

Downtown Plan – Online Survey Is Downtown Headed in the Right Direction?

**Summary
May 3 – June 7, 2015**

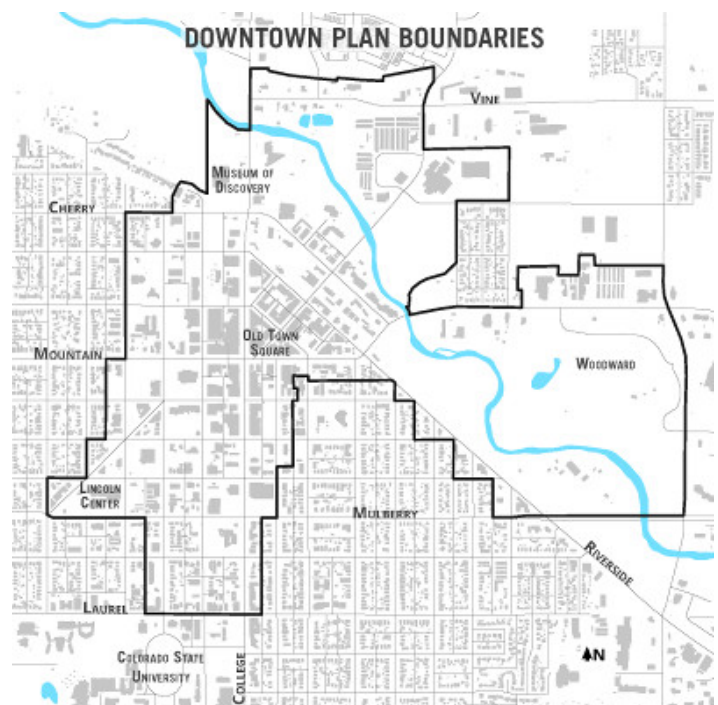
Background

The Downtown Plan released an online survey during the months of May and June 2015 to draw on community knowledge and opinions related to the downtown. This survey is one component of a public engagement campaign intended to collect input from a diversity of citizens and stakeholders through open houses, surveys, and interviews. The overarching question – “Is downtown headed in the right direction?” – sought a review of recent changes in the downtown area, its current use and identity, and opportunities for both protection of important features and new development in the next 10-20 years.

Participation was advertised in businesses around Downtown, at open houses and other community events, through the Downtown Plan email newsletter, on the City’s main home page and social media, and on the Downtown Plan website (fcgov.com/downtown).

The purpose of the forthcoming Plan is to update the 1989 Downtown Plan based on changes in the character, trajectory, existing conditions, and market trends affecting the commercial core of the city. The Plan hinges on six interdependent working areas, which include the range of issues identified for the Downtown:

- **Arts & Culture** includes downtown events, galleries, cultural institutions, venues, the Creative District, performance art, and Art in Public Places.
- **Urban Design** includes building heights, density, historic preservation, streetscape, landscape design, signage, and development guidelines.
- **Transportation & Parking** includes connections to the MAX bus rapid transit system, bicycle and pedestrian enhancements, intersection safety, and parking.
- **Energy & Environment** includes recreation and access to nature, land conservation and stewardship, urban agriculture, energy and water efficiency, energy production, and storm water and floodplain management.



- **Downtown Management** covers policing, safety, beautification, and programming, upkeep, and funding, with collaboration from the Downtown Development Authority, Downtown Business Association, homeless shelters and service providers, property owners, and businesses.
- **Market & Economy** includes tourism, employment, mix of uses, market capture, housing, retail, entertainment, and branding.

This survey is one component of a public engagement campaign intended to collect input from a diversity of citizens and stakeholders through open houses, surveys, interviews, and other approaches. Public engagement is a key component of all phases of the Plan’s development. The full planning process is structured in five phases:

- Phase 1: Issues Identification (Jan-May 2015)
- Phase 2: A New Vision for Downtown (Jun-Aug 2015)
- Phase 3: Choices & Strategies for Downtown (Sept-Dec 2015)
- Phase 4: Downtown Plan Development (Jan-Mar 2016)
- Phase 5: Implementation Plan & Adoption (Apr-Jul 2016)

Online Survey Summary

A total of 469 online surveys were completed during the response period. Many questions included an optional open response – “Other” – and a space for other comments. In the case of Question 4 – “what do you love most about downtown?” – all responses were open. These open responses were coded into categories for comparison. Some specific comments have been highlighted in the body of this summary to illuminate the data displayed in graphs and charts.

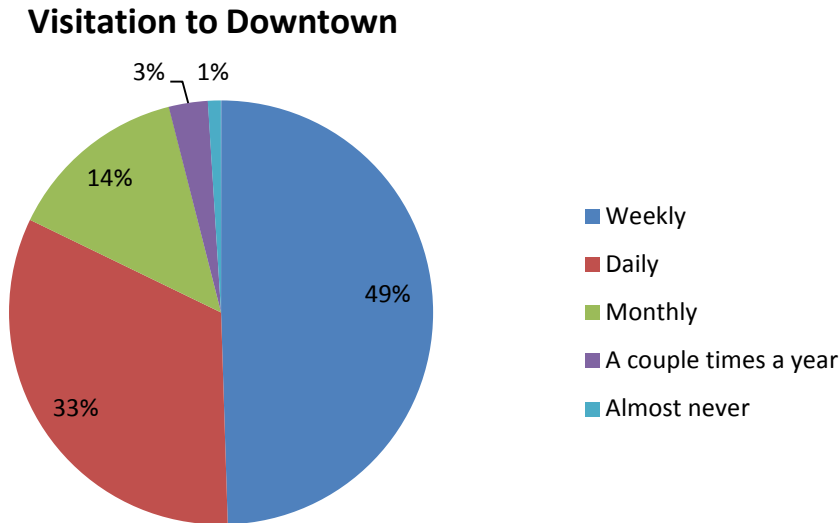
The following summary is organized in three main sections:

- Section A – Relationship to Downtown
- Section B – Feedback and Vision
- Section C – Demographics

Questions 4 and 5 have been reordered in the summary to suit the organization of the analysis.

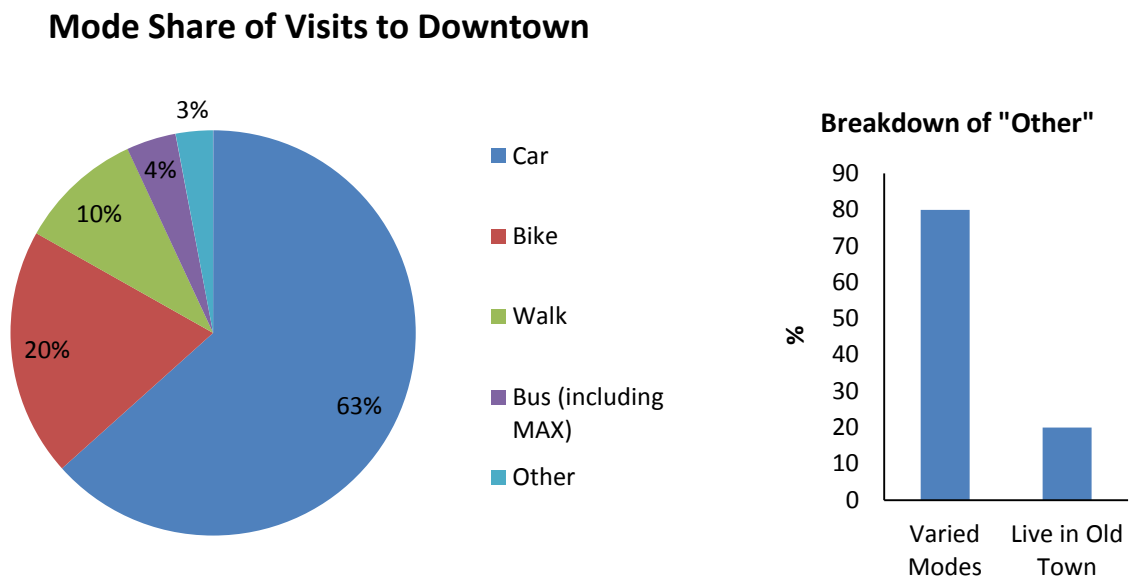
Section A – RELATIONSHIP TO DOWNTOWN

Q1. How often do you go downtown?



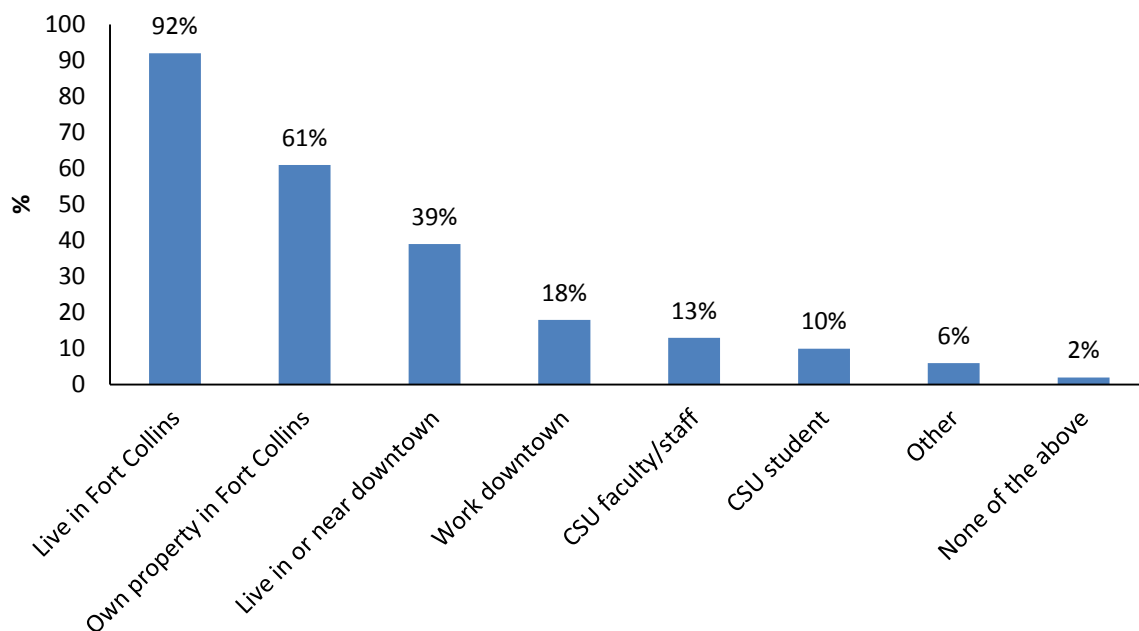
Survey participants have a range of visitation habits when it comes to downtown. Half of participants visit on a weekly basis, and a full 96% visit on at least a monthly basis. This level of acquaintance likely demonstrates a strong interest in the downtown area. The survey was open and advertised to infrequent or even one-time visitors, but this group was less represented in the survey responses.

Q2. How do you get downtown most frequently?



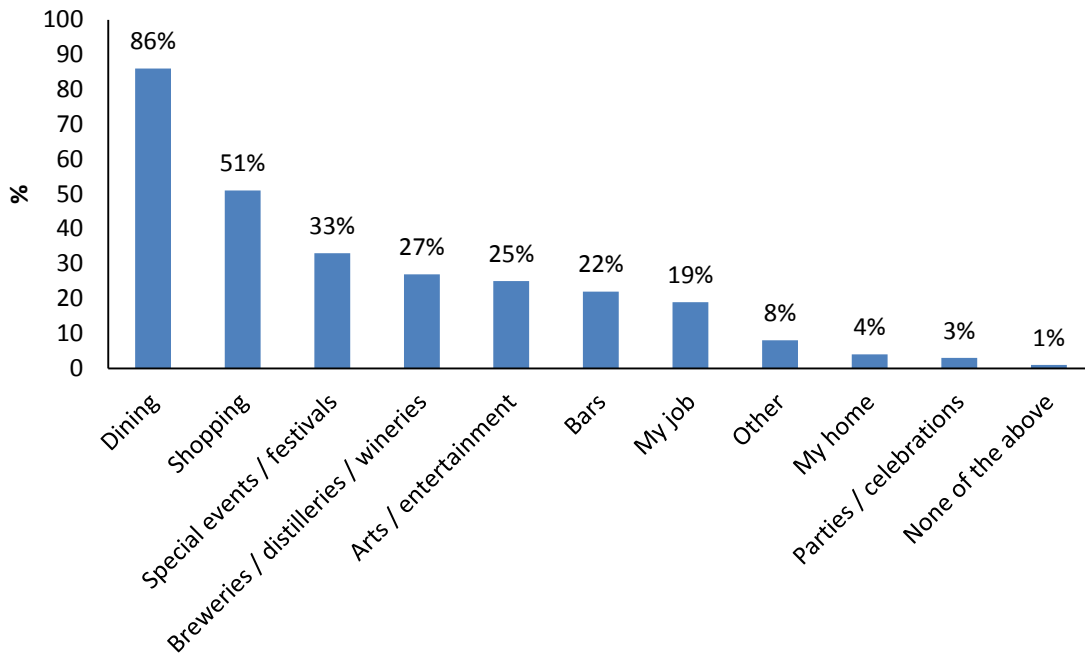
Comments indicate that many who frequent downtown use a variety of modes, depending on the purpose of their trip and other factors. For instance, one participant reported driving when commuting to work, but otherwise choosing to bicycle. This question asks about initial access to downtown, and does not reflect the share of visitors who walk *within* downtown once having reached it.

Q3. Which of the following apply to you (select all that apply)?



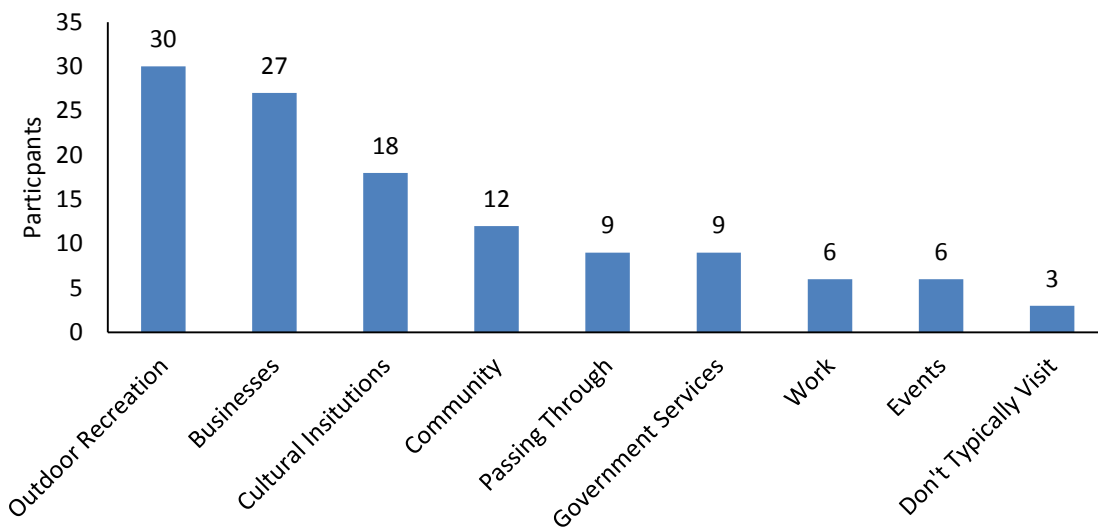
A range of associations connect participants to downtown Fort Collins. A majority are both residents and property owners in the city. The number of CSU students who participated may be lower as a result of the survey being open and advertised during May and June, at the juncture of the University’s final exams, graduation, and summer vacation. Importantly, 18% participants were employed downtown. Not working or living in Fort Collins does not exclude participants from a strong knowledge of the area – one participant reported that that he/she lives in Wyoming, but comes to Fort Collins to “work and play.”

Q5. What typically brings you downtown (choose your top 3)?



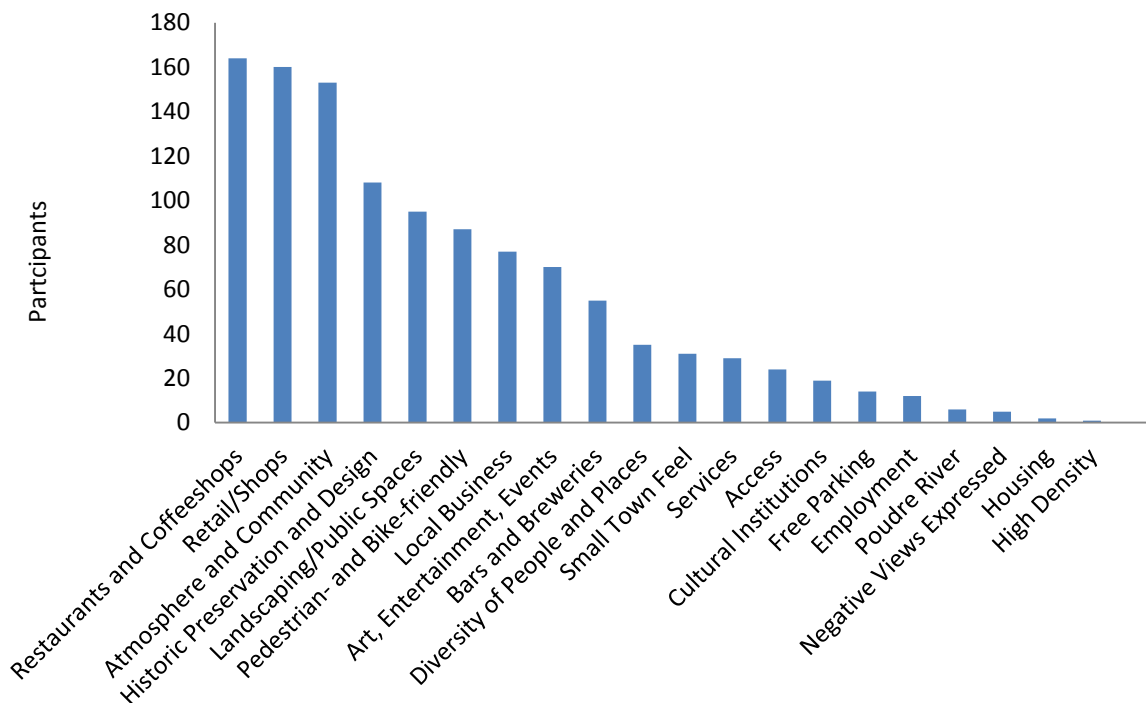
As anticipated, restaurants and retail prove the largest draw in bringing people into the downtown. However, a diversity of needs and desires are served by businesses of all kinds in the district, and by other qualities that are not necessarily associated with a particular business but are supported by the vibrancy of the area overall, such as walking and people-watching. As one participant noted, “the banks, post office and library are big draws and should have been included on this list.” Arts and entertainment often takes the form of a singular, well-advertised event, which draws on populations that may not otherwise visit downtown.

Breakdown of "Other"



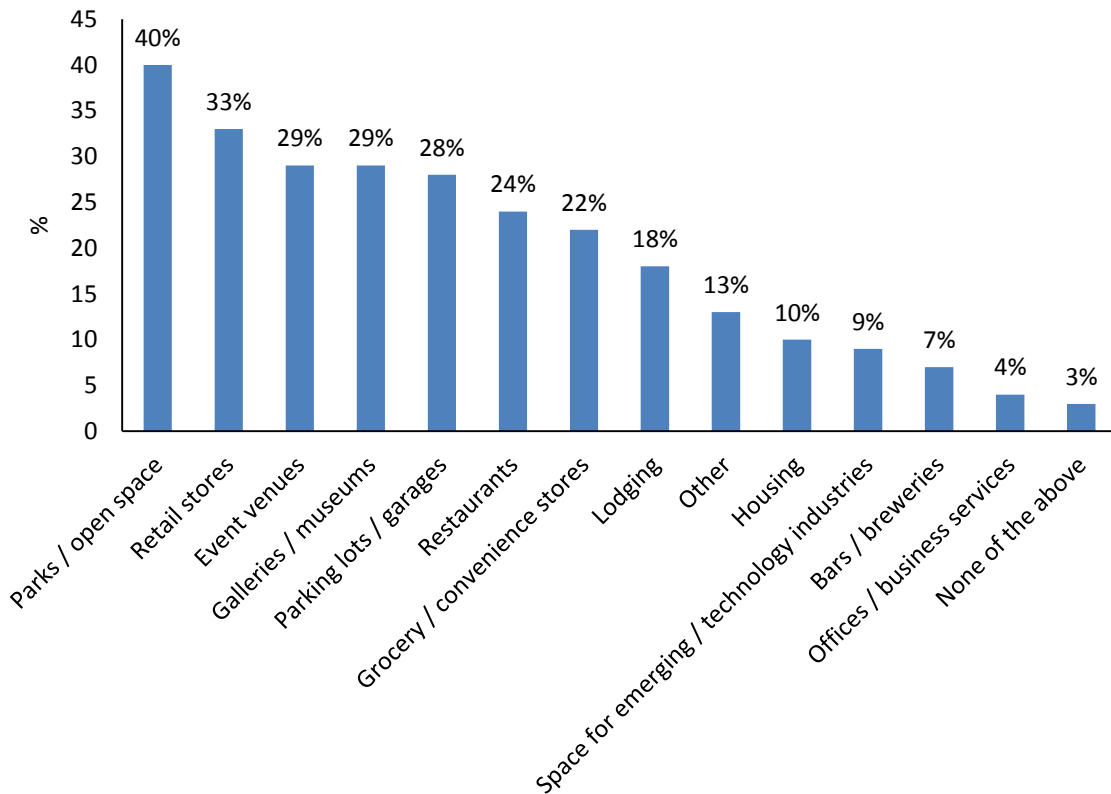
Section B – FEEDBACK AND VISION

Q4. What do you love most about downtown? (Analysis of open-ended responses only)



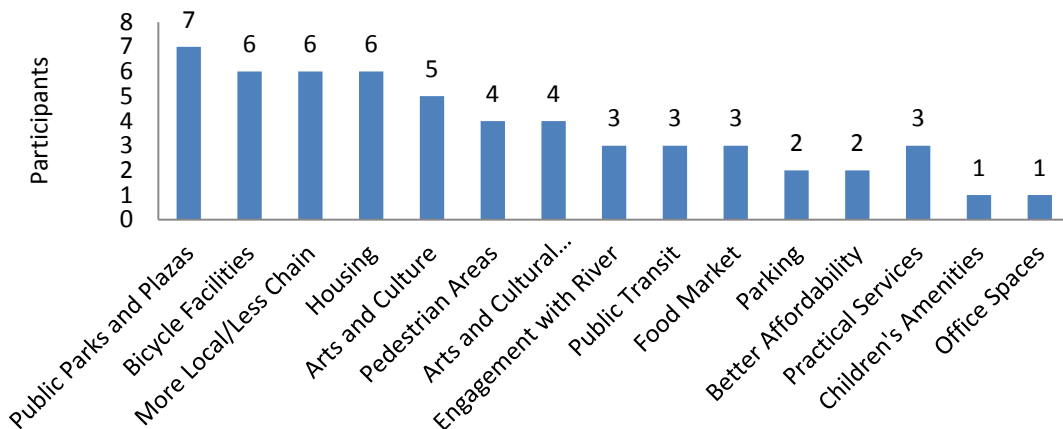
Responses to this key question align with the bulk of positive feedback about downtown that has arisen during the Issue Identification Phase. Restaurants and retail shops are pillars of downtown’s success, but not just any establishments are welcome, according to commenters; well-regarded downtown establishments fit a certain typology that differentiates them from other business centers in town, with an emphasis placed on local ownership and diversity. The resulting “variety of local establishments” is associated with the atmosphere, historic character, and quality of downtown as a destination and as a practical source of goods and services. Praise was also awarded to the preservation and adaptation of historic buildings, the quality of streetscapes, and the public gathering places such as Old Town Square and Oak Street Plaza, the fruits of which can be enjoyed without spending money. Most frequently, commenters drew associations across categories, suggesting a framework in which the success of institutions, businesses, public spaces, and design qualities are interdependent.

Q6. If you were in charge, what would you add downtown (choose your top 3)?

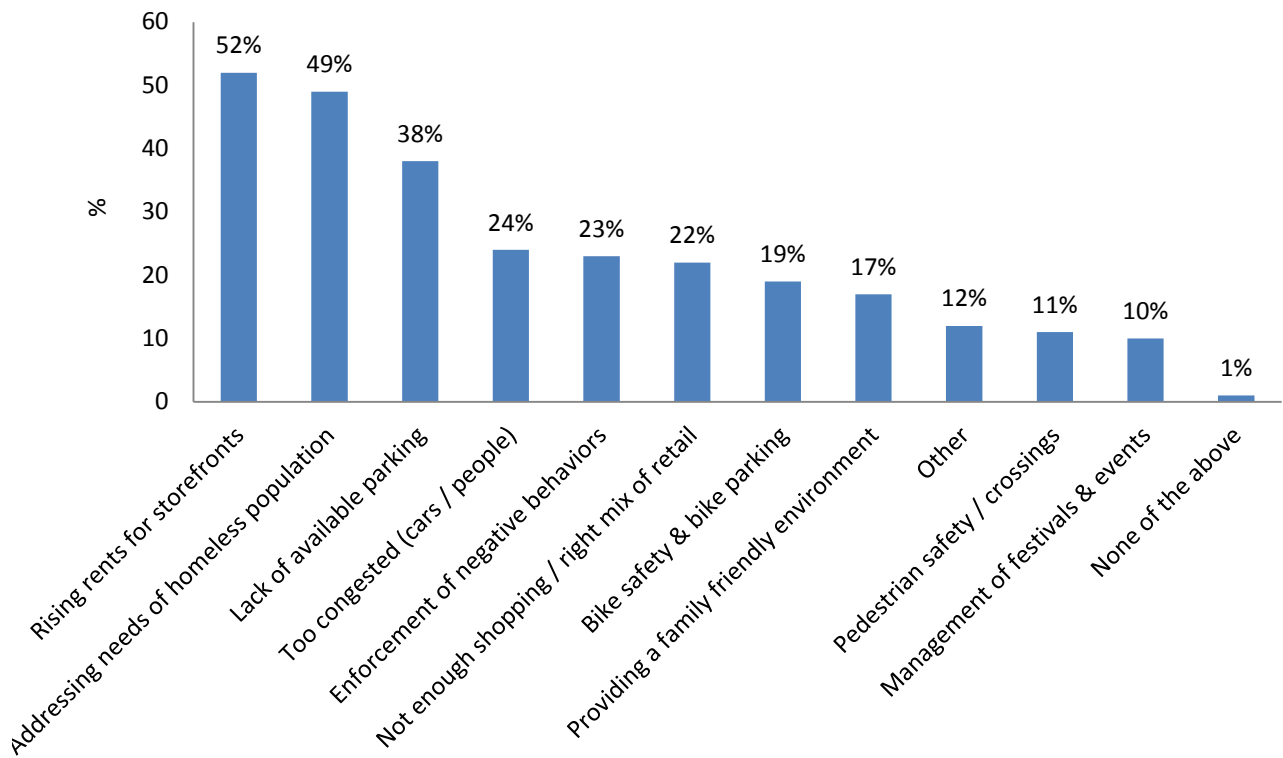


Whereas restaurants and retail stores ranked highly among Downtown’s assets, participants expressed a desire for spaces outside of the commercial range. Calls for a “public space where people can meet... without spending money” and for cultural institutions like galleries and event venues overshadowed the desire to expand on shopping, eating, and drinking amenities. Many used this question to call for changes that weren’t additions to downtown, such as a reduction in bars and breweries. And while a number of commenters used this part of the survey to ask that “local” be retained and expanded upon, another participant suggested a national department store. Expanded parking and bicycle facilities also received heavy attention. Parking in particular is seen as a limiting factor downtown, with some participants suggesting that further additions to the district could not be of help unless parking services were also expanded to accommodate additional visitors.

Breakdown of "Other"

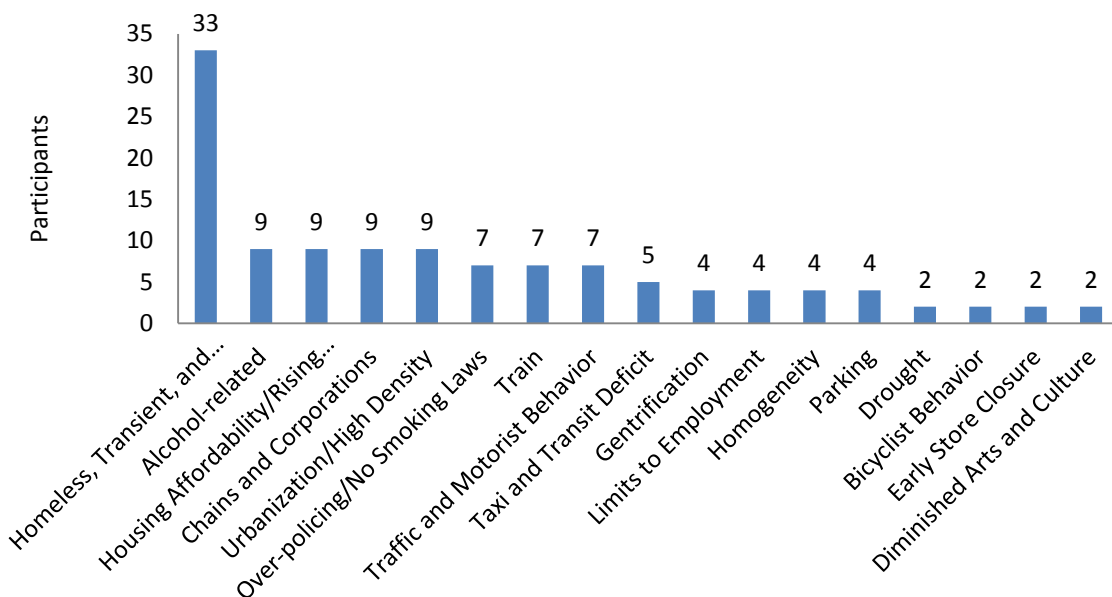


Q7. What are the top challenges facing downtown (choose your top 3)?

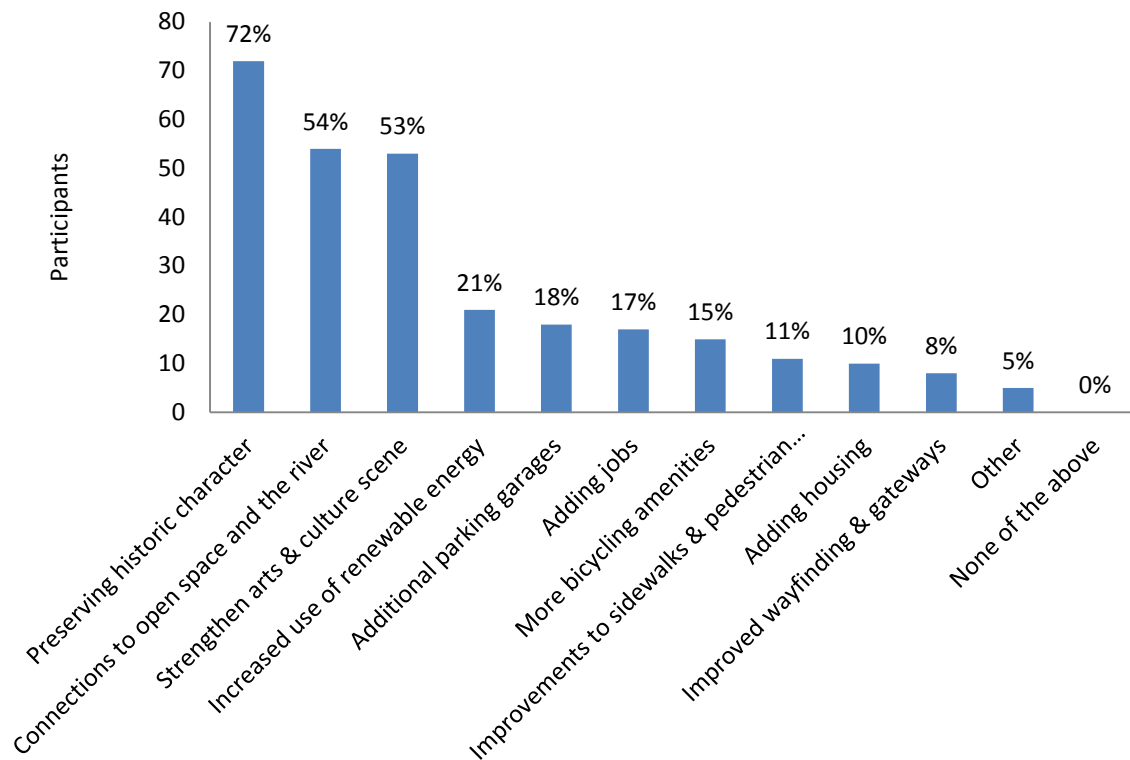


As with other questions, parking and congestion are primary concerns for downtown. Participants identified rising rents for storefronts as the major threat to local business, the fundament of which is established in Question 4 – this feeling was often expressed as a fear of corporate intrusion into the district. Conversely, fears of social and economic devaluation downtown were connected to the unmet needs of the homeless and transient population, whose growing presence downtown has generated a range of humanitarian concerns, anxieties over personal safety, and worries about the viability of business in a district where panhandling deters pedestrians.

Breakdown of "Other"

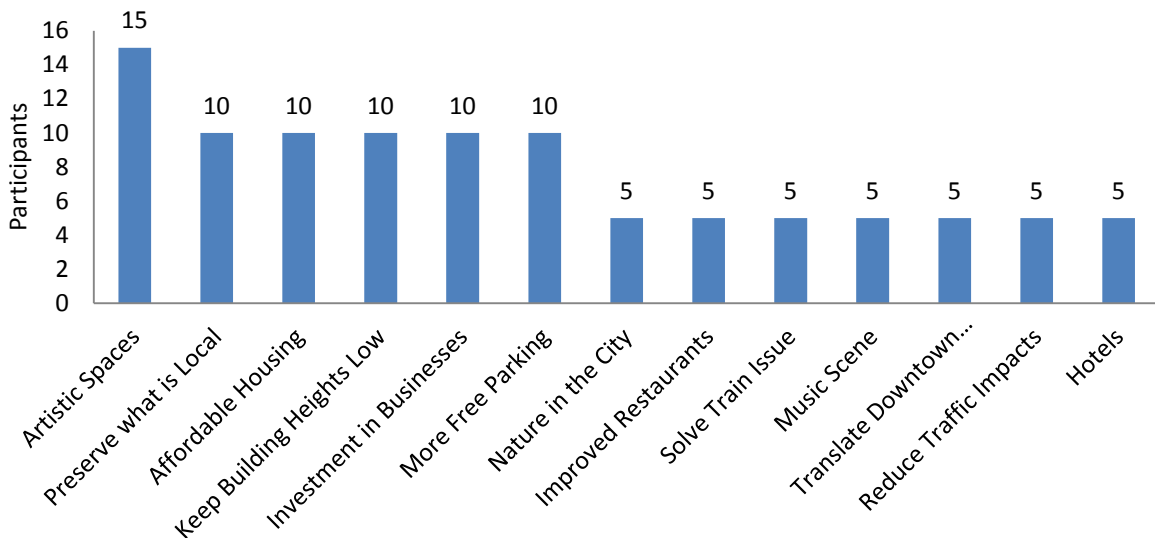


Q8. What are the top opportunities for downtown (choose your top 3)?



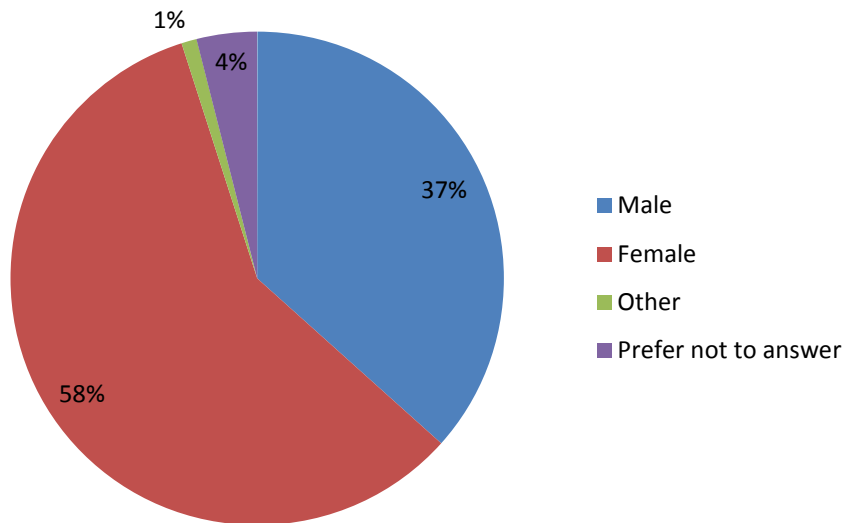
In identifying opportunities for the downtown, participants responded differently than when asked about present assets and potential additions to the district, instead relating downtown’s present condition to the assets of its near future. Respondents pointed out that preserving the historic feel is essential to the ongoing atmosphere of what most commenters preferred to call “Old Town” rather than downtown. The Cache la Poudre River and the natural areas associated with it are viewed as a peripheral feature of the district that can and should be better incorporated into downtown’s distinct pedestrian footprint. The arts and culture sector is also highlighted as an area of opportunity by participants who see the abundance of artistic energy and the market for it as a partially-tapped resource, presently constrained by inadequate space for artists to live, work, and share their productions.

Breakdown of "Other"

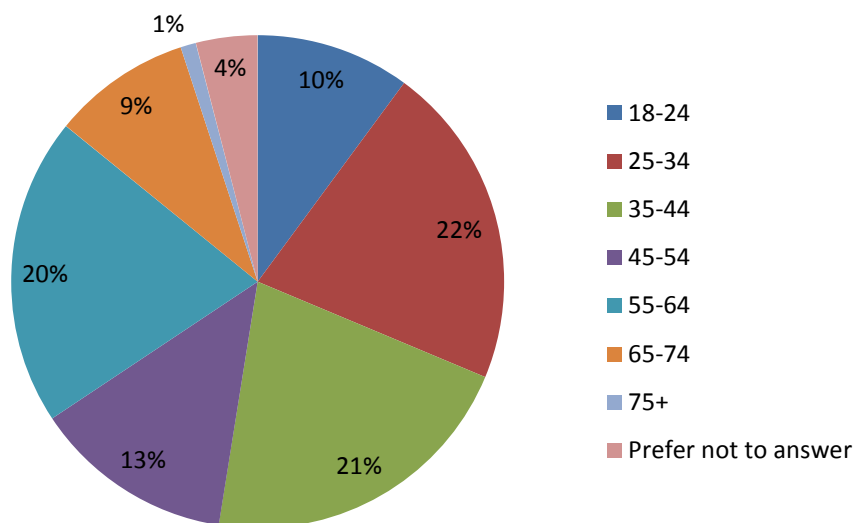


Section C – DEMOGRAPHICS

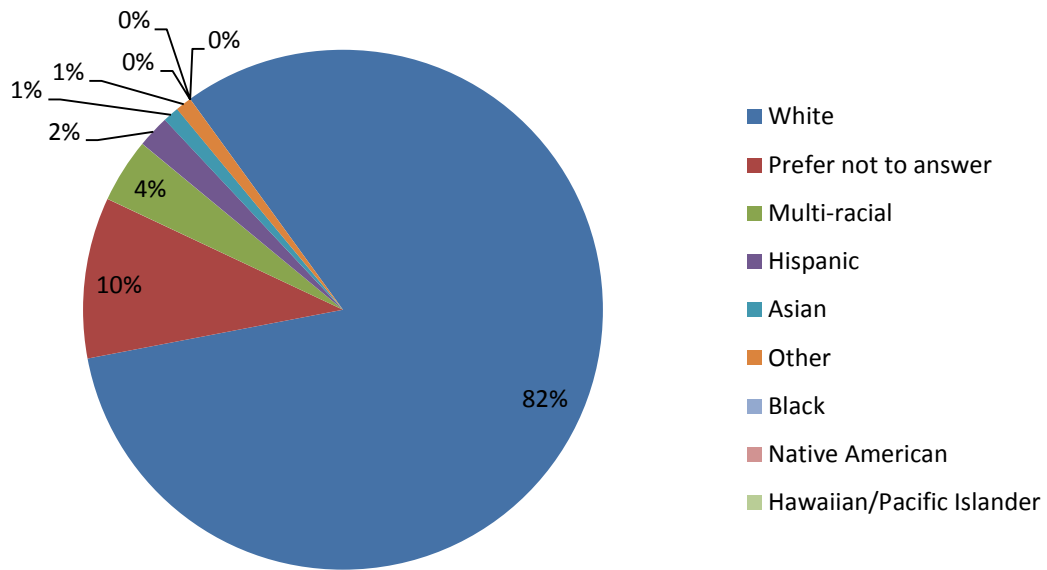
Q9. With which gender do you identify?



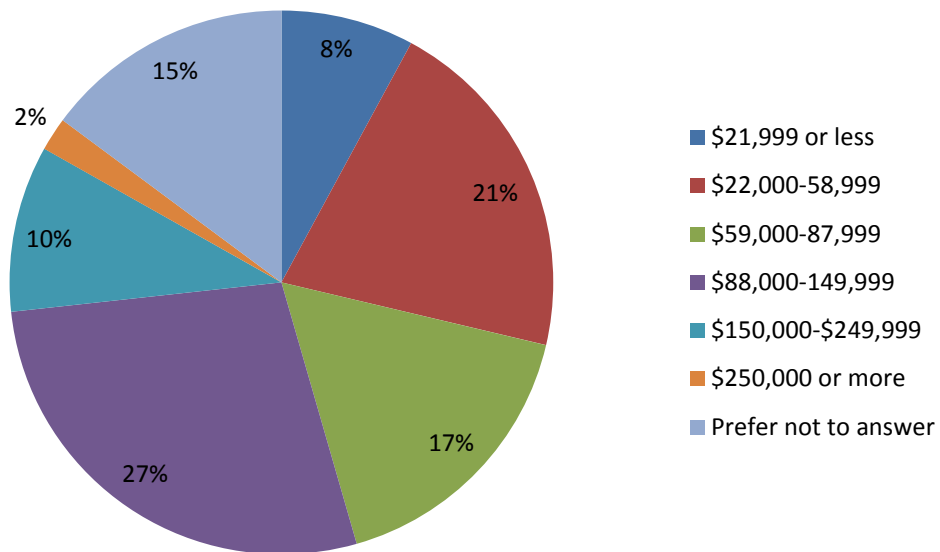
Q10. What is your age?



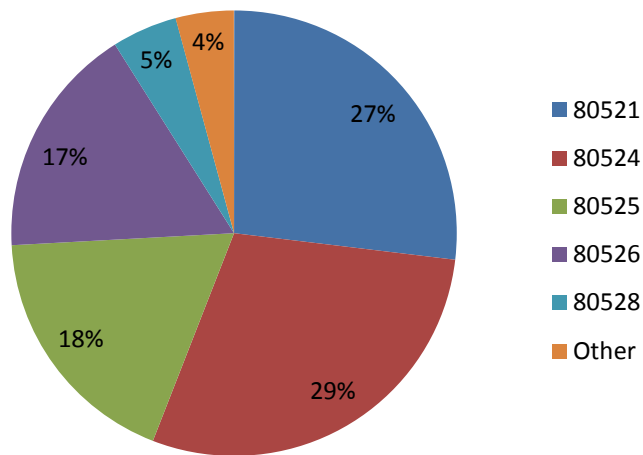
Q11. What is your race?



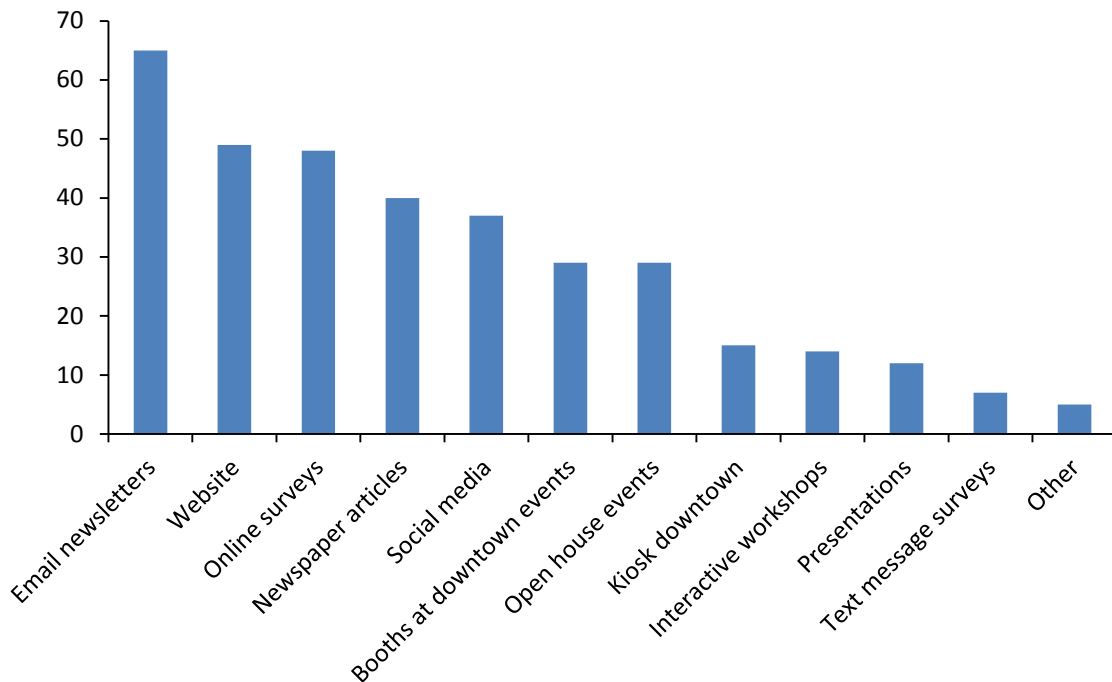
Q12. What is your annual household income?



Q13. What is your zip code?



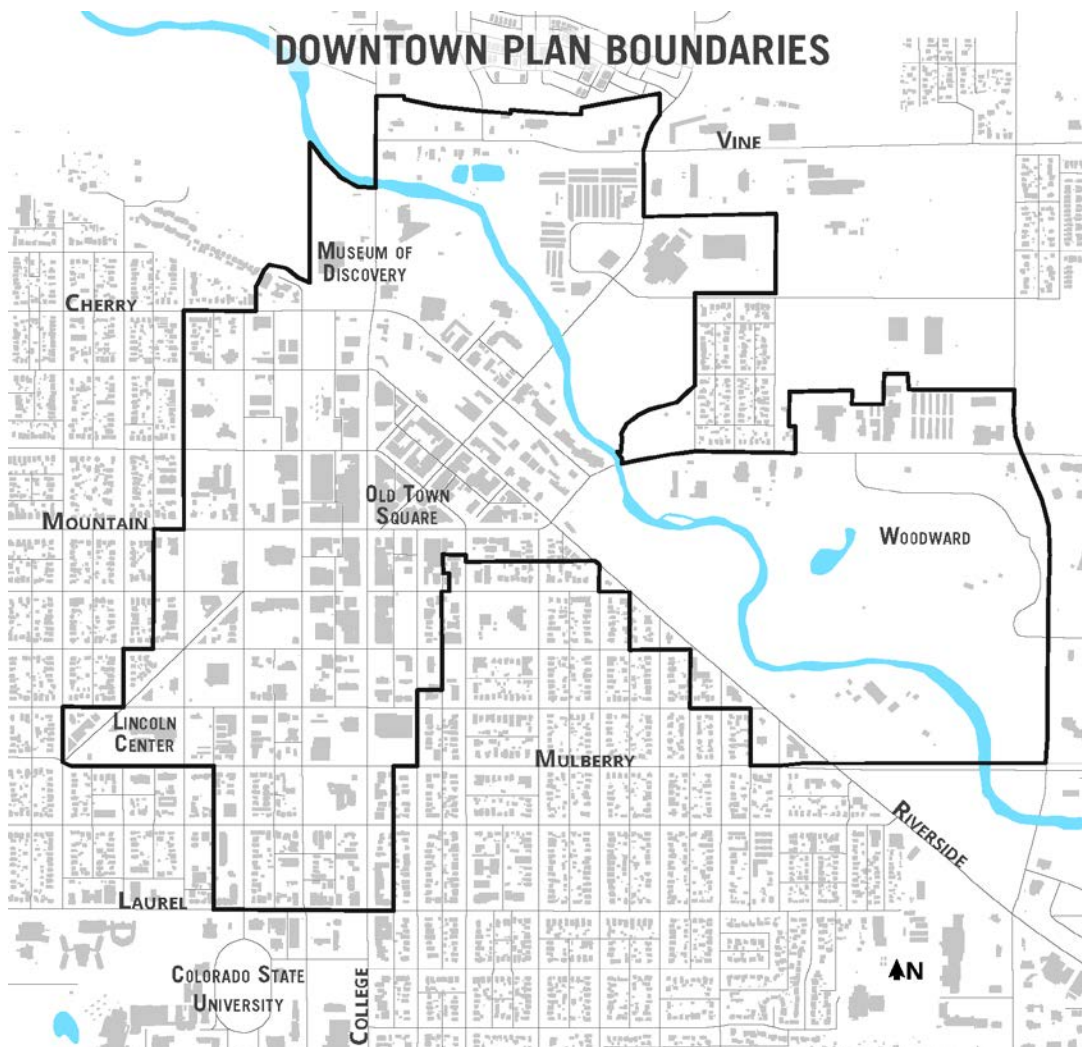
Q14. The Downtown Plan is just getting started. We need your help setting the course for next 10-20 years! What are the best ways to reach out to you (select all that apply)?



Appendix A – Survey as Issued

Is Downtown Fort Collins Headed in the Right Direction?

Thank you for taking this short 5-10 minute survey. Your input will support the creation of a new Downtown Plan for the City of Fort Collins, which will inform decisions related to urban design, transportation, parking, land use and development, arts and culture, and other topics for the next 10-20 years. Please see fcgov.com/downtown for more information and to sign up for project updates.



1. How often do you go downtown?

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- A couple times a year
- Almost never
- Other _____

2. How do you get to downtown **most frequently**?

- Car
- Bike
- Bus (including MAX)
- Walk
- Other (Please enter an 'other' value for this section) _____

3. Which of the following apply to you (select all that apply)?

- Live in Fort Collins
- Own property in Fort Collins
- Work downtown
- Live in or near downtown
- CSU student
- CSU faculty/staff
- None of the above
- Other _____

4. What do you **love most** about downtown?

[Open ended]

5. What typically brings you downtown (choose your top 3)?

- Shopping
- Dining
- Bars
- Breweries / distilleries / wineries
- Parties / celebrations
- Special events / festivals
- Arts / entertainment
- My job
- My home
- None of the above
- Other _____

Comments:

6. If you were in charge, what would you **add** downtown?

- Retail stores
- Restaurants
- Bars / breweries
- Grocery / convenience stores
- Offices / business services
- Space for emerging / technology industries

- Lodging
- Housing
- Event venues
- Galleries / museums
- Parks / open space
- Parking lots / garages
- None of the above
- Other _____

Comments:

7. What are the **top challenges** facing downtown (choose your top 3)?

- Not enough shopping / right mix of retail
- Rising rents for storefronts
- Lack of available parking
- Too congested (cars / people)
- Pedestrian safety / crossings
- Bike safety & bike parking
- Management of festivals & events
- Enforcement of negative behaviors
- Providing a family friendly environment
- Addressing the needs of homeless population
- None of the above
- Other _____

Comments:

8. What are the **top opportunities** for downtown (choose your top 3)?

- Adding jobs
- Adding housing
- Preserving historic character
- Strengthen arts & culture scene
- Additional parking garages
- Increased use of renewable energy
- Connections to open space and the river
- Improved wayfinding & gateways
- Improvements to sidewalks & pedestrian crossings
- More bicycling amenities
- None of the above
- Other _____

Comments:

9. With which gender do you identify?

- Male
- Female
- Other
- Prefer not to answer

10. What is your age?

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75+
- Prefer not to answer

11. What is your race?

- Asian
- Black
- Hispanic
- White
- Native American
- Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- Multi-racial
- Prefer not to answer
- Other _____

12. What is your annual household income?

- \$21,999 or less
- \$22,000-58,999
- \$59,000-87,999
- \$88,000-149,999
- \$150,000-249,999
- \$250,000 or more
- Prefer not to answer

13. What is your zip code?

[Open-ended]

14. The Downtown Plan is just getting started. We need your help setting the course for the next 10-20 years! What are the best ways to reach out to you (select all that apply)?

- Email newsletters
- Website
- Booths at downtown events
- Presentations
- Social media
- Newspaper articles
- Kiosk downtown
- Online surveys
- Text message surveys
- Interactive workshops
- Open house events
- Other _____

15. Would you like to receive email updates about the Downtown Plan?

- Yes
- No

Appendix B – Charted Results

Q1. How often do you go downtown?

Value	Percent	Count
Weekly	49.5%	198
Daily	32.5%	130
Monthly	14.3%	57
A couple times a year	2.5%	10
Almost never	1.3%	5
Total		400

Q2. How do you get downtown most frequently?

Value	Percent	Count
Car	64.0%	256
Bike	20.0%	80
Walk	9.8%	39
Bus (including MAX)	3.8%	15
Other	2.5%	10
Total		400

Analysis of open responses

Value	Percent	Count
Varied Modes	80.0%	8
Live in Old Town	20.0%	2
Total		10

Q3. Which of the following apply to you (select all that apply)?

Value	Percent	Count
Live in Fort Collins	91.8%	368
Own property in Fort Collins	61.4%	246
Live in or near downtown	39.4%	158
Work downtown	18.0%	72
CSU faculty/staff	13.0%	52
CSU student	10.2%	41
Other	6.5%	26
None of the above	1.8%	7
Total		401

Analysis of open responses

Value	Percent	Count
Work in/near Downtown	44.0%	11
Live in/near Downtown	16.0%	4
Former CSU	16.0%	4
Live near Fort Collins	8.0%	2
Infrequent visitor	8.0%	2
Regular Visitor	4.0%	1
Affiliated with Downtown Organization	8.0%	2
Total		25

Q4. What do you love most about downtown? What do you love most about downtown? - Analysis of Open Responses

Value	Percent	Count
Restaurants/Coffeeshops	40.8%	164
Retail/Shops	39.8%	160
Atmosphere and Community	38.1%	153
Historicism and Design	26.9%	108
Landscaping/Public Spaces	23.6%	95
Pedestrian- and bike-friendly	21.6%	87
Localism	19.2%	77
Art, Entertainment, Events	17.5%	70
Bars and Breweries	13.7%	55
Small Town Scale	7.7%	31
Services	7.2%	29
Diversity of People and Places	7.0%	28
Access	6.0%	24
Cultural Institutions	4.7%	19
Free parking	3.5%	14
Employment	3.0%	12
Diversity	1.7%	7
River	1.5%	6
Negative views expressed	1.2%	5
Housing	0.5%	2
High Density	0.3%	1
Total		402

Q5. What typically brings you downtown (choose your top 3)?

Value	Percent	Count
Dining	85.8%	345
Shopping	51.5%	207
Special events / festivals	33.3%	134
Breweries / distilleries / wineries	27.1%	109
Arts / entertainment	25.1%	101
Bars	21.6%	87
My job	18.7%	75
Other	8.2%	33
My home	4.5%	18
Parties / celebrations	3.0%	12
None of the above	0.8%	3
Total		402

Analysis of open responses

Value	Percent	Count
Outdoor Recreation	30.3%	10
Businesses	27.3%	9
Cultural Institutions	18.2%	6
Community	12.1%	4
Passing Through	9.1%	3
Government Services	9.1%	3
Work	6.1%	2
Events	6.1%	2
Don't Typically Visit	3.0%	1
Total		33

Q6. If you were in charge, what would you add downtown (choose your top 3)?

Value	Percent	Count
Parks / open space	40.5%	157
Retail stores	32.7%	127
Event venues	29.1%	113
Galleries / museums	29.1%	113
Parking lots / garages	27.6%	107
Restaurants	24.0%	93
Grocery / convenience stores	22.2%	86
Lodging	17.8%	69
Other	12.9%	50
Housing	9.8%	38
Space for emerging / technology industries	9.3%	36
Bars / breweries	7.2%	28
Offices / business services	3.6%	14
None of the above	2.8%	11
Total		388

Analysis of open responses

Value	Percent	Count
Public Parks and Plazas	15.20%	7
Bicycle Facilities	13.00%	6
More Local/Less Chain	13.00%	6
Housing	13.00%	6
Arts and Culture	10.90%	5
Pedestrian Areas	8.70%	4

Arts and Cultural Spaces	8.70%	4
Engagement with River	6.50%	3
Public Transit	6.50%	3
Food Market	6.50%	3
Parking	4.40%	2
Better Affordability	4.40%	2
Practical Services	6.50%	3
Children's Amenities	2.20%	1
Office Spaces	2.20%	1
Total		46

Q7. What are the top challenges facing downtown (choose your top 3)?

Value	Percent	Count
Rising rents for storefronts	51.5%	234
Addressing needs of homeless population	48.9%	222
Lack of available parking	38.3%	174
Too congested (cars / people)	24.5%	111
Enforcement of negative behaviors	23.1%	105
Not enough shopping / right mix of retail	22.5%	102
Bike safety & bike parking	19.4%	88
Providing a family friendly environment	17.0%	77
Other	12.3%	56
Pedestrian safety / crossings	11.2%	51
Management of festivals & events	10.1%	46
None of the above	1.1%	5
Total		454

Analysis of open responses

Value	Percent	Count
Homeless, Transient, and Panhandling	32.7%	18
Alcohol-related	9.1%	5
Housing Affordability/Rising Rents	9.1%	5
Chains and Corporations	9.1%	5
Urbanization/High Density	9.1%	5
Over-policing/No Smoking Laws	7.3%	4
Train	7.3%	4

Traffic and Motorist Behavior	7.3%	4
Taxi and Transit Deficit	5.5%	3
Gentrification	3.6%	2
Limits to Employment	3.6%	2
Homogeneity	3.6%	2
Parking	3.6%	2
Drought	1.8%	1
Bicyclist Behavior	1.8%	1
Early Store Closure	1.8%	1
Diminished Arts and Culture	1.8%	1
Atmosphere	0.0%	0
Total		55

Q8. What are the top opportunities for downtown (choose your top 3)?

Value	Percent	Count
Preserving historic character	72.0%	324
Connections to open space and the river	54.2%	244
Strengthen arts & culture scene	52.9%	238
Increased use of renewable energy	20.9%	94
Additional parking garages	17.8%	80
Adding jobs	16.9%	76
More bicycling amenities	14.7%	66
Improvements to sidewalks & pedestrian crossings	11.3%	51
Adding housing	10.0%	45
Improved wayfinding & gateways	8.0%	36
Other	5.3%	24
None of the above	0.4%	2
Total		450

Analysis of open responses

Value	Percent	Count
Artistic Spaces	15.0%	3
Preserve what is Local	10.0%	2
Affordable Housing	10.0%	2
Keep Building Heights Low	10.0%	2
Investment in Businesses	10.0%	2
More Free Parking	10.0%	2
Nature in the City	5.0%	1
Improved Restaurants	5.0%	1
Solve Train Issue	5.0%	1

Music Scene	5.0%	1
Translate Downtown Success Elsewhere	5.0%	1
Reduce Traffic Impacts	5.0%	1
Hotels	5.0%	1
Solve Noise Concerns	0.0%	0
Total		20

Q9. With which gender do you identify?

Value	Percent	Count
Male	36.9%	148
Female	58.6%	235
Other	0.8%	3
Prefer not to answer	3.7%	15
Total		401

Q10. What is your age?

Value	Percent	Count
18-24	9.7%	39
25-34	21.5%	86
35-44	21.2%	85
45-54	13.5%	54
55-64	20.2%	81
65-74	9.0%	36
75+	1.0%	4
Prefer not to answer	4.0%	16
Total		401

Q11. What is your race?

Value	Percent	Count
White	81.8%	324
Prefer not to answer	10.1%	40
Multi-racial	3.5%	14
Hispanic	1.8%	7
Asian	1.3%	5
Other	0.8%	3
Black	0.3%	1
Native American	0.3%	1
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.3%	1
Total		396

Q12. What is your annual household income?

Value	Percent	Count
\$21,999 or less	7.9%	31
\$22,000-58,999	20.5%	81
\$59,000-87,999	17.5%	69
\$88,000-149,999	27.9%	110
\$150,000-\$249,999	9.6%	38
\$250,000 or more	1.5%	6
Prefer not to answer	15.2%	60
Total		395

Q13. What is your zip code?

Count	Response
1	80206
1	80216
1	80512
1	80516
102	80521
1	80522
3	80523
110	80524
69	80525
64	80526
18	80528
1	80537
3	80538
1	80549
1	80550
1	80626
1	82009

Q14. The Downtown Plan is just getting started. We need your help setting the course for next 10-20 years! What are the best ways to reach out to you (select all that apply)?

Value	Percent	Count
Email newsletters	65.2%	260
Website	49.4%	197
Online surveys	47.9%	191
Newspaper articles	40.1%	160
Social media	37.3%	149
Booths at downtown events	29.1%	116
Open house events	29.1%	116
Kiosk downtown	14.5%	58
Interactive workshops	13.8%	55
Presentations	12.0%	48
Text message surveys	7.3%	29
Other	5.0%	20
Total		399

Q15. Would you like to receive email updates about the Downtown Plan?

Value	Percent	Count
Yes	65.6%	261
No	34.4%	137
Total		398

Appendix C – Full Text of Comments and Open Responses

Q2. How do you get downtown most frequently?

Response "Other"
All of the above. Plus, I live downtown.
I live in old town
I live there
Live in Old Town
Max, Uber, Bike
Used to take the bus and/or walk.
bike & MAX
car, bike, walk
car, bike, walk - all of them
car/max/walk depending on weather and purpose
during the week by car on my way to work. All other times by bike.

Q3. Which of the following apply to you (select all that apply?)

Response "Other"
1-time visitor
CSU parent
I live in Old Town
I was born in Ft. Collins
Live in La Porte
Live in Old Town (west)
Live north of Vine and Lemay in poverty town, Bull Run
Own home in Wellington Co.
Own in Old Town.
Relatives in Ft Collins
Retired CSU Faculty
Retired CSU, volunteer for a downtown organization
The church I attend is Downtown

Visit Downtown Regularly
What is so special about downtown?
Work near downtown
Work on Downtown bldgs
business was previously located downtown
go to meetings downtown
graduating Spring 2015
live in Wyo, work and play in FC.
own a business near downtown
own a business on edge of downtown
own/operate a business
retired CSU faculty
walk 2.5 miles to downtown
work 2 mi north of old town
work close to downtown
work for larimer county
work near downtown

Q4. What do you love most about downtown?

Response
- the variety of local businesses (lack of chain stores)
1. nice concentrated choice of good restaurants 2. trees, plantings, atmosphere 3. architecture
Accessibility to shops, bars and food. Location of Transit Center
Ace Hardware
Active, energetic area.
Aesthetics & activities downtown
Aesthetics. Great parking. Everything walking distance after parking.
All the great places to eat and shop!
Ambiance

Architecture and the beautified alleys
Arts and culture
Atmosphere
Atmosphere
Atmosphere and curiosities store
Atmosphere and local businesses
Atmosphere, walkability, energy
Bars. Ben & jerry's
Beauty, unqiue shops, great restaurants, events
Being able to bike there, that Max, walking around among the people.
Being able to walk around to restaurants and shops. Character.
Character, history, walkability, landscaping, local businesses
Character. Has a lot of charm.
Character. unique shops
Coffee houses and book stores. Walking around and meeting friendly and interesting people.
Coffee, Restaurants and the Vibe.
Culture, food, shops, people, architecture
Dining and socializing and an architecturally and historically interesting area.
Dinner
Distinctive character, attractive, variety of restaurants
Diversity of homes & businesses.
Diversity of shops. Old buildings reused.
Ease of walking, pretty and well maintained, and the businesses that are in the downtown area.
Eclectic shops. Older buildings and architecture, friendly atmosphere.
Eclectic stores, public art, the fountain, live music.
Energy!
Events, community culture
Fantastic shops, live music opportunities, and enjoyable atmosphere
Feels like a vibrant college town without the obnoxious parts of a college town.
Few chain businesses, good food and drink, farmers market

Free parking
Free parking Twinkle lights during the holidays Family owned businesses
Free parking. It feels alive -- lots of people.
Fun and place to walk around, with older buildings, friendly people, good food, and free music
Fun, dog friendly place to walk, shop, and eat.
Funky old town vibe. Mix of restaurants and shopping
Generally clean, safe and spacious.
Good food and drink A place to meet friends Shopping A place to hear live music
Good local places (we go to pateros often, dinner regularly).
Good restaurants
Good restaurants and shops
Great restaurants and coffee shops.
Great shops and atmosphere
High-quality yet not pretentious. Historic buildings. Adjacent to nice neighborhoods.
Historic Charm
Historic buildings
Historic charm
How close everything is, the library, coffee/tea, etc.
How green and clean everything is.
Human scale architecture
I hate it - no parking crowds of tourists. I am not interested in the shops
I love the character, and that it is pedestrian and bike friendly.
I love the density restaurants and bars.
I love the old buildings and the atmosphere.
I love the walkability.
I think the quaintness. Lovely at Christmas season.
I would Love it if the college students didn't destroy it on the weekends.
Independently owned shops and restaurants. Thriving retail and character of buildings.
Integration of the outdoors (bike paths, squares, bike paths, etc)
It is a place to walk to and sit with a paper and coffee

It is not overrun with major retailers

It is so vibrant, but hard to put my finger on why.

It is where people collect. It's walkable, human scale.

It used to have "atmosphere"

It's atmosphere

It's character!

It's close to my house and I can get most of my goods and services there.

It's small town feel

It's unique and vibrant. Lots of places to eat and drink. I love small, family run businesses.

It's vitality and diverse options

Lack of tall buildings, historic character

Local businesses with the best food and coffee and atmosphere.

Local shops, walking around, sense of community, art in the alleys.

Local unique shops and restaurants

Lots of people and things going on.

Lots of restaurant choices.

Lots of shopping choices

Low building heights, old buildings, locally owned businesses.

Low key atmosphere, easy access.

Meeting up with people.

Mix of local businesses and restaurants

Music, restaurant choices, the square.

No parking meters. Quaint.

Not much anymore. The panhandlers have driven us away.

Old Town

Old Town Square

Old Town Square and beautiful alleys and old buildings

Old buildings.

Old style buildings, pedestrian nature, feeling of being in a town on the plains near the river.

Old town charm and walkable shopping and restaurants.

Out door concerts, shops, resturants
Parking garage Restaurants Old town square Window shopping
Patios and places to sit and relax outside.
Pedestrian Friendly, Shopping and Dining opportunities
Pedestrian and bike friendly. Historic buildings. Independent businesses. All the social activity
People watching, but mostly I go downtown for the businesses.
Preservation of Historic Character
Preserves history in updated ways
Quaint, darling shops, unique restaurants, vintage buildings, carriage rides, flowers
Quaintness & availability of lots of small different shops
Quality shops, quality food options, good variety
Relaxed atmosphere, fun things to do such as restaurants, concerts, festivals.
Restaurants
Restaurants and atmosphere, love the lights in the trees
Restaurants and bars. Architecture and landscaping. Lights on the trees for the holidays!
Restaurants and breweries
Restaurants and some shopping.
Restaurants, Bars and independently owned boutique stored
Restaurants, Events, Bars, and Breweries
Restaurants, Music, Cleanliness, Safety
Restaurants, childrens water play area
Resturants, Breweries, events and shops
Shopping and eating options and summer festivities!
Shops and atmosphere
Shops, good food, atmosphere, easy to access
Shops, restaurants, cleanliness
Shops, restaurants, museums, sense of history
Small Town feel
Small local businesses Architectural styles of buildings Streetmosphere in the summer
Social interaction

Some of he restaurants
Strolling along and window shopping; the fountain; gallery walk;
THE lack of national chains and more locally owned shops and restaurants.
That I do not have to go there often
That it is walkable and bikeable.
The "small town" feel, and its vibrancy - the shops, restaurants and breweries.
The Old Town feel/look. The "Main Street USA" vibe.
The ability to walk around and shop, go out to eat, and hang out!
The abundance of local stores, breweries, and restaurants. I also like the Square.
The ambience, the accessibility, the home-town feel.
The amount of things to do and see.
The atmosphere
The atmosphere
The atmosphere and variety of places to eat and shop is probably what I love most about downtown.
The atmosphere is unbeatable.
The atmosphere of Old Town.
The atmosphere!
The atmosphere, especially during the holidays.
The atmosphere, love the old but well kept buildings, food, music.
The atmosphere, the restaurants, the architecture, the mature trees.
The atmosphere--it always feels as if something is going on.
The atmosphere/ambiance of the area
The atomosphere, historic buildings, breweries, bars, restaurants, quaintness of old town square
The bars, restaurants and shopping. Great people, great vibe!
The beautiful landscaping and concerts, newest fest, downtown activities.
The character is great.
The character, the beauty, nice restaurants.
The charm.
The charming shops and buildings are unique and the energy of downtown is fun and interesting.
The comfortable character and vibe.

The community, the shops, the public transport, etc
The culture and restaurants and Ace Hardware! Breweries
The cute shops and the environment
The diversity and open space feel.
The diversity of people
The diversity of people and businesses downtown. Especially the music!
The diversity of shops, breweries, bars and restaurants in one convenient location.
The easy-going atmosphere. The lights at Christmas. The Square. Restaurant patios. Events.
The energy
The energy. The history. The unique shops and restaurants.
The environment such a beautiful town
The events
The feel and energy, variety of things to do and see,
The feel of the area (trees, layout, business concentration).
The feel.
The fountain area
The fun culture and vast variety of businesses.
The general ambiance
The high level of activity - always full of people. Feels very vibrant
The historic buildings and walkability.
The historic buildings, variety of businesses, easy access.
The historic charm.
The history, atmosphere, events, and walkability
The lights on the trees and all of the little boutiques.
The little shops
The liveliness and how it looks in the summer
The local feel of the shopping, dining, breweries.
The local shops and pedestrian friendly atmosphere
The local shops and restaurants, the feeling of community and the historic buildings.
The local vibe and the cheerful people.

The locally owned bars and restaurants

The look and feel of the old buildings. Lots of great character.

The music scene, kid friendly during the day.

The old buildings, painted advertisements, sense of history.

The pedestrian friendly square. The shops owned by locals. The good restaurants

The people-watching and the convenience.

The people.

The quality restaurants and shops.

The restaurants

The restaurants, and the lively feel of it any day or time.

The restaurants, bars, breweries and things I can't find in other parts of town.

The restaurants, bars...riding bikes to it. The atmosphere, the friendliness.

The restaurants, shopping, coffee, pizza!

The restaurants.

The river

The small independent stores and restaurants

The small town atmosphere, quaintness, and walkability.

The small-town feel, scale, and accessibility.

The statues. Little unique things.

The stores. The ones left are unique and great to share with visitors.

The traffic free areas, the boutiques, the restaurants.

The trees, cleanliness, restaurants.

The unique shops surrounded by a relaxed atmosphere with art and activities.

The unique shops, art, and architecture.

The variety and culture that can be found.

The variety of restaurants and bars.

The variety of shopping options, including necessities like hardware and especially groceries.

The variety of shops and interesting restaurants and other venues.

The variety of shops and restaraunts

The variety of small shops and eating establishments and the old town feel.

The variety of things to do!
The variety of vibrant and friendly businesses and people.
The wide variety of shops.
The, shops, activity, buzz etc.
There is a variety of things to do
Trees, variety of shops, walkable, public places
Unique character
Unique old town shopping/dining experience.
Unique shops
Variety of amenities (shopping, dining, entertainment, microbrewerys, etc.).
Variety of businesses
Variety of local shops and food. No chain stores.
Variety of local stores and restaurants. Holiday lights in the winter.
Variety of restaurants, bars, shops, etc. Aesthetics.
Variety of shops, bars and restaurants.
Very pedestrian friendly
Vibrancy and activity
Vibrant Feel
Vital streets and businesses
Walkability
Walkability and the fact that there is a library and a hardware store and places to eat
Walkability, diversity of shops, height of buildings, just overall very pleasant.
Walkability, the fact that there are always people around (not a dead downtown), and the charm.
Walkability, variety of shops and businesses.
Walkability. Restaurants and shops. Outdoor dining.
Walkability/bikeability, dining, small town feel with big town comforts, old character
Walkable Architectural character Established trees Eclectic
Walkable, local businesses, historic feel, access to high quality restaurants, stores, activities
Walkable. Fun. Transit Center. Tidy.
Walking around. Taking the grandkids for icecream. Looking over the restuarants.

arts & culture
atmosphere
charm - no sprawl or big box stores
community
culture, and the unique use of space
farmers market
food, shops, activities, walkability.
free parking and the cool buildings
free parking, free public restrooms, pedestrian/bike accessible, easy place to meet with friends
historic, clean, lots to do, the river
homey, unique, local businesses, quirky, hip, liberal
it is unique cute shops fun activities great restaurants Great bars
its vibrancy and historic character
local businesses
lots of people, lots of choices charming architecture
many good, creative locally owned businesses
memories of small town feeling.
night life
old charming buildings containing local businesses
outdoor space
proximity to my house and dining options
proximity to the river corridor
relaxed atmosphere, dog friendly, local businesses, outdoor patios, local beer
restaurants
restaurants and bars
restaurants, boutique stores, events on weekends such as the Art Walk
sense of place for people to gather / community gathering place
small scale, friendly, happy place.
small town atmosphere, quaintness
socialize

stores
supporting local niche businesses, artistic nature of the downtown area, diversity.
the atmosphere and architecture
the business's
the character, local businesses, outdoor linden area
the character; the mom and pop stores; the variety of stores
the coffee shops
the environment created by the culture
the farmers market in opera galleria
the locally owned shops
the restaurants and bars
the shops, restaurants, ambiance
the shops, restaurants, atmosphere and walking around
the variety of local establishments
the vibe...the lights...the restaurants & stores
unique character, walkable, local establishments
unique local shops, and a variety of restaurants
unique/independent businesses and old/quality architecture. Non "suburban" feel.
uniqueness, sense of community, local businesses
uniqueness: NO CHAINS
variety of bars and restaurants within walking distance of each other
variety of stores & restaurants, the amazing free events
vibrant walkable space. people watching, food, and retail.
walk ability -
walkability of events/food in small area.
walkability, good mix of restaurants, local businesses, live entertainment
walkability; variety of shops, great atmosphere
walkable, relaxed but lively, independent businesses, nice amenities, manageable scale
walking around
The cultural scene, though it is dwindling lately. I'm upset to learn that Streetmosphere won't be happening

this summer. It was one of the major contributors to the vibrant scene in downtown Fort Collins.

Small town feel, great shops, variety of restaurants and shops, great landscaping, love the Winter lights.

Variety of stores, ability to walk to places once you've parked, FoCoMX, lights on trees downtown at Christmas

Mixture of locally owned businesses across formats. Easy place to gather - love the festival culture (though this could be expanded to other parts of the city).

A unique setting with beautiful buildings that are restored nicely. Great restaurants. Always something going on - small to large events. Feel safe. Feel good.

Independent merchants, restaurants and the Olde Town square. I like to leave the kiddies at the mall and enjoy myself around adults.

It's fun character and things to do during summer (e.g., Thursday night music). Variety of shops and restaurants.

The atmosphere, culture, and general vibe of downtown. It feels fun, exciting, and there's always something happening.

The ability to easily access a variety of entertainment options and daily needs via walking or biking.

Convenient friendly shops that have cool stuff to buy for ones self or gifts. Music and activities.

The feel of the streets, including the brick buildings, decorated facades, planters in the summer, white holiday lights. I like going to the less expensive places to eat & hang out (mo jeau's, choice city, bean cycle, illegal pete's).

I love how well maintained and beautiful it is. I love how the old integrity has been kept up so you get the historical feel but everything is still modern and up to date. I also love the free weekend parking.

Great stores, bars, and restaurants close together so you can go in the area and walk around until you find what you want to do.

The urban but small town feel, lots of independent, locally owned businesses, the beautiful landscaping and historic buildings, the music and arts that (were) incorporated when Streetmosphere was available.

I love that it is walkable, that the majority of businesses are local, non-franchise ones, that there are regular events to go to, like First Friday, New West Fest, and Tour de Fat. Summer concerts in the square, brewpubs and distilleries and cideries are great. It is easy to get to using a bike, walking or the MAX. By far the best winter lights are in Downtown Fort Collins!

Vibrancy, variety, not too sprawling. Great restaurants. National corporations and small businesses. Lincoln Center. Easy to reach by bicycle.

It's small town flavor and independently owned unique shops. However, that is all changing. It is becoming just like every other town; which is making it less appealing.

The culture and atmosphere. The number of small, locally owned businesses is very important to the overall character. Downtown has a vibrancy unlike many communities in the US. I believe the small, local shops contribute to this greatly.

Interesting and unique local businesses (not chains). The original (and sympathetic to) historical architecture. Good restaurants, and places for music and drinks. Walking areas are important.

pedestrian friendly (except for the cars right down the middle of college!), fairly bicycle friendly

Walkability of multiple restaurant locations, the prevalence of craft beer (breweries, pubs) and the numerous festivals that occur.

the quaintness of it, the small town feel, the locally owned businesses (NOT the franchises!), the walkability

Good mix of government, business, and professional offices along with restaurants, retail and entertainment establishments. We also love the holiday lights and thne summer flowers.

Historic buildings, I can walk or bike, easy parking (seriously, everyone complains about parking but the garages are convenient, cheap and never crowded).

I can walk it. I like that there are a ton of non-chain shops. Old Town has some great little stores.

Old town character, close to the river, the remaining views of the mountains, the variety of small and non-chain retailers, and the connection that the old town has to the surrounding neighborhoods.

what I used to love was the shops were I could get everything from rendezvous goods to things from nepal and a coffee and the old town square and music

Fantastic streetscape. Bulb-outs, crosswalks, landscaping, alleys, etc. are all very attractive and well-designed

I can walk to all the old town amenities. Parking is easily accessible in the garage and is reasonably priced. I can take the MAX to anywhere downtown I need to get if I want to avoid parking. Many new and independent restaurants seem to be opening downtown.

Friendly, happy people. The downtown has a small town atmosphere but offers as much as a big city. It's a clean town, beautiful flowers, pianos for playing or watching artists paint, just things that in general make people happy and willing to help others - directions or what is needed - and just to say "hi" with a friendly smile to strangers.

Has just about everything I want or need, within walking or biking distance. Generally, a very attractive place to be.

it's beautiful! love the architecture and the old buildings. The flowers are wonderful and appreciate the alley ways that have been beautified. great food and a ton of charm. and holiday lights in the winter!!!

Locally owned businesses Great restaurants Until lately I enjoyed walking downtown without being bothered by transients, but now they are everywhere!

Free parking, carriage rides, cleanliness, lights at Christmas, flowers, water features, musicians, shops (The Cupboard, Sense of Place, White Balcony, Ace Hardware).

Historical buildings, the lights overhead in the winter, big trees, good restaurants, fun "vibe".

The atmosphere. You can go downtown and enjoy a meal, spend time with friends, go shopping, take the kids to events... all in a setting that is proportional to the city size. It's comfortable and the historic architecture helps complete the feeling.

I like how there are things for everyone. The bars are diverse, there are fountains for people that just want to sit down and relax.

the mom&pop restaurants, bars and other businesses; the overall old home town look, the pedestrian mall area

non-chain restaurants, the square, people-watching, festivals, the Christmas lights on all the trees in the winter time.

It's well maintained and has a good variety of shops and restaurants. It's what most downtowns strive to be.

I love how the buildings add a certain personality and character to the city. There is a lot going on amidst the museums, theaters, restaurants, and shops, and these together create a unique and creative culture to the town. Fort Collins a pretty, clean and thriving city, and I think that Old Town reflects this identity. I also love the variety of things that there is to do, there is always something going on or a new restaurant to try and it keeps the trips to Old Town new and exciting.

Unique shops and restaurants, flowers, Christmas lights, fountains and park areas, all the bikes and vitality.

The ability to bike safely and access the businesses (like a yoga studio) on a bike. The tree lights in the winter. The affordable businesses - as a middle-class citizen I can actually afford to buy things in the stores downtown. The flower beds/pots in the summer. Of note - the one thing that severely diminishes this love of downtown is the noisy vehicle traffic. Large trucks without mufflers and streams of motorcycles that drive within 4-5 feet of outside dining space. This issue MUST be addressed. The loud noise from these specific vehicles limits where and how often I choose to dine in downtown.

The creative sculptures and pianos around town as well as the variety of shopping centers, restaurants, and local businesses.

nice architecture, pedestrian friendly, live music, kids playing on bear statue or in oak fountains, restaurants, unique (non-chain) shops, farmers market, always things happening

The charm of local restaurants and stores. Live music and other events. The holiday lights when they are up.

Independent businesses, friendly small town feel. Balance of bars, art, great food, and open space. No tall buildings, I can see the mountains!

The unique shopping, restaurants and arts. Knowing your neighbors and owners... small town feel.

Riding my bike there, great restaurants and bars (crown pub, rio, la Luz, social, jax and more!), friendly and relaxed atmosphere, food trucks, music, the old and original architecture, walkability, variety of shops, and the Fort Collins 'vibe'

Presence of cheap bars and restaurants, and only a few chain restaurants and stores. Wish there were no chain restaurants or stores permitted downtown. Also free parking is a plus!

If one thing: pedestrian scale walkability. Also...non-chain shops, aesthetic: building, street trees, holiday lights, sidewalk seating, running into people I know, being able to get gifts for kids, groceries, hardware, market goods, see live music, and eat at restaurants in a pleasing setting.

its smallness, also that it mostly unique stores based off of smaller businesses. also that it is close.

The variation of streets with alleys that have businesses in them. I love how pedestrian friendly it is and the variety of shops.

The character, the small businesses, the (up and coming) pedestrian scale, the modern density, MAX, typically Colorado locales, certainly unique ones, the trees and flowers, the renovated alleyways, and the history.

Ambiance/historic buildings, FREE PARKING ON STREETS, pedestrian plazas, street entertainment, restaurant street-side patios, bicycle parking, no smoking, bike lanes.

I USED to love the square. Now I love being on Oak Street Plaza - people watching - taking a break.

Older architecture, laid back style, friendly vendors, easy access to restaurants and shops, sun filled streets from no high rises, the landscaping/flowers, the cobbled alleyways, they feeling of bustling town, not big

city, French Nest and other markets, smiles on faces.

I'm not sure I love anything about downtown. It is a nice downtown and energetic due to its success. There are many other towns that I like just as well (some more).

I love that I can walk everywhere, it is vibrant and full of life, and there are so many places to eat, drink and shop.

The unique shops and restaurants that are not found in other towns. Which now are in danger of turning into big box stores because rent is going up so much. The uniqueness of our downtown is what made our downtown popular and now are in danger of being squeezed out of greedy landlords. Old Town Square, fun alleys, friendly people, funky vibe, great music, bike friendly.

Community culture. Cleanliness, safety, funky vibe without being overly run down but also not overly upscale. Friendly fun where families from varying socioeconomic can afford and enjoy. Inclusive. Cool!

Quaintness, Old town Fort Collins is unique with locally owned restaurants and shops. Everywhere else is different packaging of the same shops and eateries.

Small town feel...diagonal parking, historical feel, lights on during winter, large sidewalks, general landscaping.

We used to like Old Town . I had a small town feel to it and the Horses tooth could be seen from mulberry. The developers are ruining the skyline. closing in with buildings right at the edge of the street, like LA. Don't like the City closing in unnecessarily. At least have buildings that don't resemble the ghettos in Sau Paulo. Don't want the stadium either. Let the Rams win for a bit first!

pretty, people friendly, good eats, winter lights, shaded with lots of trees, walking plaza, fountain, shops, coffee, breweries, beer fest, new west fest

The historic buildings, walk-ability, bike-ability, locally owned businesses that I want to support, lots of flowers (seasonally appropriate), lots of art in public spaces, lots of trees even in sidewalk/building areas.

Creative atmosphere, interesting shops, unique restaurants. It's a fun place to just come and wander around for the afternoon or evening.

I hate downtown. I am a 5th generation native Coloradoan and grew up in Fort Collins. It was a great town 30 years ago. Now it is breweries and a college student hang out. Fort Collins is a wannabe Boulder. It certainly is not family-friendly any more. Further, Fort Collins had some of the best restaurants in Northern Colorado. Now they are awful.

Restaurants, shopping and walking around. We love the landscaping and the outdoor seating areas for summer dining.

"Feels" like a town. Independent shops, the library, independent non-chain eateries, the trail, the museums, Al's newstand.

Historic character of buildings/area, ability to walk to and around downtown, favorite shops and restaurants, trees.

Like to be able to park free on the street and just walk around. Enjoy an ice cream cone and people watching. I like it best when it is not really crowded.

overall atmosphere: lights in the trees and on the store fronts; music; people watching; seating areas; patio dining; etc.

Unique, locally owned businesses, focus on high quality goods and service, clean and beautiful public spaces, many kinds of entertainment.

Variety. Good mix of residential / retail / services / employment / the river. And best of all - I can walk everywhere - to work, to eat, to enjoy.

It has such a local feel. It isn't very difficult to just fill an area with national chains and give it a sterile feel, but it is much more difficult to cultivate a unique environment. Downtown Fort Collins is unique.

I did love the fountain in the square! I just really enjoy being able to walk to every store and I enjoy the atmosphere.

It is about UNIQUENESS. When local retailers are forced out due to skyrocketing rents, we'll be left with a bunch of boring chain retail. Invest in creative and beautiful places to gather (like the water snake fountains in Oak St Plaza).

The architecture and atmosphere, old brick buildings, unique shops, Old Town Square, the activities, the friendliness, the good food, Christmas lighting, summer flowers, the diagonal parking on College.

The variety is what attracts me most; whether in it's * the people (likely to see more diversity downtown than at the south end of FoCo) * the architecture (old structures but with stylish facades and some new apartment/office buildings that work well with the space) * or the incredibly well done maintenance of the area (I particularly like the planters that have been placed by shop entrances this spring!)

Lots of good restaurants, stores, music events, cafes, the farmer's market. Always things happening and people out walking. Density means I can easily walk or bike to everything.

Cool variety of stores, many locally owned. Relatively convenient access via MAX 6 days of the week.

Local businesses, small town character. I hope it doesn't turn into a bunch of skyscrapers and large hotels.

The "feel". Always a lot going on with events, music, food, and people. Beautiful lights, fountains, art, and a unique classic environment.

Walkable; Ace Hardware; AI's; variety of restaurants; holiday lights in winter and flowers in summer

That it is still bike friendly though parking, even for bikes, is starting to become more problematic. The Lyric Cinema, the Food Coop, pedestrian friendly atmosphere. Nice patios.

The local and inique businesses like Clothes Pony, The Bean Cycle, White Balcony, etc. and the great healthy food options like Tasty Harmony (which I heard is moving ☹️) and 415. I love the atmosphere of the area and all the walking areas available.

Very bike friendly, easy to get around. Restaurants are getting better. Lots of local businesses. Downtown is always buzzing with activity

The vibrancy from shopping, eating, entertainment to the beautiful displays of flowers in the summer and holiday lights in the winter. People watching is great entertainment.

I like the pedestrian scale of buildings (mostly 5 stores or less and abutted to sidewalk) and pedestrian ease of use. As a bike rider, I like that there is lots of bike parking and that the sidewalks are closed to wheeled vehicles. When I do drive, I really like the two parking garages as they are cheap and convenient.

Q5. What typically brings you downtown?

Response "Other"
Left Blank
Did I mention ice cream
Don't go there unless I have to
FC Museum of Discovery
I go to walk around with my girlfriend in the holiday lights. I also like the outdoor pianos.
Library
Meeting people in a coffeeshop
Non-profit meeting/events
Other business: banking, govt, post office
The Feel; it doesn't feel 'big city'
To play at Oak Street Plaza
Visited to job shadow
Walking, exercise
church
coffee houses
coffee houses/library
destination for bicycling play dates
exercise/workout
farmers market at courthouse
farmers' market
getting out
go to meetings; biking
library
library, post office and banks
music
my friend
passing through
pick up mail at post office

recreation--walking, jogging, biking
relaxing
route to work
see what's going on
walking around
walking dogs & meetings
yoga
yoga practice
yoga, library
All the above really, I very rarely go anyplace else. My dentist, attorney, CPA, masseuse etc.etc. is downtown.
A few too many bars And a LOT too much pedestrian space taken by outdoor dining.
All apply with the exception of the breweries etc . that's not our thing.
And Breweries/distillers/wineries. Social engagement
Arts & entertainment is what brings us downtown most often.
Banking
Bars are a huge part, but they almost always include food.
But Museum needs signage ON THE STREET.
Downtown is so easy and comfortable to reach on a bicycle.
I also come for arts/entertainment, but maybe less often than dining and drinking
I also live in Old Town, so there is that...
I don't shop at the malls, I'm not much of a shopper!
I like the 4th of July celebration still. Once in a great while I visit the Cupboard. That's it.
I love the uniqueness of the businesses in downtown.
I work at a brewery, so my selection above covers job and brewery
Keep the Co-op! Nice to have grocer downtown.
Love to go downtown and walk around.
Most common shopping is at Ace Hardware and the Fort Collins Food Co-op.
Mostly dining
My family and I spend a lot of time and money downtown. Keep it beautiful!
NO POT SHOPS!

No parking, shops are nice but way too expensive

Something needs to be done to help those who are truly homeless, and get rid of the transients

The banks, post office and library are big draws and should have been included on this list.

The day-to-day opportunities are as enjoyable as the bigger events.

Too handicapped for most "big" events. Parking is a BIG problem.

Too many bars

Walking, library.

We NEVER go downtown to go to bar or brewery hop.

Well - dining too - I gotta go home!

Wish we supported a wider range of independent small business. Leave the chains to the malls.

festivals

however CSU plan to build health centre put me out of a job

yoga!

Love bringing out of town visitors to Down Town. They are always impressed, especially in summer when the free concerts held in the early evening.

I love all of the special events, but I'm most often downtown either to eat, to meet, or to walk the dogs.

Live music at all three of these. The city needs to embrace, encourage and actively promote the vibrant and diverse music scene.

I would go downtown for music more often if we had a nicer venue than the Aggie, and/or there was a music venue tailored more for people who dont want to stay out until 2am.

I drink Coffee somewhere different everyday. I do think the city is putting way too much emphases on bicycles.

Out of downtown by 9:00PM. Don't feel comfortable after then. NEVER see a police presence downtown.

Why only 3 choices above? Add special events above. Other than my job shopping, dining and events are equally weighted for me.

I would go downtown more often if there was more free parking, and fewer transients hanging out on the street harassing shoppers.

I like the variety of restaurants downtown but don't want it to be overtaken with restaurants and bars which seems to be the direction downtown is going. Shops and art are being push out.

Independent merchants & restaurants are the drawing card. People watching, I view Old Town the same as the Boulder Pearl Street Mall. A tourist area.

Biggest problem is parking. I sometimes avoid downtown because I don't want to deal with it. The garages are not convenient and I hate paying to shop.

Having festivals and farmers markets almost on a weekly basis is a very important part of the downtown area for me. I enjoy being able to have walking access to the downtown area after festivals. Parking is also

important. I don't support putting in parking meters in our downtown area.

I do think downtown needs a few more stores....places to buy things you need.....such as Wallgreens, a better grocery than Safeway, that sort of thing.

Mostly go to a few stores to buy gifts: Happy Horse Tack, Alpine Arts, The Cupboard, Clothes Pony, The Right Card, Perennial Gardener, Ten Thousand Villages, Wadoo. Or I stop by the bank on the way from work in north Fort Collins to my home in south Fort Collins.

It isn't just spending money. It is spending money in a place that has diversity of people and a unique aesthetic and feel.

I live just north of the northern boundary on your map and pass through town on my way to everywhere.

I BEG the city to PLEASE support small local business owners and their ventures. Enough is enough with the crazy rent.

Shopping - some good but also limited, need more services/goods targeted toward typical local residents needs/wants to reduce commuting Dining - like to dine, but seems like there are more restaurants and bars than needed

A group of us visit The Mayor of Old Town once/week, I usually visit Happy Lucky's, The Cupboard and one or more restaurants on a monthly basis.

It's disappointing that most shops close by 6pm. I know some stay open a bit later some Fridays. But it would be nice to do some shopping before, or even after, dinner. When we want to have dinner and shop, we go to Pearl Street in Boulder where shops stay open after dark.

I have frequent out-of-town guests that really enjoy and look forward to going downtown, and I enjoy going with them.

I used to go downtown a lot, & at one point lived downtown & worked downtown. I live a 17 minute walk away, but tend to stay away now. It's crowded, noisy & I can't sit out on a patio with a friend without having to be "entertained" by Streetmosphere hoopla.

i prefer healthy activities, the bars lower the class of our town by allowing public drunkenness.

Disappointed that the town cannot support artists and art galleries. The 1st Friday art walk is dying. Also disappointed that Streetmosphere was cancelled. This brought substantial revenue to the downtown businesses.

I love that my options for food when I'm at work are local, I do NOT want a chain anywhere near my Old Town, please! I have my favorite after-hours places, too, and more keeps popping up.

Unfortunately, I no longer visit Old Town. Too much construction, congestion, just another money making town. Losing it's charm. Now, I only go to the Library. Have started shopping in Loveland and Centerra.

Limiting to 3 isn't easy because it's fairly even that I shop, drink coffee or go to a bar, go to foodie walk, etc. not really a top three.....

Too many bars. Too much modern in changes. Even Lincoln center I'm orange is really ugly. Don't go modern and contemporary. It's cold and ugly.

So glad to see as many (or more) new retail shops opening (and not just places to get an alcoholic drink.

I live in SE FC- the closest bus is more than 2 miles away - MAX is over 3 plus miles away- I do not drive.

The area has insufficient parking and over crowded sidewalks not good for those of us with walking

disabilities.

I work relatively close to Old Town, so I visit almost every day for lunch or errand running, etc.

Q6. If you were in charge, what would you add downtown (choose your top 3)?

Response "Other"

A Credit Union

A community market for local farmers/Co-op

AFFORDABLE housing, that is - but innovative - maybe tiny homes or live/work spaces

Affordable housing

Art House Movie Theater

Artist studio spaces and/or live work spaces

Better dining - high quality but affordable to middle class dining

Cheaper quaint shops

Department Store. Turn the Opera Galleria into a boutique Maceys or Nieman Marqus

Developed riverfront parkland

Downtown Arts Center

Easier bike routes

Gardens

Kid's activities- more cheap/free things for kids 12 and under.

Mainstream Movie Theater - more choice, more affordable for this end of town

Mass transit

Meeting Space

More bicycle parking.

More bike & ped ammenities

More bike racks and parking meters

More free parking

More frequent farmers' market

More large bike racks (like the red new belgium ones)

More places to sit, shade

Multi-purpose buildings with restaurants/retail below and housing above.

Not exactly parks, but places like Oak Street Plaza...sit in the shade, kids have fun.
Organic grocery store
Parking lots minus garages
Public Space where people can meet and hangout without spending money
RESTROOMS !!!!
Record Store/Movie Theatre
The year-round open air market that was discussed a few years ago
Unsure
affordable artist studio space
an aerial arts studio/performance venue
development on the river
extend the trolley line to the east following the old path down Whedbee for weekend use
housing options that are not shelters for low-income people and the homeless
improve streets,too many cars
informational kiosks
local unique shops, no franchises
locally owned businesses/affordable spaces
more food trucks, more frequently
more free parking
more homeless facilities, more bike lanes/parking, car/ped separation
movie theater
pedestrianized areas
quality bike parking
services like shoe repair
several very small parks and squares similar to the Oak Street Plaza
water in the river year-round
no corporate retailers, I like small business theme. new outdoor gear place popped up instead of killer rabbit...I couldn't afford anything...I want to feel at home in a town drawing tourists... love beaujos, love 415, loved rasta pasta, love coppersmiths, love the cupboard
Add a few more healthy fast casual restaurants
An event venue big enough for 150+ guests in a historic building is needed.

As noted above, retail stores should remain small & locally owned.

As well has grocery convenience stores.

Event Venue - specifically a larger outdoor event venue

Gardens

Getting around and across College in the direct downtown area always requires planning.

Grocery Store would make it more pedestrian friendly

Grow up (vertically), not out, and more green space is always better

I wouldn't mind more late night Coffeeshouses & Acoustic music for the over 35 age group.

I'm not exactly a city planner though and I haven't seen any data

If I could have selected parking for all 3, I would have.

If it is possible to add more open spaces that would be my number 1priority.

It'd be nice to have even more walking area like linden

Love it as it is

NO POT SHOPS

No more bars. No pot shops.

Open space parks are very enjoyable

Parking has been ignored over the years and it feels like it is at a crises point now.

Parking is an issue but I understand and appreciate not wanting to create urban sprawl :)

Parking is very challenging during New West Fest

Underground parking facilities.

We have too many breweries.

We won't go downtown whenever parking is probably going to be hard.

Wouldn't add much, though - don't want more congestion.

keep free parking

mixed-use, multi-story buildings to create a denser and thus more lively space is ideal.

parking can be really rough on weekends

parking is a problem. Keep out chain retail.

there are way too many bars and alcohol outlets and the stores do not provide basic goods

I'm mad as hell Little Man Ice Cream was kept out! That is tragic, nothing will fill that lot like the little man building would of! I smell cronyism.

Too many restaurants and bars that have life cycle of a fruit fly. Should implement rent control to stop the turn over.

Grocery - but not the typical convenience store. It would be great to see a store like Steele's again (not too big, not too expensive and locally owned).

PLEASE- no more bars!!! Old Town is swimming in them and the drunks and cigarette smokers pouring out of them all hours of the day!

I would like to see a more family-friendly atmosphere. I frequent Estes Park as often as possible, but dislike the tourist emphasis. I would like to recapture the CLEAN, quaint town it used to be. The clientele that frequents downtown scares me.

Rather than Safeway, having Whole Foods or Trader Joe's close by would be great. More people living downtown is also good since it keeps the area lively and reduces car usage (condos would allow more people to live downtown).

I live down town and when there are special events there isn't enough parking. People park in front of my property.

I have always wished the square continued north on the 200 block of Linden ending at Jefferson Street. There would be more room for festivals, a bigger ice rink, art, benches, etc. A longer walking plaza with no cars would be welcome.

By grocery, I do not mean 'king sooper', more like 'Beavers or the Co-op' And by housing I don't mean 'bric-a-brac', cheap, and 'affordable' like the monstrosities that just went up on the corners of mason and maple.

Would love a gathering space feel vs just commercial--a place to come with the kids and stay all day to build community, not just shop and eat. That would mean parks, paths and open space away from traffic. Also what about re routing traffic around college on the weekends/evenings to safer, more open pedestrian walking?

Although we have the Lyric, which is charming and cute, it's simply not a proper place to experience film. I personally would LOVE to see someone take over one of the old theaters currently being used for music venues and make it into a proper art house cinema experience. The space can double for live performances e.g. plays, etc. Music is not the only form of art, and frankly we've got enough of it going on here. Let's make room for other things as well.

There isn't enough parking at all times of day, but especially from 5pm-midnight on the weekends. An event venue for outdoor festivals, craft vendors, etc. on summer weekends would be nice.

We need to make sure the retail and restaurants aren't chains to preserve the unique feel if Old Town.

Make SURE the Global Village Museum has city-sponsored space downtown!!! It is a significant downtown attraction.

No convenience stores, a Steele's like grocery. We don't need more parking if we don't go crazy with development

Downtown definitely needs more parking, but also it also needs more entertainment options...galleries, concert/show venues, etc.

I understand a large segment of the Fort Collins population uses SNAP to buy food. So - how can they afford to eat in restaurants if they can't buy food in the store?

The trend of downtown has been toward alcoholic events/destinations, and music venues/festivals. As a downtown resident, I find it increasingly difficult to be in an area that is overwhelmed by public intoxication and loud music. Rising rents are pushing out small local businesses that were unique and gave downtown its

charm. Over half of the art galleries and the majority of the art studios have closed in the past 2 years, leaving the shopping to mass-produced, cheap, imported goods. Streetmosphere is the latest casualty of this trend, as downtown businesses did not support the arts (free public performances) in the downtown streets. FoCo is overwhelmed by the breweries and other alcoholic venues, and has a national reputation for being a town with very high alcohol consumption. How long can this go on before it collapses?

I would like a new parking garage on the south or west side of the Lincoln Center because the office people are parking in our adjacent residential neighborhoods. Many folks in Old Town houses don't have a driveway or garage accessible in front or don't have a garage at all. We shouldn't have to pay to get a neighborhood parking pass. If anyone pays, it should be the folks who park in front of our houses as they work for 8-10 hours. Let's quit charging redevelopment and new development for street oversizing fees when you aren't going to oversize the streets. Instead, make it a parking fee and put it towards debt service for a new parking garage.

15 years ago it was a nice place to go to. Now it is like it was in the 1960's and 1970's. Bars, drunkards, crowds and people who don't respect those of us that would like to spend our money there.

Safe parks, not like Jefferson St Park, that area scares me, especially since I am a woman walking alone most of the time

With the upcoming absence of Lyric, we really need a high quality theatre venue for artsy films in Old Town.

Continue to improve our alleys with plants, art and nice bricks to walk along. Have 3 yard dumpsters/recycling bins required to be hidden behind enclosures. Some of our alleys become dumpier looking due to dumpsters being visible

Love to see more of a mix of types of restaurants/bars. Seems like a lot of the quaint, smaller low-cost restaurants (like Red Table) got priced out, and now going in are much higher-end restaurants. Those of us with lower incomes still want to enjoy time downtown.

We all know parking is an issue just about anywhere we go in Fort Collins. Additional parking lots and garages should be added for growth that has happened and long range growth. People should not have to have parking permits just to park in front of their homes or have to purchase additional permits for guests at their homes.

I would continue to add things that make downtown unique. Everyone has offices, bars, lodging etc. Events and a unique atmosphere attract people. More bike friendly access, better and fun mass transport (trolley, light-rail, etc). Think about what has made Pearl Street in Boulder so popular and also San Francisco.

I'm hesitant to select parking garages, I'd rather have public transit around town be easier. Other than Max, there's not much way to take buses to old town, especially since they stop running so early.

Fort Collins needs more variety in the dining category. Specifically different cuisine representing different ethnicities.

I believe we have quite a bit of all the things listed. I would keep the current open space (civic center and library parks); I feel like parking is generally adequate, there are lots of bars and restaurants. I would be more inclined to re-vamp old spaces and make them better/different as opposed to adding entirely new buildings.

I would love the Food Co-op, a member-owned cooperative, to be the anchor for a cooperatively run food hub (community grocery/marketplace), featuring local farmers, an eatery, an indoor winter Farmers Market. The Trolley Barn is a very special place that might accommodate this.

Would like some restrictions to limit national chains for restaurants and retail. Am worried about rents becoming so high it will be all chains.

there's already a lot there. there needs to be alternative centers in other areas. the central focus on

downtown doesn't seem sustainable when you consider traffic and transportation options. what happened to neighborhood centers so people can walk and bike to groceries, restaurants and services in their areas?

Downtown has become dominated by bars and restaurants. I would like to balance this with venues for creativity. We have hit the tipping point with parking and garages. Time now to convince people public transportation, walking or bikes are the way to negotiate downtown.

it annoys me that so many high story developments have been built without parking garages underneath the structures

I strongly feel that all the new development in this area is ruining the feeling of this town. I do not like the over tall buildings and the heavy unhappy traffic. I have been here since 1987 and I do not like the LA style city we are losing our meadows to. There won't be enough water for all and then more natural wonders are being destroyed. Go home money grubbers go home.....

discourage driving cars & enhance bike and public transport infrastructure. Make mason car free (max, bikes, walkers ONLY!)

City has spent way too much money of the tax payers money on MAX and beautifying the median strips & then not maintaining them. If plants/trees die, they pull them out and put in new ones. REALLY - this is MY MONEY you are using to do this. You can't use MAX unless you have to walk blocks to use it & then carry packages too. Waste of MY MONEY

I think the new marijuana laws have ruined our city! I know several young boys that have ruined their lives due to the access they have in all the stores downtown and at school.

I would encourage people to park outside and walk in. I'd love to see Walnut and Linden completely closed to all cars with the exception of a focused late-night early-morning truck delivery window as is done in every European city of a similar and even smaller size.

There are too many bars! There are not enough ordinary businesses such as shoe stores, cleaners, dress shops, dental and medical offices, groceries, furniture stores, etc.

We would like to see more of each of the above but with the difficulty parking, it would not be beneficial at this point to add much.

There is plenty of garage parking, an in fact it could be better utilized. I would happily park in a garage if it means feeling safer crossing the street, having cars dart across lanes of traffic to park in the middle on-street spaces, or the blight of seas of parked cars. How about planted medians down College or expanding the sidewalks?

a cute grocery store focusing on farmers market type products, offering variety, would probably do really well.

Do we have room to add anything downtown? We probably have enough bars/restaurants. A grocery store over by where the old Steele's market used to be might be a good location.

We have no real good event venues for concerts etc.. and very poor parking. parks are always good for those of us with kids.

Obviously it takes all of these to maintain a vibrant downtown. The trick is in the balance and keeping as many spaces active throughout the day and evening so as to not have deserted areas too many hours of the day. Too many municle buildings clustered together could lead to a night time dead spot - which may attract an element less desired. When live, work and play are all combined - BINGO!

Kiosks to show what events are happening in FC as well as the intellectual happenings and support the arts and culture of FC

I think Old Town currently has a good balance of the things listed above. I would want to see big retail stores and other non-local/regional shops go in.

DO NOT ALLOW NON-RETAIL BUSINESS (including bank branches) TO OPEN IN HEART OF DOWNTOWN RETAIL SPACES. IT WILL KILL THE VIBRANCY OF DOWNTOWN. SEEN IT HAPPEN IN OTHER CITIES BEFORE.

I'd like to see small corner store style shops where I could run out to grab some envelopes or paperclips or a jug of milk or a six-pack of beer. I'd also like to see a reasonably priced natural foods type grocery store downtown. Something like the co-op only with prices closer to Vitamin Cottage.

I think there are plenty of bar and restaurant options available. Parking might sometimes be a couple of blocks away, but walking is not that bad.

!!Mainstream Movie Theater!! So downtown/college folks can enjoy a movie and a meal downtown instead of driving south. Retail - need a better mix so more affordable and not boutiquey

Really not sure. There are plenty of bars, restaurants, and breweries. There isn't a lot of room for grocery stores or industries. Don't know what kind of housing is available there.

We have to keep a balance blended mix. Housing must be in the mix. I am most nervous about all of the city buildings clustering absent of retail, housing, etc. it can create a micro dead zone. When it is all mixed and blended - utilization of all elements is high, things are vibrant and alive.

There is an unnecessary intolerance of people in our community who are living in poverty or who are homeless. If we are going to be a community that embraces sustainability, we need to engage the entire community.

Needs more diversity regarding restaurants/bars. I want kobe beef, tuna tartare, and elk. Closer than Denver. Downtown is missing a legit country bar. Like Billy Bob's in Texas.

Always thought if Fort Collins could land a minor league baseball team it would be so cool to have it downtown.

There is not much unused space however the north side of the downtown area could use revitalization. I look at Breckenridge downtown and imagine Ft C to have the river area to picnic by as well as more historical/museum interest, sculpture, walk ways to balance out the hustle and bustle that the shopping/dining attracts

While I would love to see more p/os, and selected it, I find it interesting that parks and opens space is an option. Where in the downtown district is there available land for p/os? And given the City's urge to densify, would it ever seriously consider p/os in favor of more housing/business/etc.

If just additional parking was added, more people would go downtown and Old town (especially the restaurants and bars) would become overcrowded. Businesses wouldn't be able to handle to increased demand and would lose some of their customer base to repeat business

We do need larger buildings to accommodate new businesses, but they should always be built with adequate parking. Not everyone is able or wants to take public transportation downtown and it does not always run at convenient times.

Grocery is a big one. Everyone loves Beavers, but it's limiting. Safeway is hard to access. Would love it if a natural grocer e.g. Sprouts would move into the Sports Authority bldg where Safeway originally was

Outlier parking and buses buses buses all the time pay for it with parking permits and money not spent on parking ramps and meters.

I'd love to see the european model of even bigger sidewalks to accomodate bigger patios at restuarants for outdoor dining options during the many nice days and nights. Rip out the center lane parking on college,

extend the sidewalks, add a bike lane. (or at least get more rooftop restaurants!)
I would reduce the number of liquor establishments. Many of us are concerned about the concentration (77 in a 2 block area!!!) of bars.
Space has become a premium downtown not sure how you would accommodate much more. I'm there daily due to work. Your biggest issue as the city continues to grow on the north end of town is traffic and parking.
I would have said more restaurants, galleries, etc. but the parking is a not good. In a perfect world, they would move 287 to Timberline or west. Too many trucks ruining the outdoor dining.
I would like to see more restaurants of the same or higher caliber as Rare (not as gimmicky as The Kitchen, though). More parking above or below ground would be fantastic. Hotels/lodgings for tourists and visitors would greatly enhance the downtown atmosphere as most accommodations are too far south or east to be convenient.
When I checked "grocery/convenience stores" - I was referring to locally owned ones. I DO NOT want Walgreens or other such corporate stores to set-up shop. Better dining - Fort Collins' best dining options are expensive - I'll very rarely go to these places. Downtown could use high quality but cheaper nice dining options. Even a solid burger place would be great.
One thing the downtown does NOT is any more bars or breweries. The drinking/partying reputation is not one to aspire to.
affordable space for artist studios and other creative collaborative spaces that could be at least occasionally viewable by the public
Spread the wealth - I don't want old town to be a place only the wealthy, and where only larger businesses can afford the rent. What makes it special is the smaller, locally owned, unique businesses.

Q7. What are the top challenges facing downtown (choose your top 3)?

Addressing vagrants (different from homeless)
Affordability for more people
Affordable housing
Atmosphere
Better availability of taxi service
Buildings greater than 3 stories high.
Construction
Fr/Sa Drunk Students, new no-smoking policy, where is downtown
Gentrification of shops and restaurants
Get rid of the trains
Growing amount of franchised restaurants
Homeless again.

Homeless/people begging
I'd like to see laws enforced against bicycles.
Intoxicated people partaking in inappropriate behavior
Job opportunities
Local business pushed out by corporate
Loss of art galleries
Max bus is inconvenient and slow; stops at all red lights. no sunday service, stops at 10 p.m.?
Most stores close so early
Motorist behavior
Move the trains not the roads
Overdevelopment; apartment building, expensive student housing.
Panhandlers
Panhandlers and petition people number one challenge
Panhandlers disturbing people
Parking
Police and Frat boys are problems
Police walking the beat. A cordial presence will keep things calm, instead of tear gas at 2 am.
Safety and behavior later in the evening when people have been drinking/using
Safety in Old Town Square
Too many bars
Trains coming through at inconvenient times (ie am and pm rush hours and during lunch hour)
Transients
Transients
Truck and train noise
Urbanisation
addressing the true homeless problems and getting rid of transients
affordable housing
affordable housing so young families and emerging creatives can live and work downtown
all of above
atmosphere feels less safe after midnight, not from bar-goers, but from the people loitering

homeless people
keeping local, non-chain businesses
new buildings are too tall
not sure, still new to Ft C
panhandling
professional office space
rid of the panhandling bums
smoking ban sucks
the development rules keep changing
too congested with cars, but not with people
year-round water in the river
NO smoking law is going to be a barrier for old town. Law passed with little to no publicity and most downtown workers do not know it has passed. BAD MOVE!!
These past few years, I've felt crowded-out by the homeless people there. It's starting to have the same feel as Denver, where I'm constantly having to tell people I don't have any spare change.
Actually, LACK of enforcement.
Beggars hassling people is not fun for families
Bike safety on Lincoln, to get to downtown, especially east of Lemay.
Boy, is the homeless problem a statement about our disinterest in real "problems"
Festivals are very noisy for downtown residents.
Fewer effects of homeless population: trash, discarded food and loitering.
Gentrification
Glad to see the needs of homeless population listed! Thank you
Helping the homeless does not simply mean making them disappear.
Homeless population issues is the entire community issue.
I worry that rising rents will drive out most local or start-up businesses
I've notice, as of late, that events are not providing/managing recycling properly.
Need curfew enforcement for under 18 year olds.
Needs less commercial chains and permit homeless to stay in the park
New buildings are too high. Penny Flats architectural style does not fit in.
Not in my top three, but going downtown and getting run over by bicyclists is a big negative.

Our family fully enjoys downtown Fort Collins.

Parking is an issue, again, but that will force people to better utilize public transportation.

Parking is sparse and expensive for students.

People riding their bikes in the No Bike Zone are a nuisance! and it's dangerous.

Rising rents mean losing small/independent businesses unique to Fort Collins.

The beggars can be too forward and as a result I don't come downtown as often as I would like to

The city must move transients out of downtown to the red tail ponds area.

The homeless population has deterred me from bring company down town.

The homeless population is also an issue.

The music events are MUCH TOO TOO loud!!!

There are too many contrived festivals and events and associated negative behaviors.

There could be more bike parking. It is safe enough if the bike riders follow the rules!

There is plenty of bike parking, but bike SAFETY is an issue.

There needs to be another location in Ft Collins for people to congregate besides Down Town!!

These are just the issues I've heard local businesses bring up on social media and the like.

Too congested with bikes. Need more free parking.

Too many bars and insufficient parking

Too many restaurants, not enough shopping!!! Stores being replaced by restaurants!

Too much construction

Traffic on 4-lane streets seemed to move too fast. Crossings very wide at some intersections

We have stopped going downtown after a nasty encounter with an aggressive panhandler.

We need to be more welcoming of people of diverse backgrounds.

Why are people parking scooters and motorcycles on the sidewalks?

Would love to keep local shops instead of chains

aggressive panhandling is very negative

covered, secure bike parking at offices

i avoid downtown on weekends--too crowded, not enough parking

put parking meters on College Ave and make the garages free

there needs to be a better way to assist the homeless like in cities in Utah

why is it called Old Town, where is new town? Downtown is the best name.

Would like to see homeless programs/facilities/assistance increased. However, basing these provisions a few hundred feet from the town's main attraction may be detrimental, if not downright off-putting to the interests of the population as a whole.

My top concern lies with the ever-increasing homeless population; unfortunately there's no easy solution, panhandling and groups on the major corners is going to happen. Perhaps a few visible, approachable police officers on foot patrol would ease some of the public safety concerns I hear voiced. The atmosphere is great along the College Ave. corridor, the rest - not as much. Completing the pedestrian alley rehab would improve this, as would better pedestrian-scale lighting and fewer 'close' spaces in public squares.

Dog shit and college kid vomit should not be on the sidewalk. Neither should dogs and college kids. Easy fix.

Small local businesses are being displaced by corporate owned business so DT is losing its unique character.

Biggest issue are the homeless people. I constantly watch them drinking alcohol and sleeping in our downtown area. I feel unsafe walking by myself in some areas around downtown. When I try and use natural areas and parks around downtown I find homeless people camping and sleeping in the areas and normally can't even use the restrooms because they are sleeping in front of the doors. Big issue

I am totally sympathetic to the homeless. However, I do think their presence should be regulated by the city. There are more residents in Fort Collins than there are homeless and I think the residents who pay taxes and live here should take priority over the homeless, which as you know, some people don't like. It is a difficult problem but can't be solved by ignoring their presence and allowing them to call out to passers by.

When I say addressing the needs of the homeless I mean food, clothing and shelter. I do not find them annoying or a deterrent to going to downtown. They are just people who are having a very tough time.

Too many cars! I wished cars were not allowed to go through downtown from 5 to 11 pm during the weekend.

There is too much on-street parking. Old Town should be the city's main attraction to walk and bike, not drive your car through, cut people off, or dart across lanes of traffic to get a parking spot. Parking should cost more, whether monetarily or in terms of time, inconvenience, etc, that encourages MORE walking, biking, MAX, etc. Too often, my rights as a pedestrian are violated by a car zipping through the crosswalk or disrupting what would have been a scenic, pleasant experience. People should be encouraged to park in the garages and walk more; that would encourage physical activity, and level the parking playing field so everyone has the same place to park and there are no winners and losers in the parking game. We want to reduce GHGs, so we should be setting people for comfortable and safe walking and biking experiences.

The events become a bit unruly during the evening and need to be managed better. Rents are forcing some of the more eclectic retail stores and restaurants out of the area.

I don't have many complaints about old town. A large amount of bars promoting the wrong type of bar culture.

Move the festivals away from downtown. Many people stay away from downtown in the summer because of these events.

"Negative behaviors" that bother me downtown include bikes/skateboards on the sidewalks and obvious inebriation.

the FoCo homeless population of FoCo has grown including young people who choose the lifestyle of living on the streets. The most expensive restaurant in town, the Kitchen, has an outdoor patio which is also on the busiest corner for transients. The contrast is remarkable. Boulder attracts this same crowd because of its attractive pedestrian mall and many pedestrians, and I see FoCo heading down the same unfortunate path. The library park also has a large transient population. Pedestrians avoid streets where transients are hanging out, hurting business. As a downtown resident, I appreciate when the festivals are held in the park west of

Mason street rather than on the downtown streets. Increasingly, loud music and beer trucks accompany many of the downtown festivals, making it a non-family oriented scene.

Ft Collins is not Boulder. The unique culture of our community has put us on the map for multiple top 10 greatest places to live lists. It feels like the last few years we're shifting away from that "down home" feeling to something more upscale. I'm all for progress but can't we progress and still be us? It feels like we're trying to be Boulder Lite. How many of the newer restaurants located Downtown are also located at the Pearl St Mall? Let's continue to be unique!

Poor intersection management makes driving in/out of the area incredibly difficult. Too many bikes/peds trying to cross at the same time traffic is trying to turn.

I'm a fairly bold cyclist, but streets with diagonal parking are a challenge to bike on. I usually take the trail along the MAX route.

The Mason Street corridor is a great concept but the design from Laurel north to Cherry is a huge wasted opportunity. It is cold, lifeless, hard, concrete with no growing thing & that train track is a disaster. It is uninviting & will turn people away

Axe the open streets program. Seemed like a waste of time. People are just not interested. We are not Boulder.

The homeless population is becoming overwhelming and makes Old Town feel less safe. In the last few months, my three young daughters and I have seen a drunk homeless man sitting by Natures Own, slurring to himself, with a 4" bleeding laceration down his face - we thankfully spotted a parking cop and pointed him out, another homeless old man by Wadoo openly abusing his dog he had on a chain, two homeless men yelling obscenities and threatening violence by the old Beau Jo's... And more. It is disturbing and not very family friendly.

The behavior of the homeless population and other panhandlers that approach families is a real negative. we often go elsewhere because of it.

I do not want to criminalize homelessness, but this issue presents a significant challenge to the Old Town experience--and I'm worried that rising rents will increasingly "gentrify" a now-pleasant mixed environment.

Much of the congestion problems downtown are associated with the train traffic and poor traffic light control systems. Why not build bridges over the tracks to accommodate car traffic? As for the homeless population, I feel there would be a better outcome if Fort Collins started something similar to what Utah has for their homeless. Build homes for them.

The homeless should not be permitted to panhandle in Old Town. Some are quite aggressive and present safety concerns.

Downtown has turned into a place where there are too many bars and too many events/festivals where there is loud music playing. Even living a mile or more away from Old Town Square or Civic Center Park during the summer the noise is pretty much non-stop. Downtown is not a place for the most part where you can shop for things you actually need. The Safeway is too small to stock the same things as other stores. There is only one pharmacy and the clothing and shoe stores are for the most part unaffordable. Thank God for Ace Hardware!

Parking per se is not an issue as there's plenty of parking. The fee structure is an issue in that people want free slots in front of their destination. On street parking should cost and garage parking should be free. The City just doesn't have the will to do it.

Not enforcing truck noise ordinances can make downtown annoying and affects the atmosphere. Getting the train horn noise reduced would be another great step. Adding the MAX was also a good step, but a light-rail or trolley is a better solution. Mass transport that is consistently available and running is key. Bike access is

also key to reduce the traffic issues and preserve the culture in downtown.

Challenge is getting people to understand that this is tax payer money you are spending & we don't even use the downtown area.

Not once in 20 years has a car ever yielded to me when I had the legal cross light on Jefferson and College. Police are absent. Car behavior has Californiaized. Cars driving and trying to park in the middle lane of College are astonishingly aggressive. It's stunning that more people are not injured.

I'd love to see cars restricted from some of the roads with heaviest bike/ped use. Prioritize the movement of people, not machines.

I really can't think of a third...I love the rest of the aspect of downtown...even the homeless population!

Serious re-evaluation of zoning laws that allow businesses like OtterBox to build large office buildings without employee parking.

By not a right mix, I mean no large chains. By addressing homeless I mean they should not get rid of the homeless park

I am often discouraged by the number of homeless people in Old Town. I understand some businesses have closed due to problems with homeless. It keeps me from wanting to come to Old Town sometimes.

Trying to turn right at many intersections (e.g. Mtn & College) is nearly impossible during green lights, due to the number of bicycles and pedestrians trying to cross the street. Would be better if peds had their own crossing light that did not conflict with the traffic movement.

I have had intoxicated men say very inappropriate things to me multiple times, all of which took place in old town. Also, about two weeks ago a drunk stranger attempted to get into the passenger side of my car WITHOUT permission or even asking, it was scary as all hell.

Sorry -- I know I'm supposed to support the rights of the homeless and bar patrons, but I hate the harrassment and drunken behavior.

Sure - these things are issues but none are out of control - we are really lucky. Or, these are things out of my area of knowledge (rents?). I do not drive to old town, I do not drink alcohol, and I do not have children. But - I love Old Town.

Residents want to maintain the original flavor and attraction of Fort Collins. It is becoming too expensive, and focused on grandiose ideas of a 'big city'. If people want to live in a big city; they can/should move to one. It's my personal opinion, that FC is becoming an unsustainable community.

The transient population is starting to impact how safe I feel. As a female, I won't stay very long in old town after dark. If I'm honest, I resent Jefferson Park. I feel like its covered up with transients taking advantage of our city vs. people that are truly homeless and facing bad luck. I wouldn't be surprised if transients are coming up from Denver. We should have meters on the corners where people can donate - like parking meters - then the funds go to dedicated areas helping people up. If you give someone \$\$ on the street - they'll most likely buy drugs or alcohol... I just don't get it. What's the cost on our city. I pay taxes and love our natural areas. I now see our public restrooms as drug havens and would NEVER bring my daughter into one. The natural area on Linden - close to NBB is not really for the public anymore... its reserved for transients. I would never park my car there. And I won't access the river that way.

The downtown feel has become too gentrified. Rents are forcing local favorites to close. Also the city is gentrifying it's behavior toward those in need by trying to push out the homeless population and cater to the wealthy.

enforcement of negative behaviors - loud noise events from specific noisy vehicles next to dining options.

more bike parking!!

High ticket restaurants/retail deter regular traffic. Rising rents cause more high-end establishments, which in turn reduces regularity of visits.

Pedestrian traffic makes turns difficult for cars, different/better crosswalk timing and turn lights may help improve both pedestrian and auto traffic

I believe there should be a height limit for buildings. We are becoming a "big city" atmosphere which is making going to Old Town less desirable.

Retail needs more of a focus. Who needs so many candy shops? Perhaps more furniture/clothing options. Also, the bar/brewery situation is getting a little out of hand.

The office space infill (otter box especially) in old town west is challenging. Great to see them do well but they are starting to overtake residential real estate and their employees often drive without regard for neighboring residents' safety.

The rising cost of rent in Old Town is driving away (or out of business) some of the most interesting and special local businesses that make our town special.

Cruising the main street is out of hand. Speeding, noise, and diesel trucks intentionally "sooting" pedestrians, with seemingly no police interest or presence creates a sometimes hostile atmosphere in Old Town. There WILL BE a serious accident, likely one or more vehicles speeding and ending up on the sidewalk, and it will involve pedestrians. I'm all in favor of allowing cruising, but it is out of control at present.

Only 3?! (So difficult.) Yes, I am also considered about the homeless population (and seniors) - want everyone to be welcome but how to best do so?

I have a family of young children. The homeless population and loitering in old town has become a hindrance for us. We do not frequent as much as we used to because of this safety problem. I do appreciate when I see security guards downtown but I would like more of a police presence. I have also stopped visiting certain restaurants because of loitering homeless/pan handlers begging while I am dining. I would like to see a no panhandling ordinance in Old Town.

Perhaps there are too many festivals in downtown Fort Collins that only attract a younger population and too many people with subsequent problems parking, dining etc. We don't like the begging on the corners and the congestion of homeless. It is not because we don't consider them part of society but Fort Collins is too lenient in allowing them to sit in an already congested area. Some of them smoke, swear and behave badly. The trains in this city are really a problem if you live in north FC and need to go to PVH on Lemay. They need more lanes, turn arrows and perhaps an over/underpass. Woodward is only going to add to the congestion unless the streets are adequate for traffic flow.

Biking to Old Town from S.E Fort Collins is the worst. Riverside should be a great shortcut (a path next to the tracks, starting at Edora on Prospect all the way to the Discovery Museum), but instead, it is like a suicide mission on streets with no bike lanes, shoulders, or sometimes sidewalks.

The intersections on College from Laporte to Magnolia (or maybe even Mulberry) need to have crosswalks that stop all motorized traffic (and "no right on red") to let pedestrians get safely across. On-street parking should be metered and shorter time limits and cost more than the garage. One of the reasons pedestrians (and bicycles) are in danger downtown is motorists are zipping and searching for free on-street spots and not looking for others.

Parking is an issue. If like the malls, downtown could add an 1% to their tax base and provide free parking - limited time on streets, no minimum in structure that could assist with the perception that there is no parking downtown - key being free parking.

Parking also will continue to rise as far as importance level - as several planned high density housing developments and with the potential for metered parking, adjacent neighborhoods will continue to see increased parking issues, and concurrent safety concerns due to additional road use.

I hear people say that chain stores will be coming to old town, so keeping that from happening maybe a challenging

I grew up in Boulder and watched Pearl Street go from unique shops/restaurants to lots of national chains - very unfortunate and a negative change

However, non-pc this is, I am so tired of seeing panhandlers sprawled on the sidewalks and benches downtown. What parents want their children exposed to these folks? There has to be a better solution

I don't want to address the needs of homeless, I want the homeless gone. Most are not from FTC anyway.

Really concerned about the rising rent issue. It's pushing out smaller businesses. We need to keep our downtown locally focused!

Would like to see more traffic free areas like you see in other progressive cities with a vibrant Old Town Center.

It would be great to block off certain streets to be vehicle free on weekend nights (Fri/Sat/Sun) to encourage walking. Add some street entertainment and the downtown area becomes more lively.

Homeless need places to live and work training. In such a rich community in many ways. It is a shame to have homeless people.

If I could pick more than 3 add enforcement of negative behaviors (smoking, littering, BAD driving of motor vehicles - people too concerned about finding a parking space have nearly killed me on my bike!), and addressing needs of homeless

Somehow, we should avoid downtown being taken over by chain restaurants and stores, and businesses catering only to tourists. I want to encourage local businesses that serve the diverse needs of our city's residents.

festivals downtown have gotten too big and are not much fun anymore. the homeless situation is out of control, close down the shelters and stop feeding and housing them and then they can get a job like everyone else.

The map on page 1 of this survey shows the legal downtown, but that is not what most people consider downtown.

Ft. Collins is losing it's natural funk & is growing more & more plastic. Growth is being pushed too much, in my opinion

I see so much abuse on the free parking downtown on week-ends. Most know it is not monitored on Sat. or Sun. so not much turn over of spaces on weekends when visitors are off to come down. Earlier survey was against monitoring weekends - however those who abuse the week end parking are those surveyed. We have such reasonable parking rates for structures for downtown employees, I find this amazing.

A key element is traffic and traffic noise. LEO don't enforce noise violations, intersections often create safety concerns for pedestrians, and there are often large trucks that increase dangerous interactions.

By addressing the needs of homeless I DO NOT mean removing them or making them invisible. They are a product of Ft. C.'s rising cost of living and need to be seen, acknowledged, and truly helped (and help should take whatever form they express as needed). This should not be construed to mean getting rid of them, criminalizing their presence or otherwise trying to pretend this problem doesn't exist. If people can afford to shop, drink or dine in Old Town they can afford to help (they can also afford to pay to park their cars).

I don't think the "right mix of retail" will work economically until there are more living units added to the Downtown area. It's so easy for folks in the Old Town Neighborhoods to drive to retail, that they're not going to be enough to support these places, even if they would frequent them on occasion.

i don't want more cops they don't do much for the noise violations around here which i'd prefer them to do. we need more family friendly events, cut down on the booze and raise awareness for local foods, athletic programs, and art.

Need right mix of retail (see above comment) Concern - rising rents & costs - drives out low to middle income customers. Also drives out local business owners wanting to try new business ideas, not just emerging technology - higher entry cost.

I will not go near downtown at night or during festivals because of the hordes of drunken and belligerent students everywhere. The homeless/transient population is also a big problem and downtown does not seem like a safe place to bring children anymore.

Lack of available free parking. Too many employees of downtown utilizing merchant and restaurant parking.

The DDA and DTB went overboard with oversize and poorly located patios. The sidewalks are now too narrow for foot traffic and dangerous in the winter with unused patios blocking sidewalks in use. If the patio is not actively in use year-round then remove the 'ends' so foot traffic can flow.

Q8. What are the top opportunities for downtown (choose your top 3)?

Better restaurants

Better retail spaces to help anchor as a shopping destination

Congested Old Town and no parking

Fix train issues by installing bridges for cars.

Hotels??

Improved music scene

Live work space for artists

Live/work spaces for artists and creatives

Lowng public funding, handicap access

Make parking garages free for FC residents!

Mimic the success of old town in other parts of Fort Collins.

No more tall buildings, please.

Preserving unique/local qualities

Preventing "canyonization" of the streets with new high-rise buildings.

Reducing noise going into surrounding neighborhoods from music events

Renewing businesses that are outdated or unsavory (ie Druken Monkey and other problomatic bars)

adding gallery and studio space
affordable housing
car culture
noise control from motorcycles and cars.
panhandlers, errant bicyclists, traffic movement
rising rents commercial & residential
support or incentives for local small businesses
unique spaces which incorporate nature into the urban environment
A few more bike racks might be nice in some spots.
Better venues/musical acts
But connect to the river in a way that preserves its "natural" amenities
Continued improvement to walking / biking infrastructure and connectivity
How did that monstrous house on Mountain get pass the Historical Committee planning board?
I'd also vote for Wayfinding and Gateways (Riverside Bike Path!) and bicycling amenities.
If could choose 4, improvements to sidewalks & pedestrian crossings would be next.
Keep parking free!
Love old town, it's why I moved here 22 years ago.
Make the garages free and charge (a lot) for on-street parking
Need to make sure we continue city plan with infill & higher density.
Parking isn't an issue, the parking garages would be used if they didn't charge \$1.00 an hour.
People who work in Fort Collins should be able to afford to live in Fort Collins
RE: connection to river but not necessarily a water park.
Run theChristmas lights on solar power!!
Thanks for asking! Downtown Fort Collins is a real treasure.
The Downtown Business Association is trying to turn downtown Fort Collins into Boulder.
There is also a need to add more retail.
There needs to be more free, community things to do in town.
What on earth wayfinding & gateways?
also, more bike parking and amenities!!
bring back streetmosphere!

i.e. Nature in the City - green walls, fountains, green spaces

put parking meters on College Ave and make the garages free

there are other options to add parking other than just garages.

The music events are MUCH TOO loud. The sounds drifting into the surrounding neighborhoods and are VERY unpleasant. This is ruining our pleasant, normally quiet neighborhoods!!!

Many of us were unhappy with the giant tax incentives and such given to Woodward and would like the city to focus on incentives and help for our small locally owned businesses. They are being forced out of old town to be replaced by out of town chain businesses. They are very important to the downtown's continued success. I'd rather see them get assistance than big international corporations. Additionally, when streets are closed for festivals, it sometimes really hurts the retail businesses. Maybe you can pay them for lost business...instead of the DDA putting a bunch of money in facades that really mostly help a property owner, not the businesses inside them.

Again the homeless are a deterrent to our going to Old Town. I would vote against allowing the homeless to sleep overnight in private spaces ie churches etc. I understand other cities have provided housing which turns out to be a cheaper approach. Moving the Mission from its current location near Old Town out to the Food Bank area would help. I realize this is just an out of sight out of mind approach. If I were a business owner, I would be concerned about the effect the homeless population has on Old Town

The Discovery Science Center's parking lot needs meters or an attendant. Downtown employees park there daily for 6-8 hours. Why did we donate so generously to this museum when most families can never park there?

Don't want Fort Collins to turn into Boulder. I love Fort Collins because it's an inclusive and accessible community. I fear that Fort Collins could be a place for wealthy people to enjoy.

Invest in solar/wind energy, minimize water use and runoff, use grey water when it's practical, plant native plants that don't create litter, showcase locally sourced materials, labor, and art. Embrace the Disneyland style that downtown already has.

I love living in FC! The City has done a fine job so far of managing the needs of its citizens. My concerns mostly focus on keeping the integrity of our culture. Big money doesn't always amount to positive change. Are we growing too fast now? Traffic and parking is becoming a problem directly related to safety, especially in the Downtown area. We're in a sweet spot right now but my fear is if we keep trying to "stuff" more into the Downtown area it will push out some of what makes that area great. (How many more distilleries do we need!?) You have a tough job keeping all of us happy. So many special interests to deal with...thank you for maintaining this balancing act. We appreciate your hard work and for giving us a place to voice our views and input! Only in Foco! :)

Obviously people in this town enjoy their vehicles and showing them off. They need a place to park and hang out where they won't be hassled by police=

Adding housing makes no sense if there are not services and retail available within walking or biking distance. Everyone will just be driving to the southeast side of town

I like the condo/apartment housing being built in downtown but I wish they were required to have below ground parking for their residents. Same with any new large multi-story business complexes being built should provide underground or roof-top parking for their residents to help reduce the need for more parking structures and reduce the added pressure for street parking.

I hope Old Town continues to move north and improvements continue across the river on College Ave. Additional interpretive information about the town's history e.g. informational signage, self-guided walking tour brochures, etc. would be nice.

You mean ways to spend tax money? Cut off all public funding. Given what is charged for rent the property owners can pay for all this themselves.

Most of the others are important, but it looks like I am intrigued by the question of how to shape the environment within the bounds designated. Cities with well-down river fronts are fantastic places. And the way the current boundary is drawn, there is exciting potential for the NE region to assume densities more like the central and SE parts rather than a Lemay density. Hopefully we can resist letting the Lemay density ooze down Lincoln and Vine, rather encourage the Linden density to gracefully work it's way up and out toward Woodward.

Personally, I find it disgraceful that we give tickets to homeless people who sleep in their car while certain people who broke the law in coming here receive assistance on every level.

I wanted to vote for preserving historic character twice (or more). And I would love to see some kind of incentives for local (rather than chain) businesses.

I'd like to see more city support for local artists, & space for them to work - I'm talking about the artists who live in this town. There are lots of talented theater & dance people in Ft. Collins but very few spaces to rehearse & perform. Visual artists lack affordable studio space, & it seems that there is a feeling in the community that if it's local, it must not be good. The city needs to value & promote it's local artists. Local artists have a lot to do with creating a unique city. One that has it's own soul, rather than a city that just implements the latest cool ideas, brings in good entertainment from somewhere else, & is ultimately like every other "cool" place.

In my ideal world, car traffic would be moved to the periphery of old town near parking garages. Then bikes, including bike rental near garages, and pedestrian traffic could be the only thing allowed in old town. If we create a culture of biking and walking, people won't even miss being able to park right outside the restaurant. Think down town Disney... Secondly, I would love to have more parks, nature connection so that we can build community, not just shop.

The downtown area is a neat enclave, but it doesn't connect well with the rest of the city, creating corridors to the brewery district and to the CSU campus would go a long way to 'opening' the area to a larger part of the city. Sidewalks are often constricted by bike racks (frequently empty) and restaurant patios; better spacing of bike racks and decorative trees would help ease choke points. Bars often have lines/mobs outside their doors that completely block walkways - requiring organized lines or encouraging line-alternative technologies (like waitlist.me). A lot of the charm of the area comes from the history evident in the buildings and surroundings, preserving and highlighting these unique features (focused lighting, small interpretive signs, etc) is a must.

There will always be an opportunity for corporate people to bring in their image to Old Town, and I strongly support keeping corporations OUT. Perhaps our biggest opportunity with old town is to demonstrate how to provide a well-balanced, semi urban experience, with a mix of affordable housing (yes, we need to talk about what we are doing to solve this crisis) as well as other price-points to develop social capital and maintain character. We have an opportunity to show that when we care about people, not cars, we can thrive and do right by our environment. People come from across the world to see Old Town, and we have an opportunity to show off innovation and progressive planning in action, all while supporting the little guy and our local talent.

I think that the connections of the open space and the river is tied in with the strengthening of our arts and culture scene.

I'd like to see Fort Collins get off the renewable energy bandwagon. It is focused too much on making people "feel good" rather than providing a cost-effective supply of energy.

Old town is becoming more urban for sure. But let's make sure we preserve the Fort Collins character and not turn into Boulder

Let's utilize the river -have river front restaurants, a kayak park, etc. Its a gem in the city and its usually covered up by "camps". I did a cleanup as a volunteer and it was gross - dangerous almost. It seems like our river is reserved by industrial business fronts and transients. Instead, I think we should celebrate our river and make it center stage.

Downtown is not a safe or easy place to bicycle through and I worry about my bike being stolen if I park it there. Also why is "increased use of renewable energy" suggested as a top opportunity? Downtown has real problems that need to be solved and many residents are tired of having Agenda 21 shoved down their throats by the City.

We need space for cars; but the cars and parking garages are unpleasant. The problem of getting around needs to be solved without adding cars. Maybe better mass transit(I know the buss line is a start)

We have a great resource in the river. Utilize it for business by preserving it and incorporating it into the city. Stop glade reservoir.

Add high density housing in downtown area vs old town neighborhoods. Have areas waiting redevelopment that could work

I am very excited for the whitewater park to be coming to fort collins! I think this is a wonderful way to connect the community to the river. We are a river city. Just like Salida, we need to bring the water "play" into the city for all of our amazing kayakers!

wayfinding and branding as a creative community are important, too, as long as some affordable means for workspace and housing for artists and innovators is available.

Housing and parking can be near downtown but not expanded in downtown. The area is so small, let's keep to its strength of calling people to gather.

I like Fort Collins. I lived in Tucson for 62 years and Fort Collins is fantastic in comparisons (Except the Cold)

All things could be improved. My fiance cannot find a significant paying job in her field because there's a lack of fashion scene here.

Bike parking is adequate, but bike safety and bike friendly routes are inadequate. We need more parking and better parking management. We do NOT need or want more parking garages.

The historic character has been nicely preserved but LPC will ruin the opportunity because they are about control not smart development. FC will never compete with Denver where the new interacts with the old rather than stagnating growth like a nursing home of old properties.

If MidTown gets an upgrade and takes some of the property value pressure off Old Town, Old Town may be able to sustain it's local character. If not, it is likely to become a swath of businesses you can find anywhere in the country. More / pricier isn't necessarily better.

Better promotion of events. Sometimes I miss events because I didn't realize they were happening.

There isn't much anyone can do with College Ave. since it is a national highway but there should be noise control for loud mufflers, cars and pickup trucks. It's not much fun to sit outside and listen to those inconsiderate people gunning whatever vehicle they are driving. You get tickets most places for this. We would like to see a larger police presence downtown with some noise control.

With all of the intended growth of CSU (including the stadium) and Ft. C the label as a clean/green city seems to be falling by the wayside. The carbon footprint associated with all of the growth is severely stressed. It is important for the downtown area to exhibit what the city boasts - an environmentally clean area to live, work and play. That's one of the reasons why my family moved here. Now we see much growth all over town without a commitment to an environmentally conscious built environment. Soon we will be a mid-sized dirty

city with increased crime and a budget that lacks the ability to maintain the value, structure, integrity, and environmentally friendly aspect of Ft. C. It's a real shame. The focus should include build environmental policy so all developers have to design buildings and homes with renewable energy materials. Our ability to be a fully functioning city that has good funding relies on these points. Thank you.

the centre of town is a major thoroughfare and this causes a conflict especially with so many vying for so few parking spaces and not paying attention to driving while looking for them

Preserve & maintain what we already have. Bring in cheaper businesses to draw people that can't afford the high end businesses.

There is need for more retail and fewer festivals and events, which only bring negative behaviors.

Because of the large numbers of pedestrians, I don't think bicycle pathways should be encouraged in the downtown mall area. Bicycle parking and the Mason street bus should be emphasized, especially for festivals. How about a water-bottle faucet like they have in airports, permanently, on the mall and Oak street mall? Better bathrooms. With the up-coming Downtown Cultural District, there needs to be more emphasis on visual arts, not just musical venues.

Preserving historic character is key to keeping downtown unique and interesting. Otherwise it looks and feels like any city in the country. The Northern Hotel, historic painted building signs, the Armstrong are just some of the spaces that give downtown its character

so hard to choose...increased use of renewable energy and connections to the river can be part of any plan to add housing, etc....

How about adding a couple more trollies and running them more frequently. Also maybe add overhead walkways to lessen sidewalk and crosswalk congestion.

Why three?!? I feel equally strong about 'Connections to open space and river'. I have been to cities that utilize there resident/river connection in very refreshing ways.

commercial rents are skyrocketing and driving out long-time small businesses which give old town it's character. It it turns to high end chain stores you might as well go to centerra

Q11. What is your race?

Human race no one is more or less that is in our constitution and all anyone needs to know

Why does race matter?

norwegian

Q14. The Downtown Plan is just getting started. We need your help setting the course for the next 10-20 years! What are the best ways to reach out to you (select all that apply)?

Boards and commissions

Coffeeshop posters, like at Dazbog and Mugs.

Fewer festivals that close off access to businesses

Found this survery via a posting by a neighbor on the Next Door site.

I do not plan on staying here that long.

I really like the foodie walk and gallery walk

NO social media!!!

Nextdoor

Nextdoor postings are convenient--thanks!

Nextdoor web site

Online surveys

The Coloradoan

USPS mail

Utility bill maybe?

graduating... would my information help?

mailings with utility bill

more focused in person input opportunities (not the "sticky note" meetings - more substantive)

neighborhood website

nextdoor online community

stop subsidising growth

public neighborhood mtgs for Old Town West and East residents...not an open house where we only get to leave notes...but a meeting where the facilitator writes down comments as all are seated and listening to each other. Open houses are aren't very helpful to real public participation. They are just a show and tell.