



City of Corpus Christi



# Uptown Corridors

## REVITALIZATION STRATEGY - STAPLES & LEOPARD

**PUBLIC SURVEY #2 SUMMARY**

January 10th to February 20th, 2022



## Survey Overview

The Public Survey #2 for Uptown Corridors Revitalization Strategy was open from January 10<sup>th</sup> through February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and offered in both English and Spanish. 134 people responded to the zone naming activity, 133 responded to the street elements, 101 responded to the rank the recommendations, and 103 responded to the demographic survey.

## Zone Naming Activity Summary

In this activity, the participants were asked to provide name ideas for identified zones (see figure 1, and 2), up vote the names they liked, and down vote the names they disliked. The top 4 names for each zone are summarized below based on the number of up-votes. For the full recommendation list, please see page 26.

### Zone 1 (Top 4 up votes)

Recommended Name	Up Votes
City Center, Corpus Christi City Center, CCCC, 4C	13
Uptown Centre	10
El Centro	7
Government Corridor	6

### Zone 2 (Top 4 up votes)

Recommended Name	Up Votes
The Skyline District	11
Pineda's Point, named after Spanish explorer Alonzo Alvarez de Pineda. in 1519, on the Roman Catholic Feast Day of Corpus Christi, Spanish explorer Alonzo Alvarez de Pineda discovered a lush semi-tropical bay on what is now the southern coast of Texas. The bay, and the City that later sprung up there, took the name of the feast day celebrating the "Body of Christ."	10
Would like this area to be known as Heritage Heights to highlight the rich cultural heritage and historical significance of the area.	9
Commerce District	8

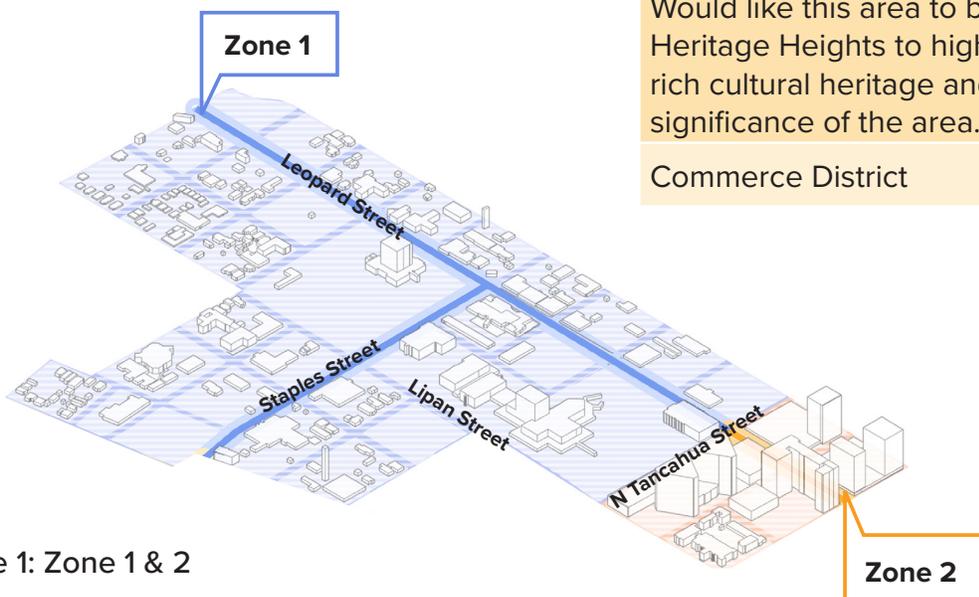


Figure 1: Zone 1 & 2

## Zone 3 (Top 4 up votes)

Recommended Name	Up Votes
Market Center / Mercado	20
Uptown Central	12
Market Square	9
Mid-City	9

## Zone 4 (Top 4 up votes)

Recommended Name	Up Votes
Six Points *	46
Union District/UD	20
Would like this area to be known as Heritage Heights to highlight the rich cultural heritage and historical significance of the area.	15
Cafe Corner	9

\* Totals include multiple suggestions for different formats of “Six Points”, including “6 points uptown” and “Why are you changing the name of this area? What’s wrong with 6 Points? That’s its historic name.”

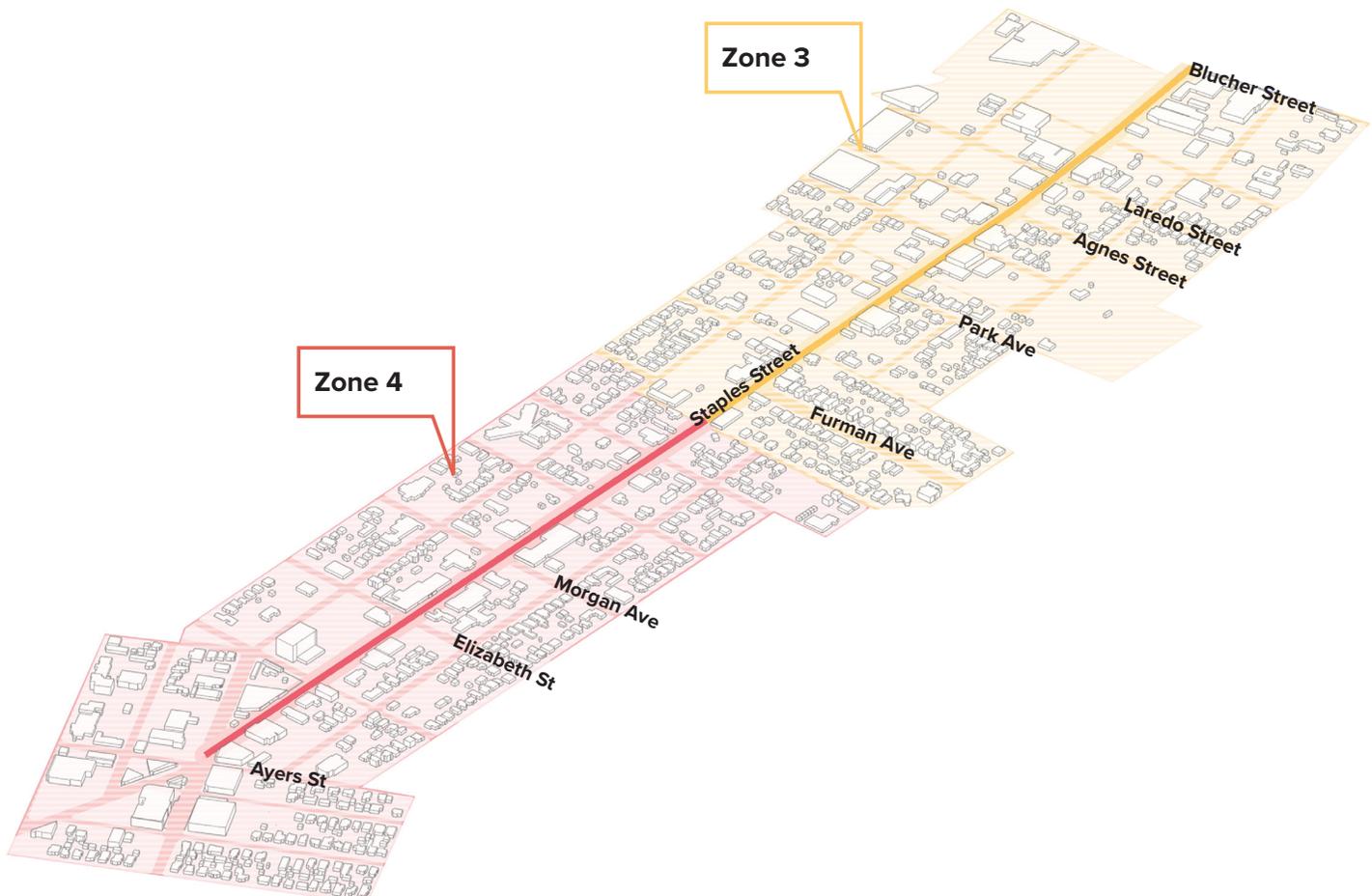
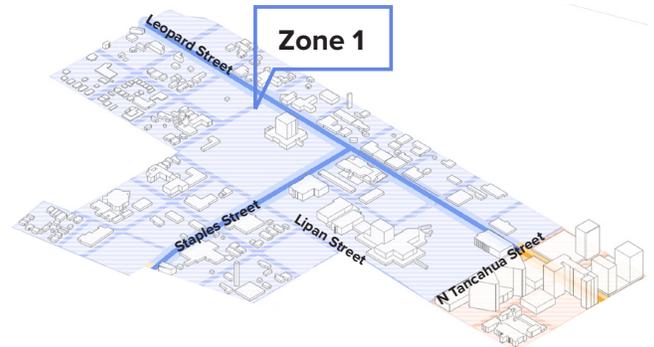


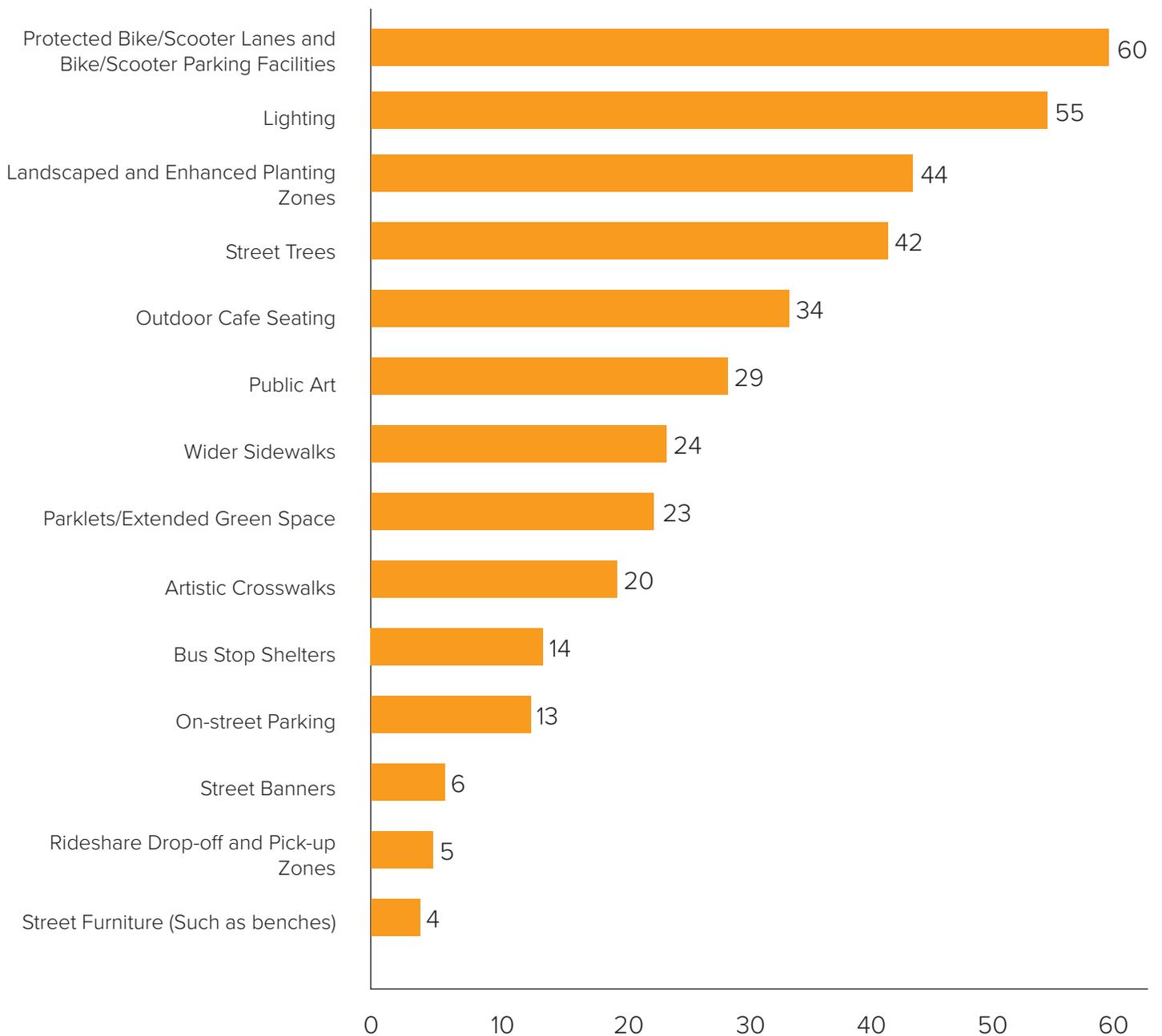
Figure 2: Zone 3 & 4

## Street Elements Summary

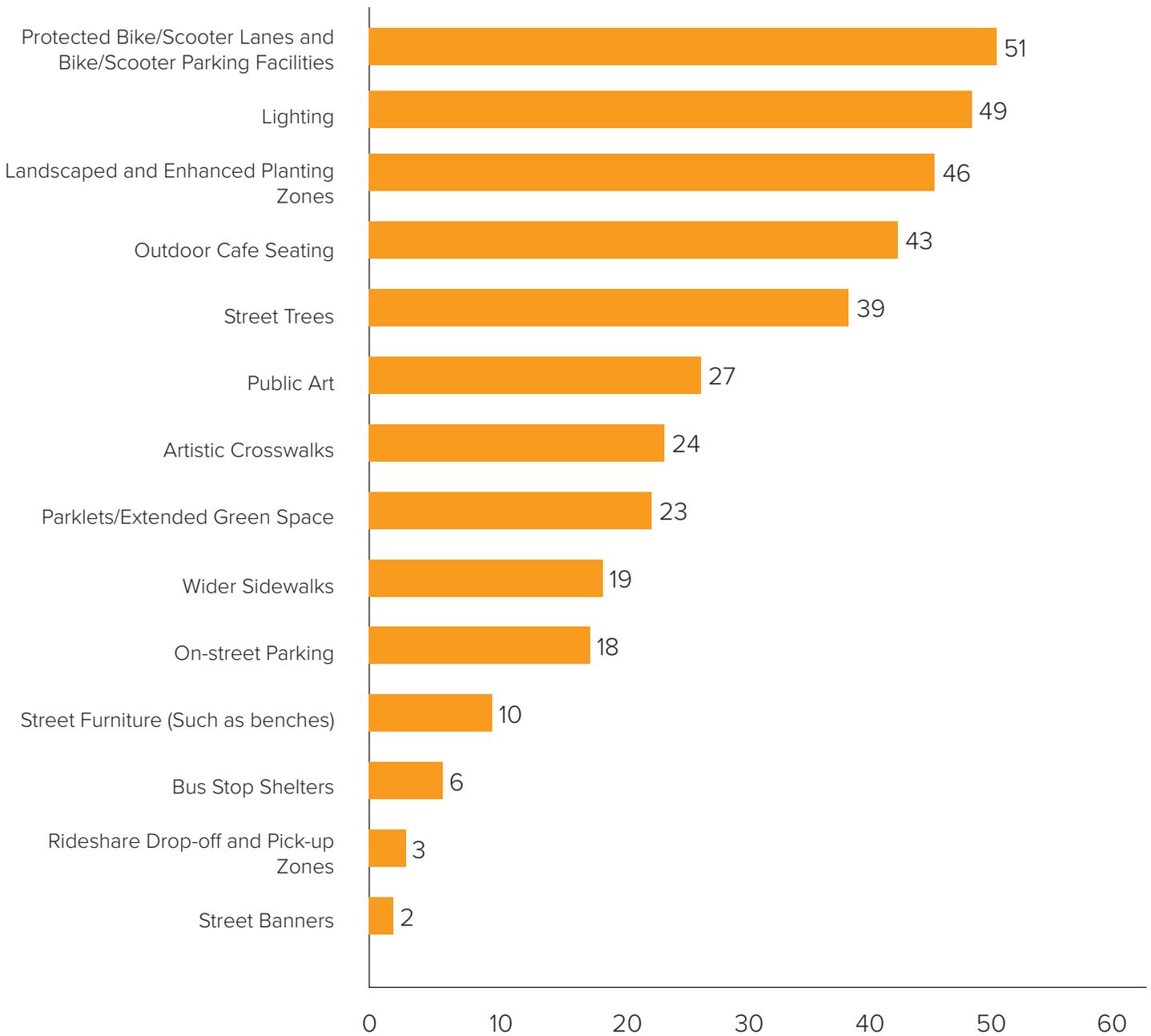
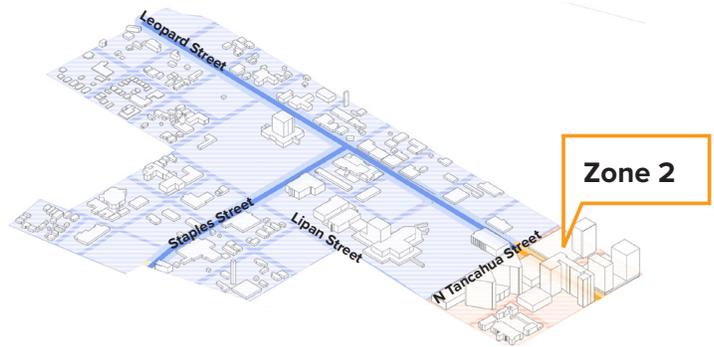
In this activity, the participants were asked to select street elements they were hoping to see for each identified character zone. There were 133 participants. Protected bike lanes, lighting, and landscaped and enhanced planting zones are the top 3 selections for Zones 1-3. Outdoor cafe seating also ranked high in Zones 2 and 4.



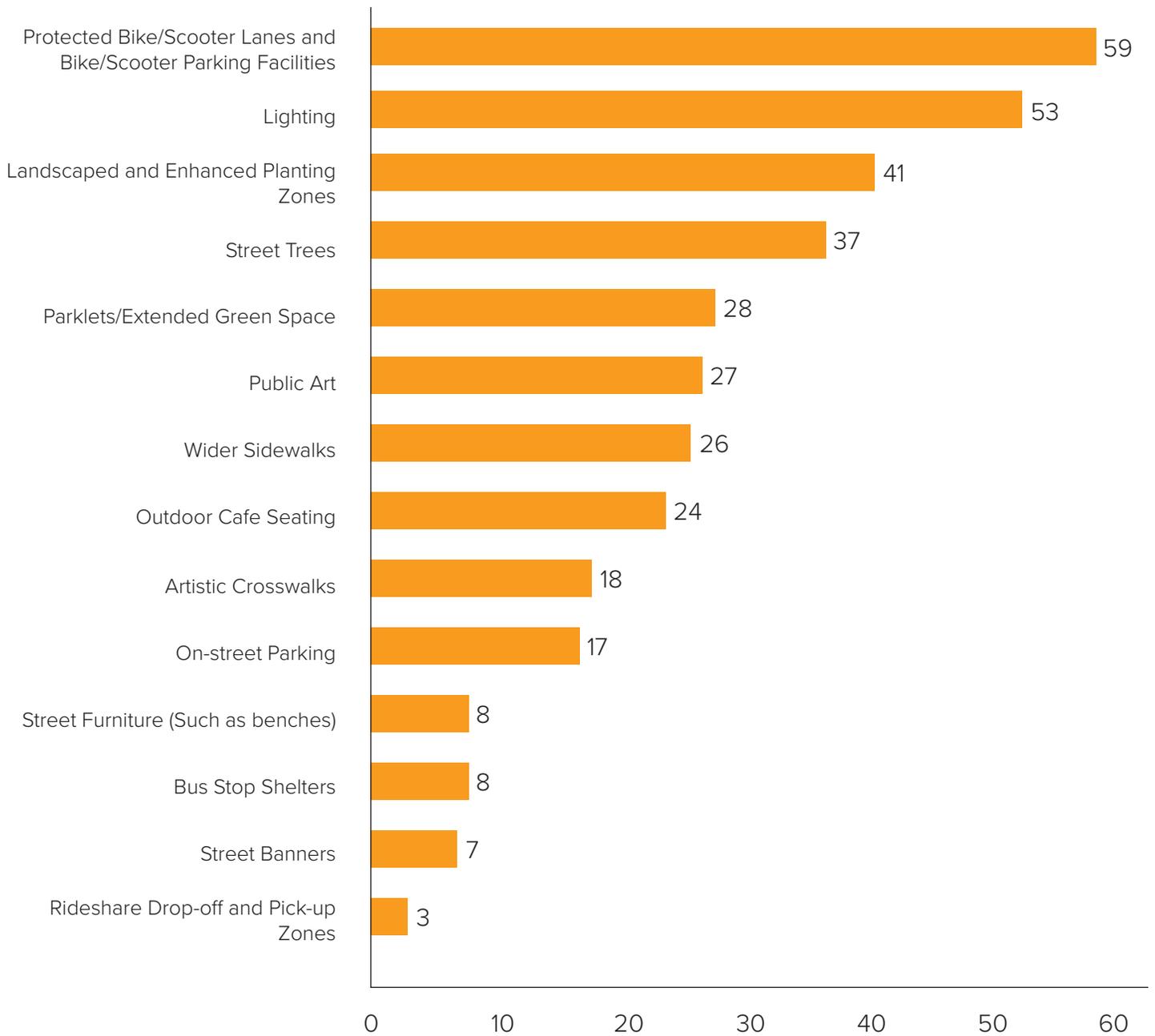
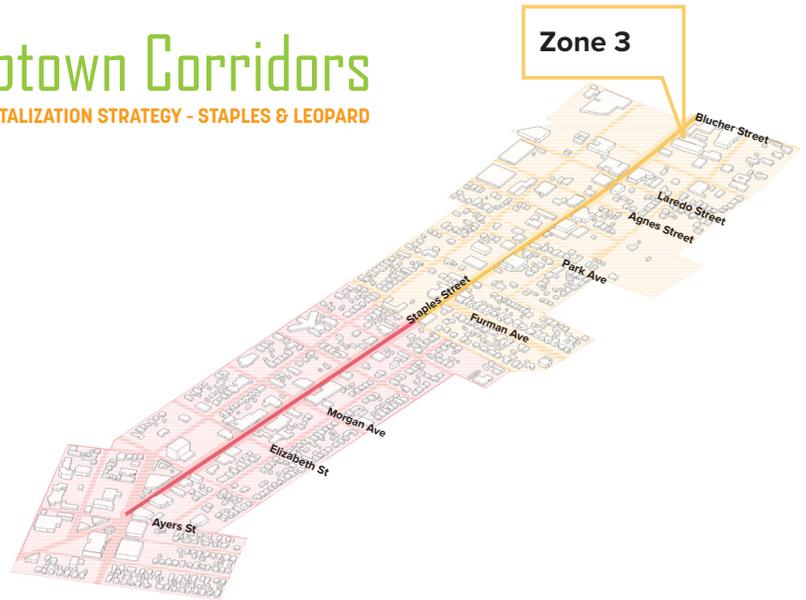
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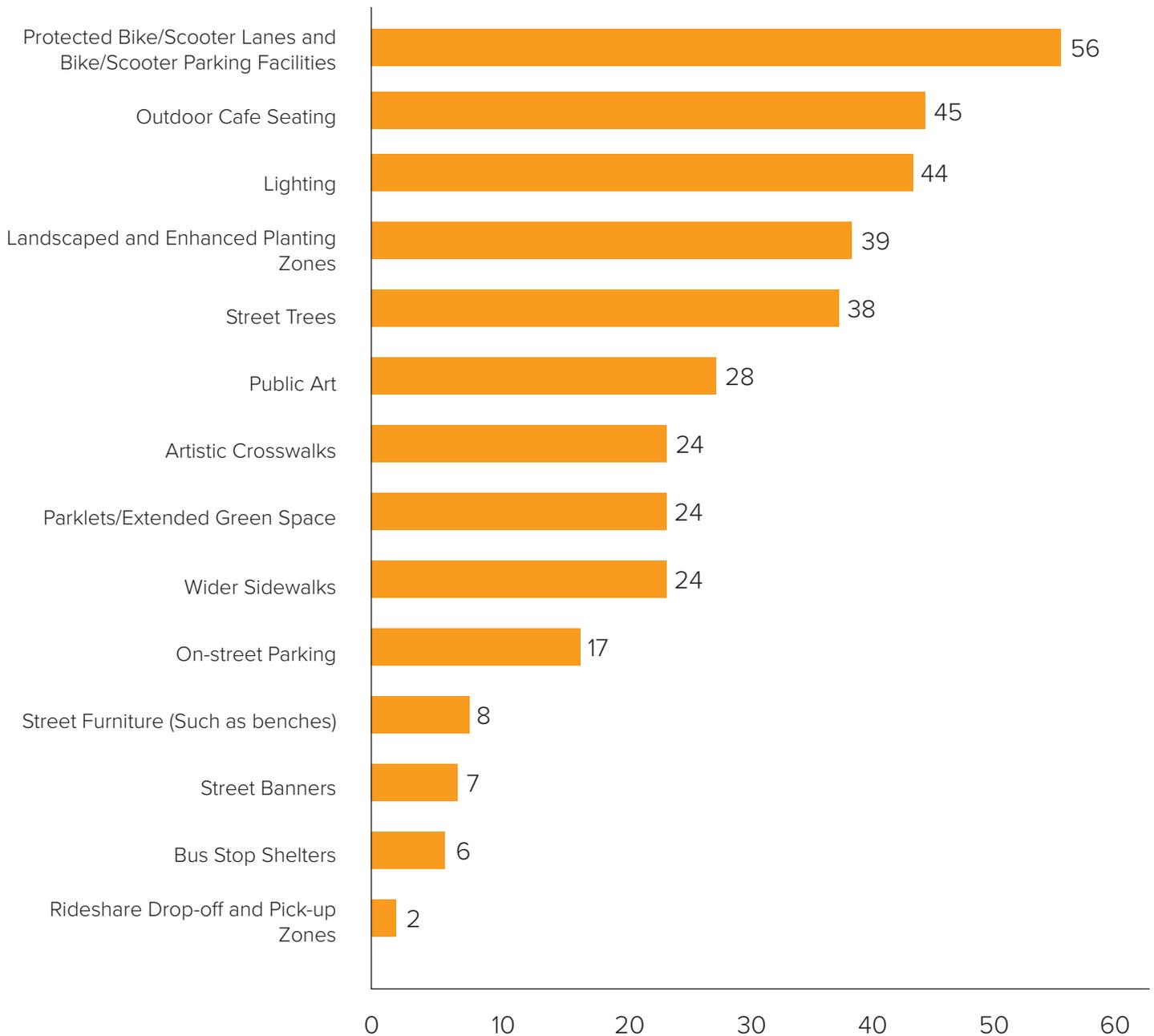
## Zone 2



## Zone 3



## Zone 4



## Rank the Recommendations

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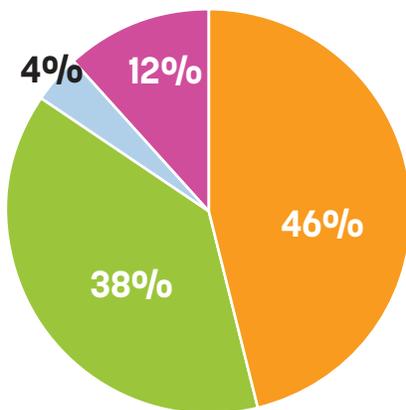
1. Evaluate selected recommendations by choosing strongly agree, agree, neutral, disagree, strongly disagree.
2. Select their top three recommendations based on their priorities.
3. Provide any other ideas that are not part of the recommendations.
4. Tell us what they like about the plan.
5. Tell us what is missing in the Concept Plan and provide additional feedback.

## Evaluate the Recommendations

Below are the results of recommendation evaluation. A majority of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with all recommendations. The strongest agreement was directed at reclaiming underutilized land for open space, the corridor redesign, introducing programs such as festivals, and developing robust urban design standards.

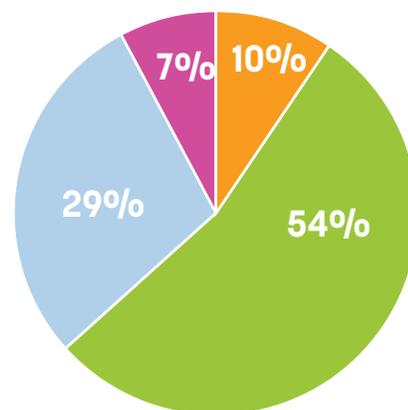
■ Strongly Agree    
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 ■ Disagree

**Recommendation: Redesign the corridors to support many transportation options and create street activities like outdoor restaurant seating.**



**84% Strongly Agree/Agree**

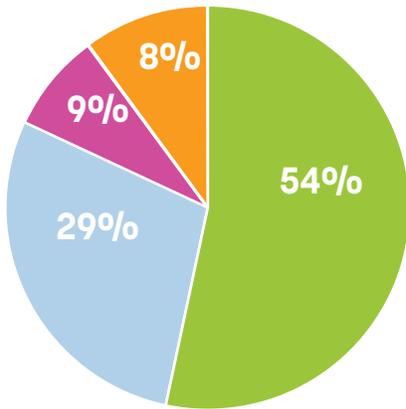
**Recommendation: Reclaim vacant land and unused road space to design new green spaces and plazas.**



**64% Strongly Agree/Agree**

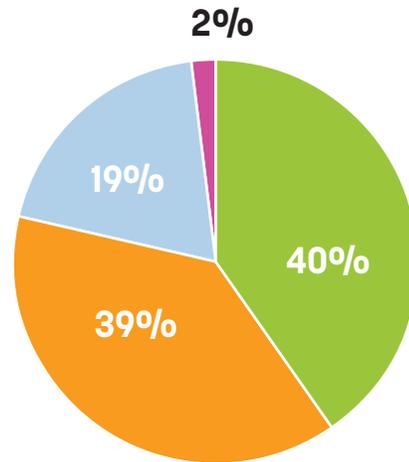
■ Strongly Agree    
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 ■ Disagree

**Recommendation:** Use short-term and long-term placemaking strategies to create district branding and an attractive urban environment, such as art installations, street banners, and business sign standards.



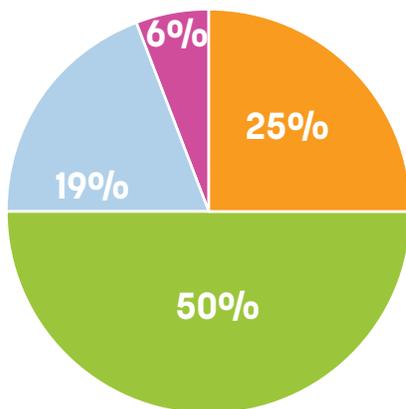
**62% Strongly Agree/Agree**

**Recommendation:** Create proactive communications regarding city goals and available incentives.



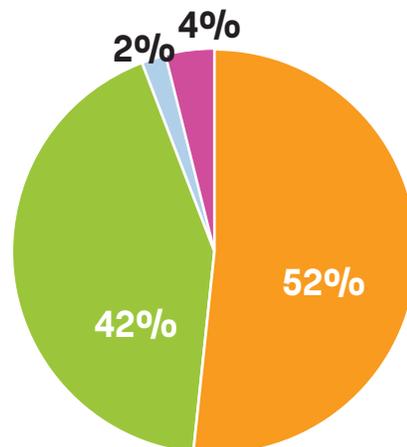
**79% Strongly Agree/Agree**

**Recommendation:** Update the Unified Development Code to include the urban design and land use regulations needed to implement the revitalization strategy.



**75% Strongly Agree/Agree**

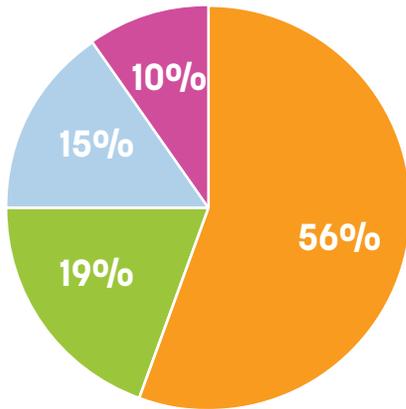
**Recommendation:** Create robust urban design standards to complement safe and vibrant street improvements for the corridors, such as sidewalk and crosswalk enhancements, street tree plantings, and shared parking strategies.



**94% Strongly Agree/Agree**

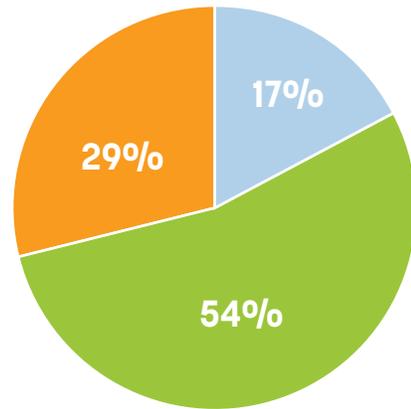
■ Strongly Agree   
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 ■ Neutral   
 ■ Disagree

**Recommendation: Activate the corridors by introducing programs of festivals, events, and tours.**



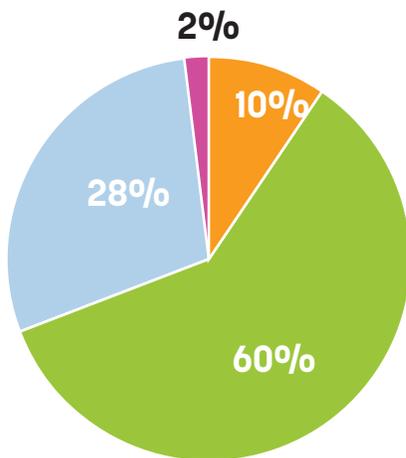
**75% Strongly Agree/Agree**

**Recommendation: Unify business by establishing coordination for economic development and corridor-wide branding.**



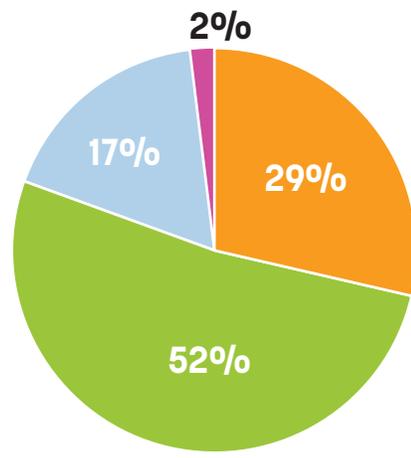
**83% Strongly Agree/Agree**

**Recommendation: Explore management and implementation strategies to help maintain the corridors and make them thrive, such as a merchant association, Public Improvement District, and/or Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ).**



**70% Strongly Agree/Agree**

**Recommendation: Identify programs and funding that help implementation and future maintenance, such as low-interest loans or grants to promote small business investments and building improvements along the corridors.**

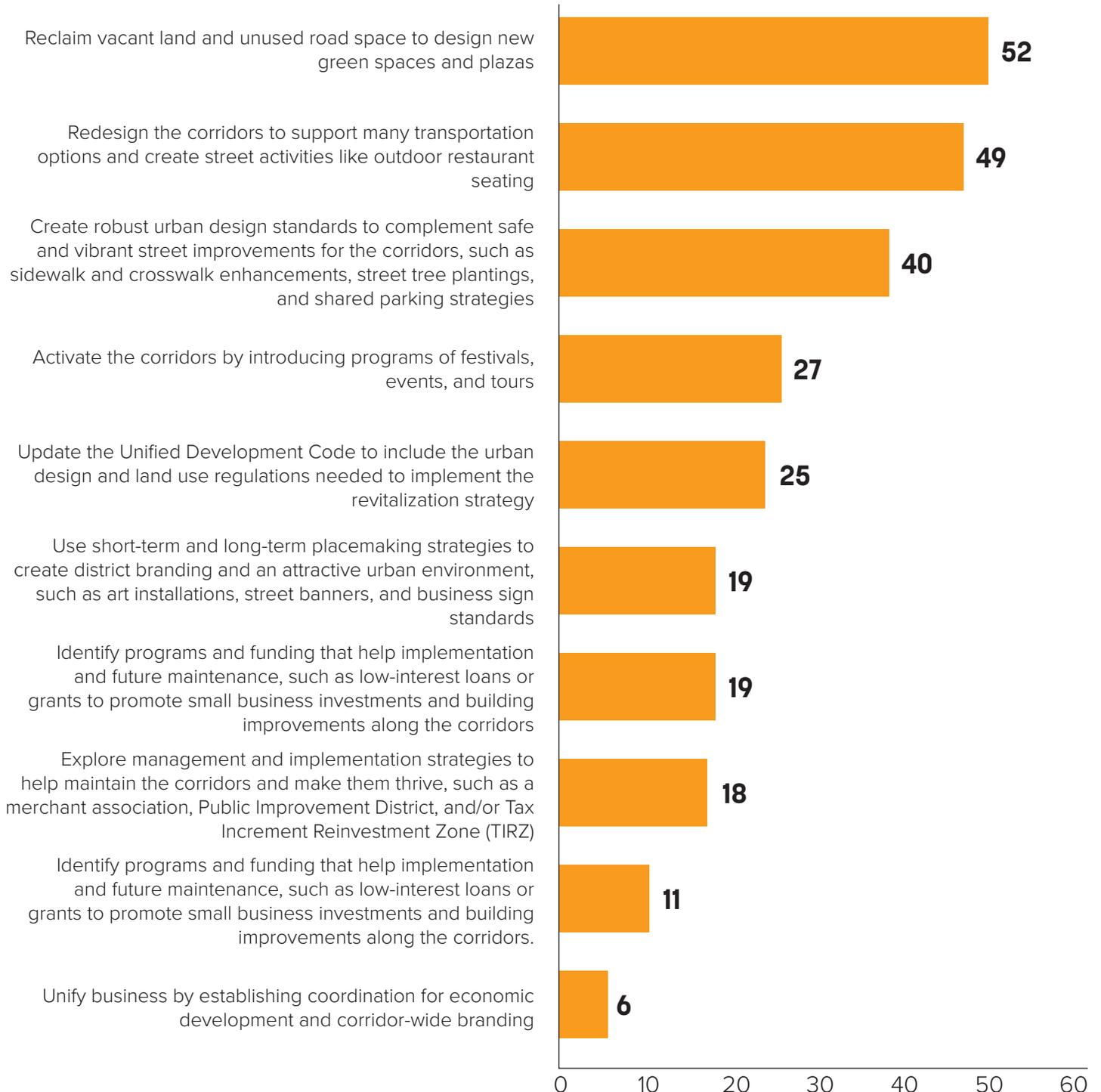


**81% Strongly Agree/Agree**

## Rank the TOP 3 Recommendations

This section summarizes the result of participants ranking their top three recommendations. The top 3 are:

- 1. Reclaim vacant land and unused road space to design new green spaces and plazas.**
- 2. Redesign the corridors to support many transportation options and create street activities like outdoor restaurant seating.**
- 3. Create robust urban design standards to complement safe and vibrant street improvements for the corridors, such as sidewalk and crosswalk enhancements, street tree plantings, and shared parking strategies.**



## Please provide any other ideas you feel aren't yet a part of the recommendations

This section summarizes other ideas provided by participants. Common themes include:

### Traffic/transportation:

1. Protected bike lane
2. Bus Rapid Transit Route

### Policy/Management:

1. Establish management entities for the development and maintenance
2. Incentives for businesses

### Green Space/Nature:

1. Restoring habitats
2. Protect and use native plants on the corridors

Below is a summary of all comments provided by participants:

### Traffic/Transportation

Change main intersection at Leopard and Staples into a roundabout and roundabouts down staples at existing intersections in the other zones; Roundabouts move traffic more efficiently and reduce the number of fatalities and serious-injury accidents. They work because of their safety record, their compatibility with the environment, their aesthetics and their ability to make it easier for pedestrians and bicyclists to navigate.

Consider members of the community that primarily use bicycles as their primary vehicle.

Further reduce road/lane width and implement traffic calming measures to reduce speeds and improve safety. Shut down car access to some streets to create safe, car-free zones. Implement a Bus Rapid Transit or, even better, Tram route with road priority along the entire Staples corridor to allow the entire area to be accessed without a vehicle. Remove and convert parking lots into parks, multi-use spaces.

I AM OPPOSED TO TAKING STAPLES STREET AND LEOPARD DOWN TO 2 LANES.

My main recommendation is to please add protected bike paths. We have none in the city.

Night safety patrols, EV charging

open trolley train for viewing and touring along the corridors

Please add bike paths.

Please add safe bike lanes

Please consider those in the community that may be disabled and/or who are not able to operate automobiles; and whose only means of conveyance are bicycles.

Protected bike paths now!

Staples St. BRT or Tram system. Elimination of on-street parking. Addition of traffic calming efforts (raised crosswalks, narrow travel lanes). Pedestrian supporting areas (car-free/vehicle-free boulevards) and non-road adjacent walk/bikeways. High density housing.

The Staples corridor could easily support a dedicated express bus route or tram. Eliminate on-street parking and reduce intersections/driveways. Further traffic calming such as narrower lanes, raised crosswalks. Separated bike lanes that don't follow streets. Reduce surface parking and relegate to off-corridor garages. Walkable, vehicle-free plazas/boulevards

We really need protected bike paths. We have none here .

"Protected bike paths need to be at the forefront of this strategy.

Many are unable to get a driver's license because of a medical condition but are perfectly able to ride a bike. Here is the official list! <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/medical-advisory-board/pdf/MABDriverLimitationGuide.pdf> This is the Guide for Determining Driver Limitation in Texas! A doctor can take away your license here for just having a personality disorder or a history of "drug use", very broad definitions and many conditions listed here!

Protected bike paths solve all the problems you mentioned in your presentation!

Job development! "A study noted that 11 jobs were created for every million dollars spent on protected bike paths. <https://peri.umass.edu/publication/item/427-pedestrian-and-bicycle-infrastructure-a-national-study-of-employment-impacts>"

Small business economy, a study of 12 cities around the world consistently showed that businesses boomed with the installation of bike paths."A neighborhood survey of 420 people on First and Second avenues in Manhattan's East Village, home to protected bike lanes, found that aggregate spending by non-drivers accounted for 95 percent of all retail spending in the area."

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-03-13/every-study-ever-conducted-on-the-impact-converting-street-parking-into-bike-lanes-has-on-businesses>

Marginalized people. Cycling is regularly linked to a "lower risk of cancer and heart disease," and biking infrastructure helps make cities more equitable, as many minority and low-income communities rely on bicycles as their main mode of transportation. The Chicago Tribune reported that the "biggest group of Americans who bike to work" are from "households that earn less than \$10,000." <https://www.eesi.org/articles/view/better-bike-infrastructure-improves-environmental-and-human-health>

This is also a matter of the health of our community!"

## Business/Activity

Definitely would like to see outdoor seating bars/cafes, have more kid friendly Bars/restaurants like san antonio has. An area like the Pearl would be nice. A place like Chicken N Pickle as well

Upgrading the uptown in urban style fits to the young crowd would be great, such as rooftop bars, open outdoor settings restaurants, coffee shops, markets, monthly events, farmers markets, spot/corner specific for food trucks, murals to attract tourists, maintaining the cleanliness atmosphere is a must!

We need a Starbucks or a local coffee shop uptown with a drive-thru (since parking is very limited uptown).

Zone 2 or 3 really need a grocery store. This is a food desert where many of the people who live here do not have reliable transportation. A grocery store in zone 2 or 3 would be a game-changer for the health of our neighborhood.

## Policy/Management

Promoting local democracy: Instead of merely permitting citizens to share ideas on a website, use an official city-wide referendum to elect recommendations via ranked-choice voting.

An actual Business Plan (with financials) should be required to operate. Businesses need to be viable. No more “I make the best \_\_\_\_\_, so I am going to sell them”. Actual business owners. Also allow space for police, banks, atm’s, workforce solutions, Del-Mar, TAMUCC etc. Look up “the Power of 10”... theory is there should be 10 different things to do at and one destination: Shop, eat, walk dog, bike ride, read a book, draw, listen to live music, do yoga, learn something, hear a speaker, garden...

I think if there were incentives for small businesses to open that provided neighborhood services like a cafe, small grocery shop, neighborhood eateries, an ice cream shop, postal service, the community in the area might be inclined to frequent the places more and thwart off the homeless population from loitering in public areas. A nice plaza that small markets can frequent monthly or host neighborhood events could also be of interest.

I think utilizing a TIRZ would be a great option for this area.

Its ridiculous that the city would even consider BURDENING the business’s here with a tax increase. As soon as you tax heavy industry then ill agree to a tax increase.

there should be no plans that require a tax increase or a bond that people are paying for since most of corpus christi’s people don’t go to the parts of town this is covering

## Green Space/Nature

Regarding restoring some habitat along the corridor, solicit recommendations from groups and citizens about optimal NATIVE species of grasses, shrubs, and trees.

Consider a citizen-driven wildscape maintenance program. I personally would be involved in tending the vegetation.

Incorporate Blucher Park (as a nature sanctuary) into the corridor. It is a place for folks to commune with nature and needs more positive energy from the city. It is within walking distance from City Hall and County Courthouse and folks from all over the country and the world come to this park to observe birds during migration. It is an overlooked gem and a remarkable urban nature sanctuary.

Keep in mind the sensitive bird habitat (and eco-tourism!) Blucher Park provides. Want to be sure that the conservation of this land is prioritized. Also, please use native South Texas plants in any City improvements.

Limit green spaces to native plants and trees to benefit native birds and pollinators, and demonstrate the significance of the area to annual migration patterns.

## Housing/Building

Allow flexibility in building use so that microbreweries, florists, cafes, food and beverage producers, wholesale and retail can be located as a cluster for a culinary district.

Planning for multifamily residential and possibly workforce housing.

Provide housing. Not just sec. 8 but develop residential neighborhoods. If you had people that own homes and live there things would change.

Renovate/restore historic buildings to bring a unique vista to CC.

Take some of the empty lots and put up nice apartments/condos.

## Street Furniture

Definitely would like to see outdoor seating bars/cafes, have more kid friendly Bars/restaurants like san antonio has. An area like the Pearl would be nice. A place like Chicken N Pickle as well

reinstall the historic streetlights that were in the median on Furman Ave which is the City's first parkway.

No modern contemporary public art...it is ugly and looks cheap and does not age well. Traditional classical architecture and art only. The people want beauty. People prefer 18th and 19th century design and travel to Europe and Charleston and Savannah for a reason. No more modern dystopian design.

## Homelessness

Implement plan to discourage homelessness in the staples leopard area.

Figure out better options for homeless and just released inmates. I'm not going to care what happens here if I don't feel safe for myself and my daughter coming downtown.

## Others

Increase police presence to root out illegal activity. We have new laws such as not sitting or laying on sidewalks but after 5 pm those laws are ignored.

"These are wonderful goals.

What are the plans to handle the huge amount of poverty located in the area?"

We support the businesses in this area. These business owners are pioneers!  
We will not go into this area after dark. Too dangerous"

"Incorporate historical attributes to celebrate a corridor that was once a thriving merchant hub in our local coastal bend economy.

The Leopard st / Staples st corridor was the main place to purchase goods and services in Corpus Christi for the first 5 decades of the 20th century. And still a mainstay of commerce up to the 1970's. Plenty of history and South Texas culture to show off to anybody who may travel through it."

## Tell us what you like about this Concept Plan?

### Comments

We live in Uptown on Furman. I like the greening of the area and using vacant land. We need to have infill and do something with vacant unused buildings. Some are dangerous and should be demolished.

Trees, parks, sidewalks, bike lanes, mixed use zoning.

This kind of thing works in other cities. Not sure our city officials have the vision or know how to make this happen. First fix the homeless and street problems.

The mix-use ideas of business, housing, and commerce. Open green spaces and wider sidewalks.

The ideas for making the areas more pedestrian-friendly and encouraging the use of outdoor spaces.

Stop talking about Austin. It's a great concept, but I wouldn't go (dare to go) to 6th Street/Congress with out my husband.

protected bike paths.

More trees and lights

Mixed use zoning. Trees and green spaces. Reduced traffic lanes.

Mixed use with bike lanes and green space.

Lots of ideas

It's amazing! Excited for it, and hoping for CONSISTENCY of growth and improvement!!!!

It needs bike paths.

It makes the community more liveable.

It is a start. Build it and they will come mentality applies here. Many great opportunities but it needs to be a safe and attractive environment for small businesses to want to invest here.

Inclusion of green space for wildlife and pets.

Improvement of a run down part of the city.

I think there is so much potential here, I'm so happy to see this!

I love this area of town and the idea in general of revitalizing it

I love the idea of redesigning the area to make it more beautiful and a place that everyone can enjoy. More parks, trees, shade and outdoor furniture will transform the space. I like the idea of 4 to 3 lane roads.

I love the idea of outside cafe style seating.

I liked all of the ideas and recommendations and it was hard to select the top 3 because I think they are all important components of bringing this area up to it's potential.

i like the plans to allow festivals and things like the valley allows in their areas.

I like the idea of the improvement and incentives. I think that the concept plan seems vague for what each zone will be designated for and since they are all in areas of town with high crime and homelessness it's hard to envision how the restructuring of businesses and landscape developments will plan out. I'm afraid that if nice artwork is installed to make the district artsy it will immediately become vandalized or new plazas and green spaces will quickly be overtaken by homeless people.

I like the idea of positive change to the district.

I like the idea of making it easier for local businesses to come into the area and be successful. I do not want to see corporations taint our uptown; keep it local, keep it real! I love the idea of protected bike paths. I would love to see the street parking on Staples transitioned to something more esthetically pleasing and sustainable.

I like that it is a step in the right direction and shows that the voice of the community is being considered.

I like that it is a plan! It is wonderful to see that we are being proactive.

I DO NOT LIKE TAKING STAPLES STREET AND LEOPARD STREET DOWN TO 2 LANES.

I am excited to see this project and the recommendations that will revitalize this corridor.

I am definitely ready to see this corridor improved and revived back to the enchanted area it once was.

Big dream is just to make this area feel walkable/bikeable.

## What is missing in our Concept Plan that you would like to see for Uptown Corridors?

In this section, the major comments include having protected bike paths, addressing homelessness, adding small parks, branding and advertising the corridors, and increasing safety while walking on the corridors.

### Traffic/Transportation

Traffic calming and bike- or pedestrian-first planning for streets. Raised crosswalks, non-road bike paths, car-free boulevards/plazas.

The use of roundabouts and a plan to discourage homelessness to the area is missing.

The Staples corridor could easily support a dedicated express bus route or tram. Eliminate on-street parking and reduce intersections/driveways. Further traffic calming such as narrower lanes, raised crosswalks. Separated bike lanes that don't follow streets. Reduce surface parking and relegate to off-corridor garages. Walkable, vehicle-free plazas/boulevards

Public transit options (Bus/Tram) built-in. Elimination of surface and on-street parking. High density mixed use development. Car-free zones.

Protected bike paths.

Protected bike paths that children, families and cautious cyclists can use.

Protected bike paths

Protected Bike Paths

Protected bike lanes

more stuff supporting alternate transportation modes should be taken into consideration on these things. this is all car related but what about people riding bikes/scooters which will become a better way to get around as corpus gets more and more people

Improving mobility and safety for pedestrians (residents and business goers) and recreationists (bikers, runners). Cross walks and improved visibility at intersections.

## Green Space/Nature

Some public space like a small park, or somewhere to sit with shade.

Maybe more pet friendly places like a dog park would be nice.

Keep in mind the sensitive bird habitat (and eco-tourism!) Blucher Park provides. Want to be sure that the conservation of this land is prioritized. Also, please use native South Texas plants in any City improvements.

## Policy/Management

Maintenance planning and up-keep initiatives.

Creating neighborhood empowerment plans is needed. Please speak to the people who live in these areas and take their situations into account. We do not want to see the zones gentrified where people who live here cannot afford to continue living in their lifelong homes. Zone 1 (or 3) needs a Low-or-No barrier shelter for our unhoused community. Many resources for the homeless community are already here, and the people are ready for change. Please take a look at TOOF (The Other Ones Foundation) in Austin; this is a way to create a no-barrier shelter where our community can come together, begin to heal, and transition out of homelessness. The community cares; please hear this plea!

## Safety

Safety was mentioned for sidewalks and street crossing but nothing about personal safety due to illegal activity. Also people simply dont use crosswalks and jaywalking is not enforced

Police presence, and I am also not sure why wayfinding and branding is a choice and not an automatic, built in component.

More policing uptown... sometimes I do not feel comfortable walking around due to high volume of transients. Presence alone from law enforcement can keep people from disturbing others.

## Homelessness

Low barrier shelters for unhoused people. The reason they hang out on the streets is that there is no place for them to go. I would also like to see the La Retama Library have more development and highlight in the plan.

Homeless and just released inmate plan updated.

Clean out the homeless people.

## Facility

I think more information about how this will improve the residents in those areas will be motivating for people to want to see this change happen. Improving the street for drive share transportation doesn't seem like a priority for these people but if a tiendita opens up that is a go-to spot for pan dulce and cafe that is nice and welcoming to those of the social status in the neighborhood perhaps they could envision a better quality of life and vote for the implemtations.

Having a unified look definitely helped downtown - the garbage cans and signage. It will take time but showing some pride of ownership is a good first step.

As the change goes.. it's so vital to focus how to market the new spots, highly recommended to invest into Local Creatives (photographers, videographers, content creators, influencers) to help boost the #ad strategy.

## Branding

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## Others

Need concrete and site-specific exhibits to really see what recommendations look like on a stretch of Staples or Leopard

The plan is very business-focused. I would like to see more recommendations about how you will take care of the residents in these areas so that they are not ousted by rising prices and gentrification.

## Please provide any additional feedback.

A significant number of respondents commented that the survey was too long and not user-friendly. Some other feedback for the Plan include safety, homelessness, and transportation options.

## Comments

You must do something about the homeless situation or nothing will ever work. They need to be moved to another location in order for any of this to really have a chance.

Very excited to be part of the change!! I'm very much looking forward for it.

There are some people calling this a waste of money but this really is what the city needs. We have so much potential to grow and become an amazing tourist city. I would love to see the culture uptown/downtown similar to that of the riverwalk in San Antonio

The proposed limits on building height are will preemptively stifle some good development of residential spaces, 8-10 story limits would be better. There will still be too many driveways allowed, every effort should be made to limit them to parking garages and away from the walking/bike routes.

The plan is too broad. Clarify recommendations with more detail. This survey is too long.

The city should really considering doing away with street parking on staples street all together. Its a danger to people and motorists alike.

the city needs to plan more for alternate forms of transportation. bikes, scooters, and walking

The 6 points crosswalks are wonderful. They even make it easier for drivers to see the direction of traffic!

South Staples - Leopard to 6-Points - would benefit with diverse eateries, locally owned businesses, re-designed street and sidewalks, repurposed buildings for public spaces and activities. It is a corridor waiting to happen! This plan is very impressive.

Please make this survey easier to fill out and mobile friendly.

Please consider making the survey process more "user-friendly" and easier to access. If survey feedback could be captured within an app or maybe even by a mailed survey, it would allow for a more engaging process and more feedback could be captured. Thank you for the opportunity!

Please consider adding protected bike paths. It is a free alternative mode of transportation that is good for our health!

N/A

Locations for recycling, compost, and garbage containers.

Keep in mind the sensitive bird habitat (and eco-tourism!) Blucher Park provides. Want to be sure that the conservation of this land is prioritized. Also, please use native South Texas plants in any City improvements.

Just wanted to add emphasis on parking. Parking is pretty limited so I would not feel happy about extending the sidewalks and making Leopard/Staples one-lane streets.

If I don't feel safe I'm not going downtown even if you are giving out gold and caviar for free.

I look forward to seeing this area reach it's full potential and spilling into the surrounding neighborhoods.

I appreciate that you are taking feedback. However, the process of this survey was a little bit difficult. I am reasonably tech-savvy, but many people struggle with technology, especially our elders and those who do not have access to technology. Maybe think about mailing out a survey to the residents in this area for more feedback. I also think an audit of the homeless services department is in order; if you do not have empathetic folks who care about the people living in that position, there will be slow or no changes made. Also please consider protected bike paths, not only in this area but others in the city as well. Last thing! If you bring more benches and seating to the area, save the money, and do not put bars on them, it's ugly and very poor taste. Thank you!

I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO TAKING STAPLES STREET AND LEOPARD STREET DOWN TO 2 LANES

Build it and they will come. Residential development has to draw people to live there not just pay rent or be an absentee owner.

Below are the feedback received through email

## Comments

Thank you Wei Xiao and Zack Lockrem for the informative Concept Plan Presentation for Staples, Leopard, and Six Points area in Corpus Christ, Texas.

My name is [REDACTED]. I am a lifetime local. I don't own a business, I am not into politics, I'm not in any councils, I am an ordinary working citizen in Corpus Christi. I have seen many changes to our wonderful Sparkling City by the Sea. I agree with many changes, but disappointed in others, such as structures being built by the seawall which is a barrier of our sparkling city; another is the realigning of the roadway in part of the area of Ocean Drive. For many locals & tourist families, it was something about driving by the seawall watching the water. The realignment was intended for people to walk or (not sure the real reason), but obviously hardly anyone uses it. Locals still walk the seawall, not the new area. Anyway, I'd like to see it back to it's original state.

I couldn't find the survey after the presentation, therefore I'm sending this email to the email addresses on the presentation. I was very impressed with some of the ideas presented. As requested in your presentation, here is my suggestion: After visiting China in 2010, I was fortunate to visit many tourist areas and different provinces. The one vivid memory I have is the number of simple outdoor exercise parks that were available to any pedestrian, young or old. The exercise parks called "Calisthenics Parks" (I think) were stationed in many corners. As people walked to work, shopping or touring like us; could stop to get a 10-15 minute work-out. It was the coolest experience, even the elderly took advantage of this. The equipment was very colorful, simple and attractive. I couldn't help but jump on to one for a little exercise every time I walked by an exercise park. At that time, I remember thinking, I would like to see this in Corpus Christi.

In the last few years, several new outdoor activities have been installed in some areas of Corpus Christi, such as the green painted sidewalk bike paths and several hike & bike trails. It appears that the locals are enjoying these outdoor activities, therefore adding exercise parks would enhance the healthy living that we all want and need. With the vast number of people in any of the zoned areas mentioned, exercise parks would benefit all.

Zone 1: Civic Square, many pedestrians and tourist in that area visiting the museums and many business that will allow employees to take a break to exercise.

Zone 2: East Leopard: Although this is a great place for city workers, officials, law enforcement, etc, it may not be such a good idea in this area, due to the transits.

Zone 3: Cultural Heritage District, many pedestrians and tourist in that area attending festivals, parties, etc. The feeling of getting a little exercise after eating too much at a festival could be satisfying.

Zone 4: I love this area and could see many pedestrians, workers, doctors, and nurses using this outdoor exercise park for some relaxation/therapy.

I am attaching some of the exercise equipment for your review. As I said, I am an ordinary Corpus Christi citizen, I am very astonished that I am making the effort to send my thought. I am not a health freak and I am not in the best of shape, but I try to maintain a healthy living.

Sincerely,

Dear Sir and Madam:

I watched the video on the Revitalization Strategy for the Uptown area of Corpus Christi. I couldn't find a way to input any comments when taking the survey for things you would like to see in the areas to expand on the bullet point selections.

I would like to see more street parking, especially designated for the handicapped community. As a handicapped person, when I visit the downtown area & would like to get a bite to eat or even visit a business that does not have a specified parking lot, I find it extremely difficult to find parking. As a handicapped person who has difficulty walking long distances, I have to drive around hunting for an area to park that is close enough for me to get to the place I'm going. Most times if I'm there to get a bite to eat at one of the establishments that do not have a parking lot, I just have to give up & go home because of lack of available parking. I would just like for you to keep those of us who are handicapped in mind when designing the area for parking and other activities.

Thank you for taking the time to allow me to present my input. Please keep the handicapped community in mind during your design phase.

Sincerely,

Hello,

Thank you for the visitor presentation of the Uptown Corridor Revitalization planning project - this important work is so vital to our city's future.

As a Master Naturalist and Audubon Club member, I would like to highlight the importance of green spaces - specifically bird and pollinator centric inner city habitat as you plan and propose your ideas to the city.

As you may be aware, Corpus Christi is at the convergence of three international migratory flyways with over 450 local and visiting bird species. It is also an internationally recognized birding destination. There are several inner city areas where birds have found food and shelter as they migrate through - Blucher Park and Rose Hill Cemetery and we now have the opportunity to purposefully create more. Even small pockets of green space is attractive to birds and pollinators.

Allow me to suggest a few simple, but very critical ways in which we can enhance inner city habitat for these essential wildlife:

- Creation of more pocket parks with foliage that provides shelter and food for birds and pollinators - including groundcover, midstory and trees. This requires thoughtful designing with native, drought resistant flowering plants, trees, grasses and optimally a fresh water feature in mind.
- The use of warm downcast lighting - which is non-disruptive to migratory birds.
- For more information please consult with an avian habitat expert at one of the following organizations.

The initial need to improve the down/uptown area are very basic. Follow the “broken window” example of Mayor Giuliani for NY City. Area needs to be clean, safe and attractive.

Initiate the plan and program to include the uptown area from Upper Broadway to North Staples. City Hall and County Courthouse could set the example to connect uptown and downtown. RTA shuttle between the two areas.

Engaging the office users in the uptown area is essential and they need to be motivated to walk to lunch, and recreate throughout the marina district. Sidewalks and access from uptown to downtown need to be attractive, safe and perhaps areas of shade to endure the hot summer months.

The evening use of this area needs to be well lighted, safe with visible police and security. The night life needs to feel safe however overpolicing can create issues. It's been described a successful night life area is policed with “New Orleans” attitude. Citizens are allowed to have fun but not busted for any and everything.

Create incentives and support housing in the uptown and downtown areas. How about a student housing project with RTA support to create a steady shuttle service connecting downtown to the TAMUCC campus

Create a city sponsored free design for “Store Fronts” and façades. Perhaps small business advice team to help new businesses manage their resources.

Organize a Urban Land Institute evaluation and study for new and creative ideas to initiate and create short term and long term goals.

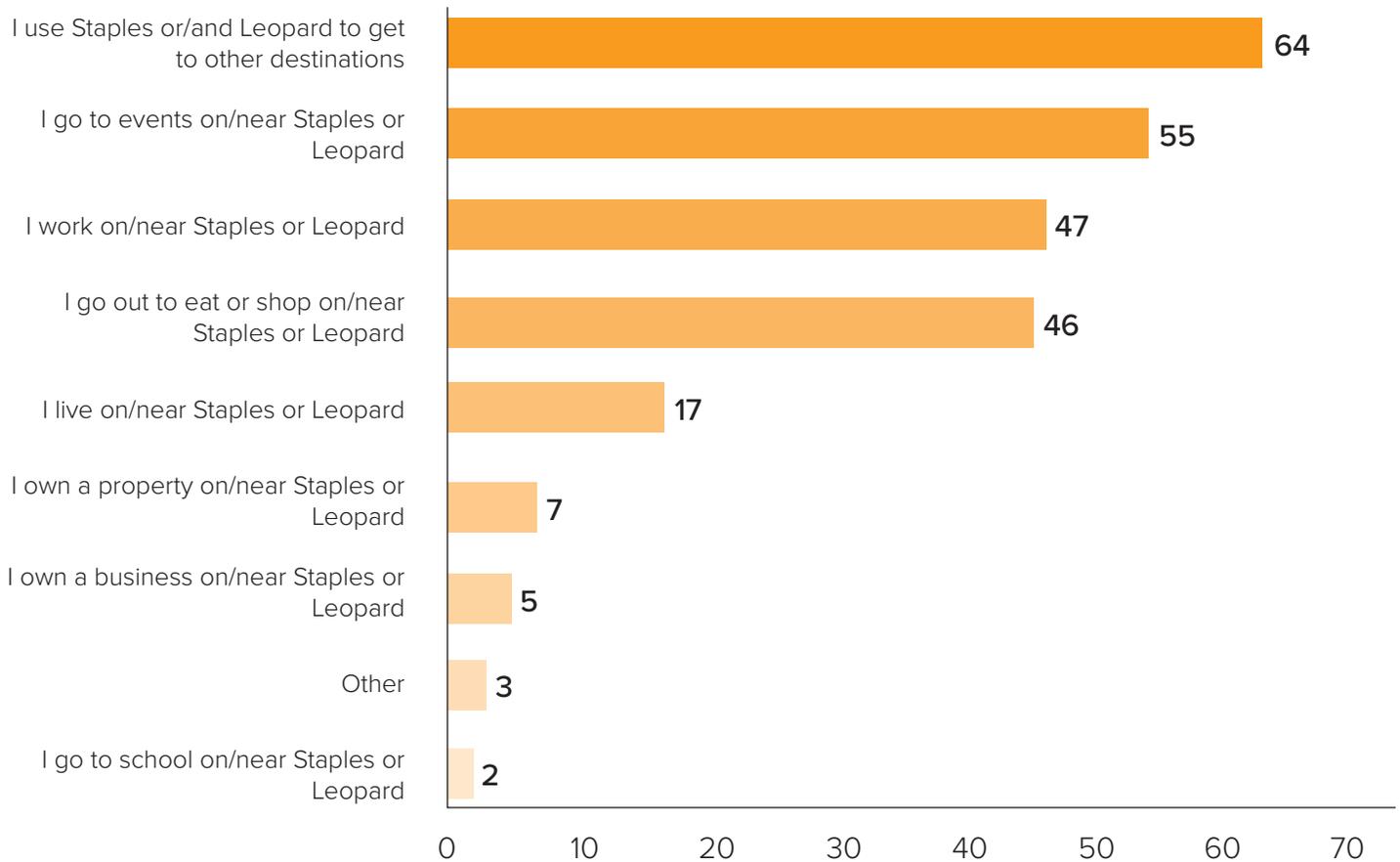
Challenges: perception it's not safe place. Homeless hang out and live along the balustrades along upper Broadway.

The streets are in terrible condition. Sidewalks need attention, lighting needs to be improved, absentee landlord's need to address the blight. Abundance of vacant office space needs to be addressed and creative ways to reuse. How about a partnership with CCISD or charter school creating trade school classes including innovation center focused on labor needs of the region.

Let me know if I can help you are need my advice. Blessings.

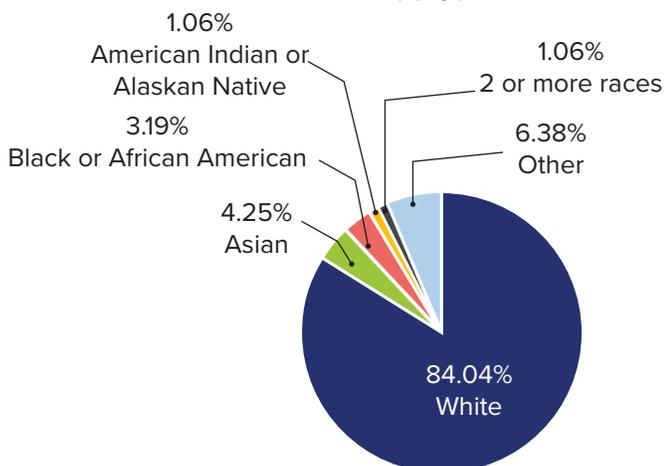
## Demographics

What is your connection to Staples and Leopard Street in Uptown Corpus Christi? (103 respondents)  
(select all that apply)

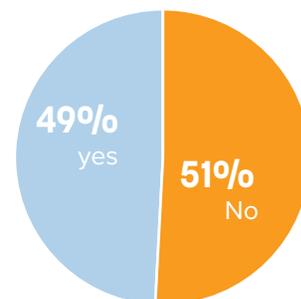


What is your race? (94 respondents)

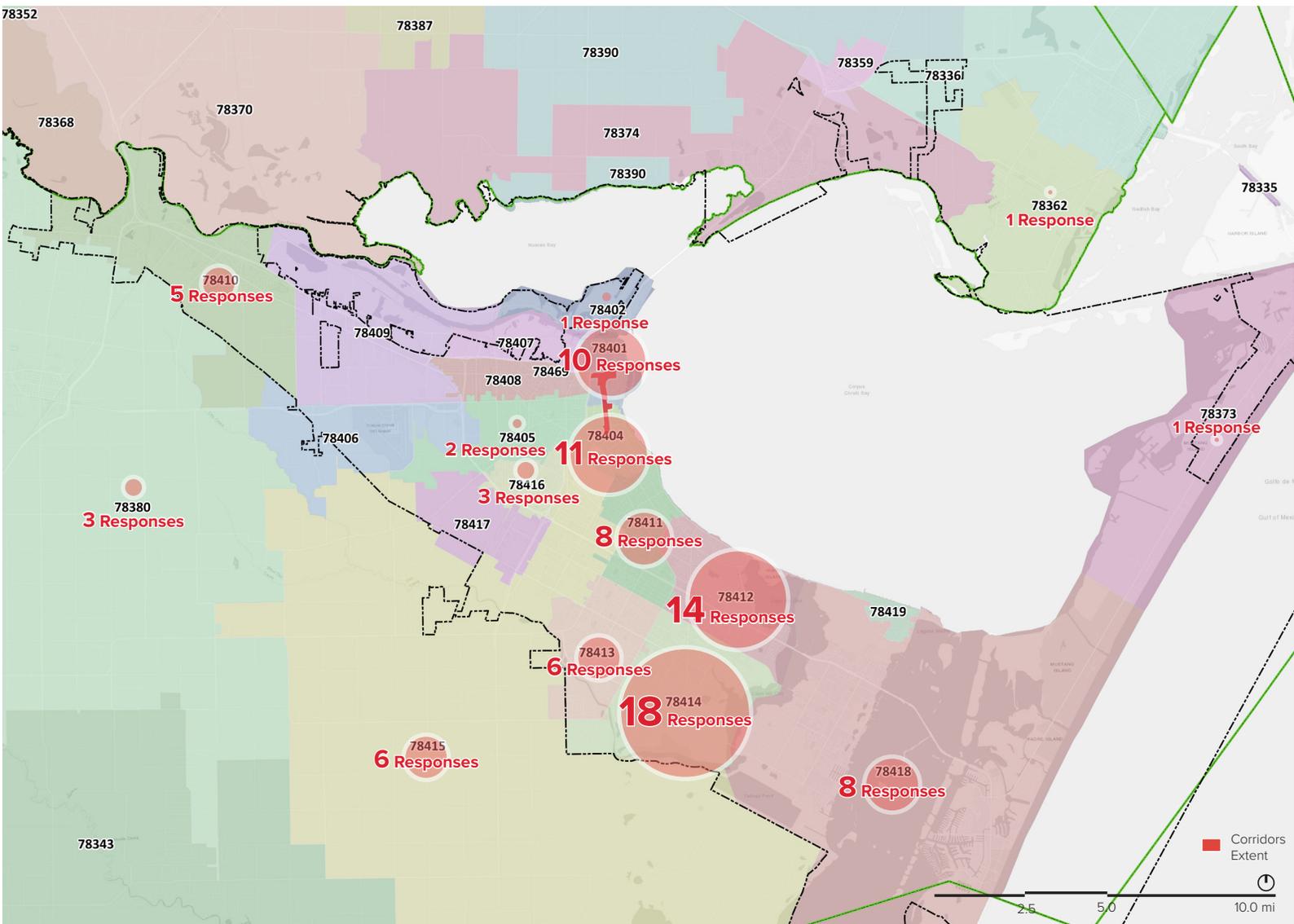
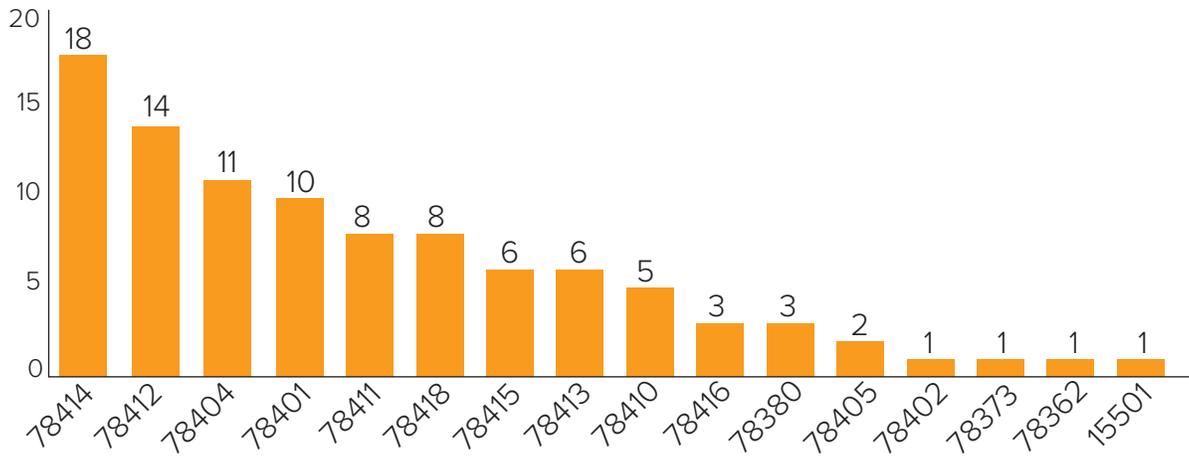
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Are you Hispanic or Latino? (96 respondents)

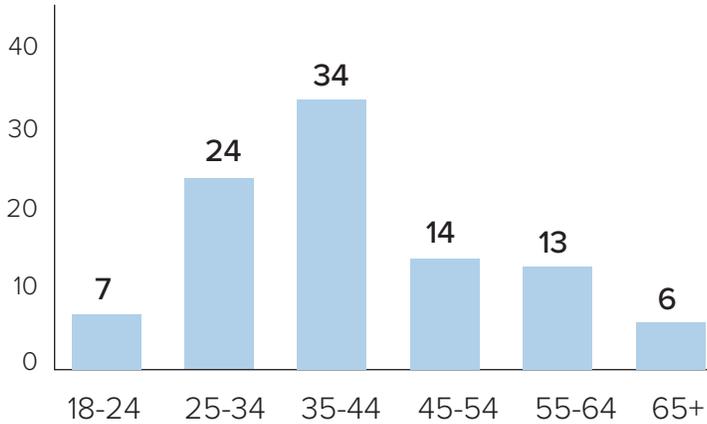


**What is your zip code? (98 respondents)**

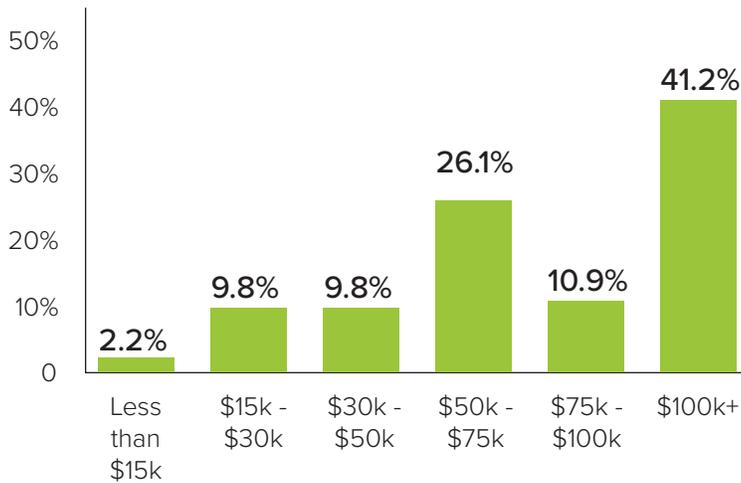


\* Zipcode 15501 (1 response) lies outside of area  
 Base-map Source: City of Corpus Christi

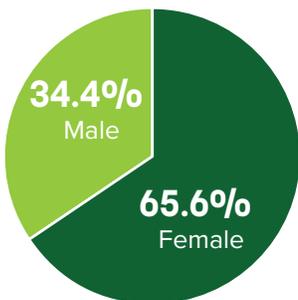
**What is your age? (98 respondents)**



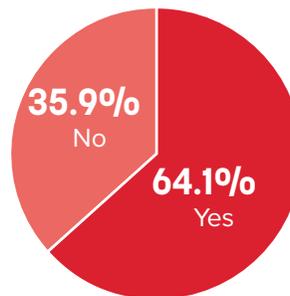
**What is your household income? (92 respondents)**



**What is your gender identity? (96 respondents)**



**Do you have children under the age of 18 at home? (101 respondents)**



### Zone Name Recommendation (Full List)

Zone #	Zone Name	Up votes	Down votes
Zone 1	Add more trees to parks	24	0
Zone 1	Bike paths	13	4
Zone 1	Zone 1 name: City Centre, Corpus Christi City Centre, CCCC, 4C	13	2
Zone 1	Uptown Centre	10	4
Zone 1	"Corpus Christi downtown is in dire need of new 30 to 40 story mix use high rises. It's been 40 years since Corpus Christi has built a new skyscraper. And the downtown would benefit from more people living and working downtown. Staples and Leopard should have a huge grocery store built in those abandoned lots near the bus terminal. When the new Harbor bridge is completed it should be complimented with a new vibrant downtown area for people to enjoy. There needs to be a huge donation from the Port"	10	3
Zone 1	El Centro	7	3
Zone 1	EV charging at City Hall.	7	2
Zone 1	Government Corridor	6	7
Zone 1	"I think adding Murals around downtown would really make it special. There is so much history here and could get the families or companies to finance them. Ex. GI Forum, Hector P. Garcia, Whataburger, HEB, King Ranch, Padre Island, The Aquarium, The Lexington  <a href="https://muraltown.com/">https://muraltown.com/</a>  look at :Chemainus Vancouver Island B.C."	6	4
Zone 1	Business District	5	6
Zone 1	"Chatham's Ravine or Blucher Arroyo (historic names of the nearby spring)"	5	6

Zone #	Zone Name	Up votes	Down votes
Zone 1	No one will invest in this community until crime and homelessness are eradicated from areas in which you want to develop. This is merely a waste of tax dollars on yet another attempt of making this place livable. But, if you really want a cool name, try Shi Tpa Town.	5	10
Zone 1	"Community Heights Adapted from 1916 map"	5	4
Zone 1	Would like this area to be known as Heritage Heights to highlight the rich cultural heritage and historical significance of the area.	5	1
Zone 1	IMO, unless you separate the county jail, city jail, bus station, and homeless shelters, methadone clinic, to further corners of Corpus Christi. All these wonderful ideas will fail because you have career criminals that FOR DECADES meet up in these areas and network for crime. Can't build a house if you don't fix the foundation first.	5	2
Zone 1	Why would you waste good tax payer money on this area??!! If you don't fix the homeless problem then all you are going to accomplish is giving them a nicer place to do drugs and defecate. And this is coming from a manager of a business smack in the middle of your zone {822 Leopard St}. So stop with your dumb ideas and fix the real problems first then investment might follow. I challenge you to stroll thru the area after dark. Save our tax dollars	5	8
Zone 1	Community Services Center	4	6
Zone 1	City Center	4	1
Zone 1	Chingona Town	3	7
Zone 1	Benjamin Neal District, named after our first mayor.	3	2
Zone 1	Central Business District	3	2
Zone 1	Public tennis courts and sporting facilities for the city to rent for tournaments to bring in out of town teams and families. After games families can stay to spend money in the area.	3	3
Zone 1	Cat Cafe	3	1
Zone 1	LipLep	2	8
Zone 1	Downtown Heights	2	0

Zone #	Zone Name	Up votes	Down votes
Zone 1	Anyone remember the Outlets by the Bay, Schlitterbahn, the ignorance of messing up Ocean Drive downtown, or any of the other wasteful projects. This area is not anywhere where people congregate. Downtown and uptown can barely support apartment dwellers, turning it into something that almost no one will go to is a waste of money.	2	14
Zone 1	Groove of Poseidon	1	7
Zone 1	Government District	1	0
Zone 1	Heart of the City	1	1
Zone 1	Starbucks would be nice to have downtown or even better Dunkin donuts.	1	1
Zone 1	Public plaza idea is good, suggest a linear concept connecting City Hall and Courthouse. The Mestina Street corridor is ideal. Envision over Staples a pedestrian bridge (gateway?) rising gradually (making it accessible) from the South City Hall entry one side to Waco St. corridor on the other (1 block run up each side). The head clearance underside of the approaches could become vendor stalls / covered seating for bus riders and Civic employees visit food truck and vendors for lunch.	1	0
Zone 1	Something to occupy for the homeless	1	0
Zone 1	Uptown Crossing	0	0
Zone 1	Add more affordable luxury apartments. Housing development at a reasonable price and of decent quality is important to the restructuring of downtown. If people live close to upcoming developments/attractions, they are more likely to utilize them.	0	0
Zone 1	I support the three lane concept for the portions of both Staples and Leopard in the study areas. The key will be how effectively the flex zones are considered. Some of the Kitschy concepts such as "parklets" may not work well here unless they are properly considered for this climate and soil. Different options for different areas is critical as well.	0	0

Zone #	Zone Name	Up votes	Down votes
Zone 1	Area along Antelope seems like a great opportunity to promote urban multistory residential supporting the Civic / Municipal primary functions. The coming changes to the I-37 termination and conversion of this portion to a lower speed arterial provides the potential to promote the view corridors to the bay above the lower roadway (with less noise and speed). This could also encourage connection to the Coles area to remain and reinvigorate as residential across the former I-37 corridor.	0	0
Zone 1	Government Plaza	0	0
Zone 1	Downtown Commons	0	0
Zone 1	Corpus Christi City Government Center	0	5
Zone 1	Nueces Corpus Government Center	0	5
Zone 2	bike paths	12	2
Zone 2	The Skyline District	11	4
Zone 2	Pineda's Point, named after Spanish explorer Alonzo Alvarez de Pineda. in 1519, on the Roman Catholic Feast Day of Corpus Christi, Spanish explorer Alonzo Alvarez de Pineda discovered a lush semi-tropical bay on what is now the southern coast of Texas. The bay, and the City that later sprung up there, took the name of the feast day celebrating the "Body of Christ."	10	4
Zone 2	Would like this area to be known as Heritage Heights to highlight the rich cultural heritage and historical significance of the area.	9	2
Zone 2	Commerce District* * This suggestion appeared twice identically, the up and downvotes have been combined here	8	4
Zone 2	Here is an opportunity for restaurant/retail location. With a almost unobstructed view of the bay. I have a slight interest to open a Chick-fil-A franchise here. However, the location is not to ideal after the sun sets. I feel opening a few chain establishments might revitalize the area. As an employee of the Omni hotel many guests want to venture up the hill, but there is either nothing to see or nothing open at the time.	7	3
Zone 2	Zone 2 Name: Up Town Center / UTC	5	4
Zone 2	Uptown Business District	5	2

Zone #	Zone Name	Up votes	Down votes
Zone 2	Anyone remember the Outlets by the Bay, Schlitterbahn, the ignorance of messing up Ocean Drive downtown, or any of the other wasteful projects. This area is not anywhere where people congregate. Downtown and uptown can barely support apartment dwellers, turning it into something that almost no one will go to is a waste of money.	5	17
Zone 2	Leopard Balcones	3	3
Zone 2	Avian District	3	3
Zone 2	Skyview	3	4
Zone 2	Royal Palace	1	4
Zone 2	Bayshore	1	1
Zone 2	First Date Square	0	5
Zone 2	Name streets after fallen officers	0	0
Zone 2	Uptown (obvious and simple or they never take)	0	0
Zone 2	South Bluff	0	0
Zone 2	Downtown Crossing	0	0
Zone 2	Downtown Gateway	0	0
Zone 2	Uptown needs public space, WWI memorial elements along the bluff is the anchor, bay view is GRAND! 1) close North Upper Broadway (no use with new bridge). 2) No change East West streets except add head-in parking at UB closed areas. 3) Re-develop the UB right of way to be public plazas. Enhance and encourage adaptive re-use like Chamberlain, Enhance tunnel access and fountain, impetus for more office to residential conversion, (Atl. Lofts, 600, East tower Wilson?), Cathedral needs plaza!	0	0
Zone 3	Consider putting a grocery store here or in this area. Having a grocery store in this area would change so much for many who live here.	22	0
Zone 3	Market Center / Mercado	20	3
Zone 3	Open up an entire lane for bikers and walkers.	18	4

Zone #	Zone Name	Up votes	Down votes	
Zone 3	Work out an affordable opportunity to local shop owners and restaurants to move into vacant buildings so that we can have another place to go for shopping, dining with a family friendly atmosphere. An artisans market with local vendors who create their own products and art would be great. No flea markets!	16	1	
Zone 3	"Blucher Park is an example of how we can attract, support, protect and enhance the local & migratory bird populations. By converting abandoned lots & parking lots, transforming them into green space with multilevel protections of natives for pollinators and birds, we can protect threatened and endangered species as they migrate. Eco-tourism is a win/win for Corpus & wildlife. There are many organizations here ready to help advise, implement, support & maintain natural greens spaces."	15	2	
Zone 3	We need protected bike paths especially here because there is a homeless shelter with a huge bike rack. Bikes are the best mode of transportation out of homelessness, they can access jobs and other amenities!		14	4
Zone 3	bike paths	13	1	
Zone 3	Trees along Staples, create an Uptown Heights like in Houston, get an out of town developer involved, reach out to Melinda Gates Foundation. No more ugly apartments like the one being built on Hancock. Bike trails only serve a relative few in most American cities. Survey didn't include the beautiful churches in the area. Tear down (raze) the junk, e.g. Furman and Staples. Respect the residential neighborhoods where homeowners are trying to live quietly and safely. Understand this area better.	13	1	
Zone 3	Uptown Central	12	2	
Zone 3	Please add a disc golf course at South Bluff Park	10	6	
Zone 3	Market Square	9	3	
Zone 3	Mid-City	9	3	
Zone 3	The Corridor	8	3	
Zone 3	Bike and walking lanes	8	1	

Zone #	Zone Name	Up votes	Down votes
Zone 3	Blucher District	8	6
Zone 3	South Bluff Market	7	3
Zone 3	Blucher Park	7	4
Zone 3	Would like this area to be known as Heritage Heights to highlight the rich cultural heritage and historical significance of the area.	6	3
Zone 3	Uptown Corridor	4	0
Zone 3	Castro District named after Cuelgas de Castro, a Lipan Apache chief in Texas during the first half of the nineteenth century	3	6
Zone 3	Indoor mall with shaded outdoor market square for outdoor dining and music	3	1
Zone 3	All zones: I saw how the now hip and fun areas of SoCo and East IH35 became completely unaffordable to average people, muchless to the original communities who used to live there. I would like to see more recommendations about how you plan to take care of residents that fall within the blocks of these mapped zones so that they are not ousted by rising property taxes and the inevitable cultural shifts that come with revitalization. How about some resident associations and resident working groups?	3	1
Zone 3	zone 3 name: Camino Bravo District / CBD	2	4
Zone 3	Downtown Parkway	2	5
Zone 3	Stop wasting money on areas that people don't go to.	2	12
Zone 3	South Stapels Central	2	5
Zone 3	Gymnasia	1	6
Zone 3	"South Bluff Terrace South Bluff Heights South Bluff Something"	1	0
Zone 3	Promenade	0	0
Zone 3	Epicentre	0	7
Zone 3	Shi Tpa Town	0	6
Zone 3	Medal of Honor Recipient Master Sargent Roy Benavidez Corridor	0	1

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Zone 3	Nice apartments - non section 8 - would help people move to the area. You must do something about the homeless. They are invading the neighborhoods along this entire area down to Louisiana. You will never get what you want until the homeless situation is under control. The city needs to use the money they have for the homeless.	0	0	
Zone 3	I personally believe much of this Zone remains very suited to large commercial, potentially light industrial. I think the key will be how Staples is handled through this area making it a comfortable pedestrian scale for residents commuting to jobs and between downtown and midtown. If the flex zones and landscaping in the three lane concept are handled well I believe this area could be a reinvigorated area for large commercial developments integrated with a pleasant arterial connector.	0	0	
Zone 3	Consider creating a flourishing district similar to The Pearl San Antonio. A district where people can enjoy casual dining, boutiques, markets, an outdoor area with live music, live, work, and stay at local hotels nearby. Tourist gift shops would also be a great addition.	0	0	
Zone 3	"Name: Central Corridor.  Tear down the old church. How can this area develop with this neglected abandoned unsafe and eyesore?? It adds no value to the community."		0	0
Zone 3	Epicentre	0	5	
Zone 4	Six Points* * This suggestion appeared five times identically, the up and downvotes have been combined here	30	1	
Zone 4	“zone 4 name: Union District / UD  Bringing together many neighborhoods together at the 6points intersection that should also be a roundabout.  Merging three roadways into a modern roundabout will improve traffic flow and create better access to the different areas of this location of the city.”	20	6	
Zone 4	EV charging zone, by eating and shopping.	18	3	

Zone #	Zone Name	Up votes	Down votes
Zone 4	Would like this area to be known as Heritage Heights to highlight the rich cultural heritage and historical significance of the area.	15	3
Zone 4	Really need the alley paved between Morgan and Elizabeth. Delivery trucks can't use it due to lack of maintenance. The storm water drain in the alley is also sunk about a foot below the pavement so it's dangerous. Needs to be reset at pavement level.	14	0
Zone 4	bike paths	13	1
Zone 4	Six Points (just at intersection)	10	1
Zone 4	Cafe Corner	9	4
Zone 4	Mercado at Six Points	8	2
Zone 4	Trolley Trails	8	7
Zone 4	All this city does is waste money on stupid projects. This is not an area people are going to congregate and shop, much less walk around. How many millions do you have to soak from Taxpayers for all your ignorant ideas, Outlets By The Bay, Schlitterbahn, the ignorance of messing up Ocean Drive downtown, or any of the other wasteful projects.	7	16
Zone 4	Open Sundays!	5	1
Zone 4	6 Points Uptown	5	2
Zone 4	"1. Promote local DEMOCRACY: Instead of merely asking citizens to share ideas online, use an official city-wide REFERENDUM to choose recommendations via ranked-choice voting (age 16 and up). 2. Restore NATURAL HABITAT along the corridor, solicit ideas from the people about optimal NATIVE species of grasses, shrubs, and trees. 3. Consider a citizen-driven landscape MAINTENANCE program. 4. Physical BARRIER for bike/walk path could include containerized low maintenance plants."	3	4
Zone 4	The Strand	2	2
Zone 4	6 Points North	2	0
Zone 4	Casita Viejita	2	3

Zone #	Zone Name	Up votes	Down votes
Zone 4	Why are you changing the name of this area? What's wrong with 6 Points? That's its historic name.	1	0
Zone 4	Uptown	1	5
Zone 4	Casita Viejita	1	2
Zone 4	Great Harbour	1	7
Zone 4	6 Points Plaza	1	0
Zone 4	Petrol Zone	1	10
Zone 4	City needs to use public domain to take property that has been left to rot. It will only work if there is full scale development rather than patchwork.	0	0
Zone 4	Shi Tpa Town	0	9
Zone 4	Antigua	0	8
Zone 4	Clifford Street	0	0
Zone 4	If the concept is going to work building frontages must be up at the sidewalk as the older buildings are to maintain the character and pedestrian friendly fabric. Setbacks could be granted for outdoor patios or similar spaces that promote activity. The three lane concept should help with this in keeping traffic speeds lower. Head in parking is not a bad idea for this type of area. The medical tower parking lot and similar site use concepts destroy the local neighborhood feel promoted.	0	0
Zone 4	This is a total waste of money. The downtown areas have always been a money pit. The only ones that it benefits are the owners of those properties. And of course the ones that get the kickback. I know you won't do anything with this comment but it's the truth. Something that you don't know anything about.	0	4
	Creating bus services	2	3
	Fix this road please. The Lipes Street section between Yorktown and Cimmaron is so bad you have to swerve to avoid potholes that can take out tires.	0	0

■ Comments and suggestions posted outside zone boundaries/ are not zone specific