












CITIZEN SURVEY RESULTS – Compiled September 28, 2005  
31 Total Received Surveys

**3. What elements of the plan are most important to you? Please rank your top five priorities (1 through 5)**

		Ranking	Other Comments?
	<p>Creating a compact, walkable Town Center with a mix of uses that includes retail and housing</p>	<p>Highest Priority (1): 10 total 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Priority (2): 3 total 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest Priority (3): 5 total 4<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (4): 2 total 5<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (5): <u>5 total</u> <b>Top 5 Priority: 25 TOTAL</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Too much traffic now</li> <li>• Don't have stinky buses run where outdoor dining and sitting are (ex. Nicollet Mall- bad idea)</li> <li>• The planning of a walkable City Center is a major reason I currently live here – instead of Excelsior on Grand or similar walker friendly communities.</li> </ul>
	<p>Improving area traffic flow</p>	<p>Highest Priority (1) : 4 total 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Priority (2): 6 total 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest Priority (3): 6 total 4<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (4): 3 total 5<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (5): <u>4 total</u> <b>Top 5 Priority: 23 TOTAL</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name Prairie Center Dr. &amp; Valley View Rd. a new name – all the same name. Let new people know it's a circle!</li> <li>• Don't like the one-way idea for those of use who live very close to the Mall – we might wind up having to go the opposite way every time we leave home to go to work (opposite from direction we really want to go)</li> <li>• Do not make Mall area one-way.</li> </ul>
	<p>Adding sidewalks and trails.</p>	<p>Highest Priority (1): 7 total 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Priority (2): 5 total 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest Priority (3): 6 total 4<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (4): 1 total 5<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (5): <u>2 total</u> <b>Top 5 Priority: 21 TOTAL</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most important to improve at Preserve Blvd./Prairie Center Dr. and 212/Prairie Center Drive</li> <li>• Biking around Mall on Prairie Center Dr. is TREACHEROUS at intersections.</li> <li>• Maintain existing park trails better before building more.</li> </ul>
	<p>Incorporating light rail transit (LRT)</p>	<p>Highest Priority (1) : 6 total 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Priority (2): 5 total 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest Priority (3): 2 total 4<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (4): 4 total 5<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (5): <u>4 total</u> <b>Top 5 Priority: 21 TOTAL</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need LRT stop on the East side as well as Transit center on West and Center Area.</li> </ul>
	<p>Improving area wayfinding</p>	<p>Highest Priority (1) : 3 total 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Priority(2): 4 total 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest Priority (3): 2 total 4<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (4): 7 total 5<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (5): <u>1 total</u> <b>Top 5 Priority: 17 TOTAL</b></p>	
	<p>Adding parks and open space</p>	<p>Highest Priority (1) : 2 total 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Priority (2): 0 total 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest Priority (3): 3 total 4<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (4): 6 total 5<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (5): <u>4 total</u> <b>Top 5 Priority: 15 TOTAL</b></p>	
	<p>Improving access to and from regional roads (I-494, TH 5, and TH 212)</p>	<p>Highest Priority (1) : 3 total 2<sup>ND</sup> Highest Priority (2): 4 total 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest Priority (3): 2 total 4<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (4): 3 total 5th Highest Priority (5): <u>0 total</u> <b>Top 5 Priority: 12 TOTAL</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are currently extremely hard to get to coming from the N on 494</li> </ul>
	<p>Improving local bus transit service</p>	<p>Highest Priority (1) : 1 total 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Priority (2): 3 total 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest Priority (3): 1 total 4<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (4): 0 total 5<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (5): <u>3 total</u> <b>Top 5 Priority: 8 TOTAL</b></p>	
	<p>Adding offices and opportunities for employment</p>	<p>Highest Priority (1) : 0 total 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Priority (2): 0 total 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest Priority (3): 1 total 4<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (4): 0 total 5<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (5): <u>5 total</u> <b>Top 5 Priority: 6 TOTAL</b></p>	



Adding quality, life-cycle housing opportunities

Highest Priority (1): 0 total  
2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Priority (2): 2 total  
3<sup>rd</sup> Highest Priority (3): 1 total  
4<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (4): 1 total  
5<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (5): 0 total  
**Top 5 Priority: 4 TOTAL**

• These areas must be pedestrian friendly to be quality life-cycle housing! Support what already is built! – Colony, Hartford Commons, Hartford Place, housing and the West side of EP Center!

## 1. What do you like about the draft Plan?

- Creative , what is trendy for all cities today
- Walking possibilities – a closer community
- Planning for LRT and thinking ahead
- Consideration of future traffic plans
- Public transportation
- Inviting City Center
- The idea of an integrated community – i.e., business, housing, etc. Better ways to integrate people and traffic
- Thinking about the area as a whole – looking at it in terms of parcels of land and units of use
- Access ideas for road connections to City Center from I-494 and a walkable downtown area
- Making traffic flow better and attractive signage. I like the idea of one-way traffic around Eden Prairie Center, works well around Southdale.
- The ability to walk within the town center is the most desirable feature.
- It is receptive to many ages and lifestyles. I like the Town Center concept.
- It seems well thought out – I like the attention to pedestrian/bicycle traffic – please find a way to keep residents involved and informed throughout the process! Good work so far!
- Improving a sense of place – EP Center, market driven development, and more people places – less road and parking places
- Very comprehensive
- Improved bike trails!
- Walkable Town Center and walkways into EP Center from Prairie Center Drive.
- Getting rid of congestion, long light cycles that take 20-25 minutes to even get on Hwy. 5 to Chanhassen or 212. More greenspace/pedestrian friendly – I just moved here from Linden Hills and miss feeling safe riding bikes or walking.
- Looks great!
- The issue is being addressed
- Street scaping and wayfinding is great
- Nothing, except creating more housing/residential and LRT on Technology – Do not implement wayfinding plan – businesses will not support paying additional tax dollars for something that will NOT help them.
- Thank you for your emphasis on pedestrian walkways. As you add more and more multipurpose housing, you will need to make safe walking a priority. The EP Center must be an integral part of walking safety.

## 2. What improvements or changes should be made to the plan?

- Participation and informing all parcel owners prior to approval of Commissions and City Councils. There are an extremely large number of small parcel owners in the proposed Town Center that the present uses are being ignored.
- Improving the look of the EP Mall parking area
- Convince me that suburbanites will actually use a parking deck and walk to shops instead of gravitating to more convenient surface parking retail opportunities. Tough sell I think.
- Please do not make Eden Prairie Center ring road one way. Local businesses really need to buy into wayfinding before signs are even hung.
- Would the proposed City Center be accessible by walking from existing residential areas within the MCA?
- Is Center place focus around high voltage power lines attractive? Too much emphasis on trails and not enough on traffic congestion relief. People are not going to give up their cars.
- On the “Proposed Future Land Use Plan” there should be a correction: Lexington Dr. includes one story and townhomes.
- Limit high rise – add tennis courts – bike paths by East side of Mall (Hartford Commons)
- Limit the height of new buildings to 10 stories
- You need to provide directions (signage) to actual destinations (large center, etc.) You are just going to further confuse residents and visitors by not only confusing them with a myriad of highways, but in addition giving them quadrants to learn and communicate to others. We at Southwest Station were NOT invited to the meeting last April!
- We need safe pedestrian walkways which allow for easy access to the EP Center. We must be able to walk to the EP Center without having to walk in a driveway.
- Would like to see more welcoming plantings and cleanup at entrance points to our City

### Additional Comments resulting from the Open House:

I attended the MCA meeting tonight and was very impressed with the proposed plans. Thank you for your work on this. And of course I thought of something after I filled out the survey and left the meeting. I didn't hear any mention about adding an upscale grocery like Byerly's or Lund's. This would be a great addition. I live on 8278 Labont Way, which is part of the MCA, and I often drive to Chanhassen or Edina to go to Byerly's. As you may know Eden Prairie did have a Lunds store at the site of the current EP library, but it closed quite a few years ago. There is a Cub Foods nearby but I think with the changing demographics, we have the means to support a Lund's or Byerly's now. I love to walk and bike and can't wait to see some of the pedestrian improvements in intersections, especially the intersections of Preserve Blvd/Prairie Center Drive and Hwy 212/Prairie Center Drive. I hope that is given a high priority. This summer I've been biking to the Purgatory Park area and have fallen in love with the wetlands and natural beauty there. Thanks again for your work on this and the informative presentation.

Sincerely,  
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