should let developers build whatever they want. Citizen input is irrelevant - the property belongs to property owners, not to the city. Any attempt by the city to influence what gets built would be inappropriate, and damage the city's growth and prosperity in the long run.

Mixed use communities start series of events that lead to too many people per square foot and the overuse of our natural beauty in this area. If the goal is to provide convenience to residents, the focus should not be on how to get more people living nearer to shopping facilities, but instead how to get us from where we are now to the shopping locations we already have, without needing a car to do so. (A public transportation system) I have seen other comments about how we need to keep our residential areas residential and our business areas business. I live in a neighborhood that is watching residential properties turn into commercial zoning and the Kalahari Water Resort. Kalahari is a business park. It will benefit Round Rock tax payers That is great. We are losing the quaintness, and the 'country' feel of our city. That is what brought me here, and now we are looking to leave it. Turning once residential or farm property along the major transportation routes (i.e., Gattis School Road) into commercial is only going to increase the traffic issues surrounding our residences. If part of the argument to build the 'all-in-one' communities is to remove that issue, it only does so for those who live in, shop in and work in that community. How many residents of Mueller or the Domain live, work and shop there? I bet it is fewer than what was envisioned. If such a community is built in Round Rock, will the schools fed by it see renovations or will we be building more schools? Where will those be going? Will we be reacting to the numbers or proactively addressing this.
Mixed usage is fine for only downtown around Rock
I don't see any photos.
None keep let Austin be Austin let Round Rock be Round Rock. The teeming masses can move to budda
There are no photos
None
I do not want Round Rock to have much or any mixed used development. I moved to Round Rock to experience the small town family atmosphere. If I want mixed use, I will go to Austin.
I don't see any pictures.
Shopping and housing
Shopping and restaurants
The most crime ridden and disgusting areas of this city are ones with duplexes and fourplexes and the like. Apartment buildings do better for managing the property than those do. Further building of multi family buildings should be banned for any future development. Just take a drive down Hermitage and Rustlers if you want to see what the city should avoid doing.
is there not a "brownstone" option like in NYC and BOS or even Southlake, TX?
I think ANY type of home should be allowed. It is not the City's business to tell me what type of house or apartment I can live in. The only requirement should be that it is well maintained.
What photos?
Mixed use with with increased accommodation or adapted to those with limited visual or physical abilities. Meaning less stairs and barriers for full and open access to private and public walking pathways including full access to public transit.
tiny homes

Question: The most critical impact of projected growth in Round Rock is (select up to 3 responses):

Choices (respondents could select multiple answers): Cost of providing infrastructure, Alterations to the character of the City, Increased traffic and delays, Protection of natural environment, Housing affordability, Crime/safety

Note: Percentages reflect the share of respondents that selected each answer; the sum of percentages will not equal 100%.

All Respondents		
Options	Count	Percent
Cost of providing infrastructure	225	46%
Alterations to the character of the City	117	24%
Increased traffic and delays	390	80%
Protection of the natural environment	200	41%
Housing affordability	200	41%
Crime and safety	220	45%
Total Responses	1352	
Total Respondents	485	

Registered Voters in Round Rock, TX		
Options	Count	Percent
Cost of providing infrastructure	155	48%
Alterations to the character of the City	86	26%
Increased traffic and delays	265	82%
Protection of the natural environment	135	42%
Housing affordability	130	40%
Crime and safety	145	45%
Total Responses	916	
Total Respondents	325	

Live in Round Rock, TX - Self-reported		
Options	Count	Percent
Cost of providing infrastructure	215	46%
Alterations to the character of the City	114	24%
Increased traffic and delays	378	81%
Protection of the natural environment	195	42%
Housing affordability	193	41%
Crime and safety	215	46%
Total Responses	1310	
Total Respondents	469	

COMMENTS

Comment	Answer Selected
the local roads are already backed up multiple times a day and the access on/off 35 from 79 and old settlers are often a nightmare....the road usage has to be a priority - the traffic is WHY WE LEFT AUSTIN!	Cost of providing infrastructure, Alterations to the character of the City, Increased traffic and delays
I remained concerned We are bringing in literally thousands of new homes, I wonder where the water is going to come from, it's not unlimited here as everybody seems to think	Cost of providing infrastructure, Protection of natural environment, Crime and safety
Round Rock seems he'll bent to ruin itself over unbridled development. What's wrong with being a quiet town? It's already a different place than it was when I moved here seven years ago. I dread living here once Kalahari and The District are in full swing, and I've begun looking for quieter, slower paced towns to relocate to.	Alterations to the character of the City, Increased traffic and delays, Protection of natural environment
Basically, if you don't work at Dell, you can't afford to live in round rock anymore. I've lived here for my entire life, and now hat I'm starting a family of my own, we're going to have to move to afford to live. It's a shame.	Housing affordability
May I list protection of the natural environment three times to emphasize how important this is?	Increased traffic and delays, Protection of natural environment, Housing affordability
Over development means less affordability. I'm a renter and apartment rents are already getting more expensive every year	Increased traffic and delays, Housing affordability, Crime and safety

ENVIRONMENT QUESTIONS

Question: Should the City require developers to adhere to a certain standard of energy efficiency and natural resource conservation for new development projects?

Context: Conservation as a general term embraces the idea that natural resources should be protected. Reasons to support conservation measures range from economic to ecological. The City already implements conservation measures in a variety of ways:

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- City rebates are offered:
 - to purchase high efficiency clothes washers
 - to upgrade and/or install new components to increase the efficiency of irrigation systems
 - to purchase rain water collection barrels that capture water for a variety of non-potable uses (landscaping, car-washing, etc.)
- Trees of a certain size are protected during the development process and new landscaping is required, not just to ensure beautification but to reduce the heat island effect.



(example of tree conservation in University Oaks Shopping Center)

This question attempts to gauge your opinion about whether the City should pursue additional conservation measures beyond the ones described. Keep in mind that additional requirements may increase construction costs, which ultimately may be passed on to the home purchaser.

Choices: Yes or No

All Respondents		
Options	Count	Percent
Yes	683	88%
No	91	12%
Total	774	100%

Registered Voters in Round Rock, TX		
Options	Count	Percent
Yes	449	89%
No	58	11%
Total	507	100%

Live in Round Rock, TX-Self-reported		
Options	Count	Percent
Yes	661	88%
No	88	12%
Total	749	100%

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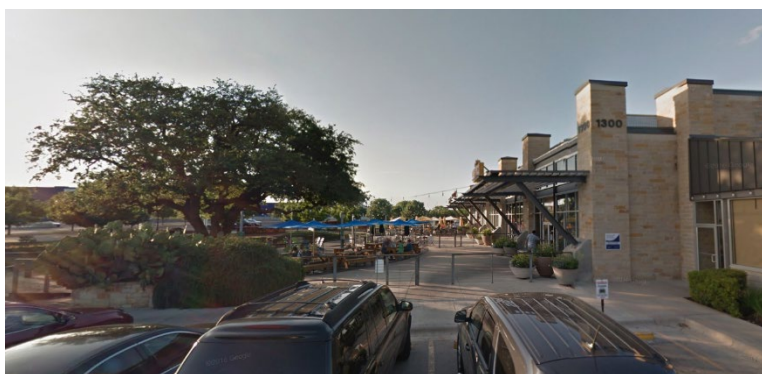
Comment	Answer Selected
Would be nice to have a local government say in how things are managed, but the developers and many legislators seem to have different ideas about what cities should do. I'm hoping for more conservation of open spaces and having trails in Round Rock rather than building more sports fields.	Yes
Hot water plumbing in houses waste water and energy by locating HW heaters so far from the point of uses.	Yes
I think the city should try to make gray water more accessible to reduce the strain on the water supply.	Yes
I believe all of these items are pertinent to the future. If we have the option to save resources , why wouldn't we? Our reclaim water system grows as well. This should be mandatory if you live within an area plumbed to do so.	Yes
Limit development so that much green space is left completely undeveloped, which will enhance the beauty and livability of our city. For those areas that will be developed, limit height and size of buildings and require that trees and wild places remain on the property.	Yes

Round rock needs more activities for our youth, more safe recreational centers with classes and activities that are both indoor and outdoor with easy access to them by all.	Yes
As long as it feasible for them to do so and can benefit the business.	Yes
One of Round Rock's nicknames is the Sports Capital of Texas. Why not become one of the leading areas for being green. Technology in building materials has come far. There are many ways that we can foster taking care of our plant - especially our little corner of it. From insulation (recycled jeans) to carpet (recycled tires) to irrigation (subsurface drip irrigation - minimizing evaporation) to roofing (addition of solar power or water collection systems) the ideas can be endless. We need to be creative.	Yes
Requiring new developments (residential, commercial & industrial) to include solar energy equipment as part of their design process would contribute to reducing our carbon footprint while making good use of the abundant sunshine we receive in a given year.	Yes
Contractors should also be required to plant twice as many trees as removed in the process. If no trees were removed, a minimum should be established (10 per 1/4 acre) in the planning of development of area to sustain air quality.	Yes
less gov't regulation, more free market.	No
Before we go down the rabbit hole of energy efficiency standards, let's make sure we know the pros and cons. I'm all for encouraging energy efficient appliances, but I am concerned that a lot of requirements will increase the cost of housing. So one noble goal is damaged by another. Second, solar power has huge inherent problems. Texas is too hot for effective use of solar panels and damaged, old or broken panels leak CADMIUM. This is a huge environmental problem and requires really clear and controlled disposal guidelines.	No
City should focus on managing its budget and let the market take care of the details.	No

Question: In what ways can the City facilitate conservation?

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All Respondents		
Options	Count	Percent
Preserve open space	321	79%
Conserve water	255	63%
Recycle/compost	277	68%
Improve energy efficiency	272	67%
Promote the use of environmentally-friendly building materials	219	54%
Preserve existing buildings	187	46%
Total Responses	1531	
Total Respondents	406	

Registered Voters in Round Rock, TX		
Options	Count	Percent
Preserve open space	213	79%
Conserve water	170	63%
Recycle/compost	181	67%
Improve energy efficiency	177	66%
Promote the use of environmentally-friendly building materials	136	51%
Preserve existing buildings	123	46%
Total Responses	1000	
Total Respondents	269	

Live in Round Rock, TX - Self-reported		
Options	Count	Percent
Preserve open space	312	79%
Conserve water	247	63%
Recycle/compost	268	68%
Improve energy efficiency	264	67%
Promote the use of environmentally-friendly building materials	213	54%
Preserve existing buildings	180	46%
Total Responses	1484	
Total Respondents	394	

COMMENTS

Comment	Answer Selected
None of the above: the city should not be in the business of facilitating conservation -- manage your budget and let the free market decide what kinds of conservation currently make sense.	Preserve open space, Conserve water, Recycle/compost, Improve energy efficiency, Promote the use of environmentally-friendly building materials, Preserve existing buildings
And slow growth.	Preserve open space, Conserve water, Recycle/compost, Improve energy efficiency, Promote the use of environmentally-friendly building materials
A city composting program would be fantastic! We would do it at home but don't have the space. We'd love to keep our food waste out of the land fill.	Preserve open space, Conserve water, Recycle/compost, Improve energy efficiency, Promote the use of environmentally-friendly building materials
We need a good place to recycle styrofoam versus driving down to Austin to recycle it.	Preserve open space, Conserve water, Recycle/compost, Promote the use of environmentally-friendly building materials, Preserve existing buildings
I would really like to see LESS bars, more boutiques, cafes. Improved parking on Mays as you approach Main Street.	Preserve open space, Preserve existing buildings
Yes, PRESERVE OPEN SPACE. Don't do what you did to Old Settlers Park, converting open space that was available to all into sports facilities from which residents are LOCKED OUT unless they're part of a revenue generating organized sports event. Our beautiful wildflower fields in that park are all being paved over to build more sports infrastructure to be enjoyed by a very few. I'd love to see what the monthly utility bills were for Old Settlers Park before and after all the horrendous lighting that's been installed, and which runs, whether needed or not, every night (and too many days). Stop destroying our city!	Preserve open space, Conserve water, Recycle/compost, Improve energy efficiency, Promote the use of environmentally-friendly building materials, Preserve existing buildings

I am very concerned that Round Rock is more concerned with "developing" our beautiful city that it is in preserving quality of life, which to me means, preserve and protect open, green spaces that will NEVER be developed and allows for safe habitat for wild animals; and strongly limiting traffic and noise. DO NOT overbuild Round Rock!	Preserve open space, Promote the use of environmentally-friendly building materials, Preserve existing buildings
If HOAs were not allowed to dictate that homeowners use water-guzzling grasses on the lawns and people could use their lawns for cared-for garden beds instead, water consumption could go down. Obviously untended beds in front yards would be treated as overgrown lawns are now, but seriously - ground covers that do not require mowing should be an equally viable option.	Preserve open space, Conserve water, Improve energy efficiency
Quit raising our property taxes!!! It's getting ridiculous. I pay more in taxes than my principle!	Preserve open space
Recycling does not good. It is more expensive to recycle than it is to start from scratch except for aluminum cans. In fact going green (recycling paper) is totally ridiculous. There are more trees now than there were 100 years ago. The lumber industry realized then that if they did not plant trees that they would run out of them to harvest. So, they did plant them with the express purpose of cutting them down later for paper and other wood related products. Part of the reason why forest fires have been so severe is the fact that the trees are not being harvested for consumption. Back to recycling-- 40% of whatever gets recycled gets thrown out anyway. Also, instead of being paid to recycle we pay for recycling. This is a double negative.	Preserve open space
Multifamily developments should be required to provide/promote recycling service in addition to other waste management. Many single-family neighborhoods have access to curbside recycling collection but multifamily developments have much higher density and waste generation in a similar size area as compared to single-family. Education/outreach about "clean" recycling needs to be expanded as most people do not seem to understand how "dirty" recycling can contaminate the entire stream and lead to recyclable materials being sent to the landfill. The City's program for periodically collecting bulk items curbside	Conserve water, Recycle/compost, Improve energy efficiency, Promote the use of environmentally-friendly building materials

is fantastic and I can only imagine how much illegal dumping/pollution is prevented by this offering.	
More affordable housing with backyard and garages	Conserve water