

SURVEY BACKGROUND

The 2010 Salida Community Priorities Survey was distributed in September in an effort to obtain feedback about the level of support for various priorities identified in the draft Comprehensive Plan. The survey was made available online through the city website (www.cityofsalida.com) and surveys and collection boxes were placed at the Community Center, Salida Regional Library, City Hall, Café Dawn, Salida Café and Simmering Cup. In addition, staff distributed the survey at the Farmer's Market on September 18th and at the Patio Pancake Place on September 19th.

The total number of responses was 348, of these 296 responses were captured through the online survey and 52 returned the paper surveys that had been distributed in the community. Each paper survey was entered manually into SurveyMonkey by staff of the Community Development Department.

According to the most recent census in 2000, there were 5,504 residents in Salida, of whom 4,324 were over 18 years of age. Based on those numbers, the survey had a 8% response rate from our adult population.

A survey can be an effective tool to collect information and opinions that reflect the population of the community. This survey asked for opinions about how important priorities should be to city government. The survey was lengthy with a total of 108 opportunities for responses. This may have proved too daunting for many respondents as only 270 or 77.6% of respondents completed the survey.

It is the hope of the Community Development Department that the survey results will be used to inform the City Council, Planning Commission and citizens about the priorities of our citizens. The results of the survey should help to inform the policies contained in the Comprehensive Plan and will serve as a reference in determining the priorities for implementation of the comprehensive plan.

The complete survey results can be obtained from the Salida Community Development Department by calling (719) 530-2626 or emailing planning@cityofsalida.com.

SURVEY RESULTSQuestion #1 – Are you a resident of the City of Salida?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	80.6%	279
No	19.4%	67
<i>answered question</i>		346
<i>skipped question</i>		2

Question #2 – How long have you lived in Salida?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Less than 2 years	14.7%	48
2-4 years	15.0%	49
5-10 years	26.0%	85
10-20 years	19.6%	64
20+ years	24.8%	181
<i>answered question</i>		327
<i>skipped question</i>		21

Question #3 – What is your age?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Under 25	2.0%	7
25-35	13.4%	46
36-45	16.3%	56
46-55	29.7%	102
56-65	26.7%	92
66 and older	11.9%	41
<i>answered question</i>		344
<i>skipped question</i>		4

Following are the ages of our population at the time of the 2000 Census and the approximate percentage responses from those age groups.

<u>Age</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Percent of who Responded to Survey</u>
0 – 24	1,524	0.4%
25 – 34	632	7%
35 – 44	879	6%
45 – 54	825	12%
55 – 64	508	18%
65 and older	1,136	4%

When we cross-tabulate the results of Questions 2 and 3 we find that most of the respondents were in the 46 – 65 age range and have lived in Salida for more than 5 years.

How long have you lived in Salida?							
Answer Options	What is your age?					Response Percent	Response Count
	25-35	36-45	46-55	55-65	66 and older		
Less than 2 years	10	9	14	7	4	13.8%	44
2-4 years	6	7	17	16	3	15.3%	49
5-10 years	13	14	26	22	9	26.3%	84
10-20 years	4	12	21	14	13	20.0%	64
20+ years	9	11	21	27	11	24.7%	79
answered question							320
skipped question							17

Question #4 – Community Character

Please tell us what you feel the importance of each of these statements should be for city government related to Salida's Community Character. (Choose one ranking per row)					
Answer Options	None	Low Priority	Medium	High Priority	Response Count
1. Maintain the Arkansas River as a focal point of the community to be enjoyed from both the shore and in the current.	1.6%	6.8%	27.2%	64.4%	309
2. Preserve the ranching and agriculture heritage while providing options for local food production in the community.	1.9%	10.6%	31.5%	55.9%	311
3. Maintain the passive experience of openness in the rural lands surrounding the city.	5.9%	13.8%	27.5%	52.8%	305
4. Encourage public events in the community that engage, educate, entertain and enrich the community.	1.0%	9.4%	41.0%	48.7%	310
5. Promote the cohesive community of Salida which includes full-time residents, businesses, second homeowners, and a diversity of ages.	2.6%	12.7%	36.5%	48.2%	307
6. Encourage the casual atmosphere of the small town lifestyle.	4.2%	16.2%	31.5%	48.1%	308
7. Encourage the preservation of buildings with historic character and design of new buildings that are compatible in scale and site design.	3.9%	14.6%	37.9%	43.7%	309
8. Promote an engaged citizenship that is involved with civic activities, long range planning and volunteer opportunities.	2.6%	12.5%	42.0%	43.0%	305
9. Preserve, enhance and promote the Salida Downtown National Register District and the city's older residential neighborhoods.	2.9%	17.7%	41.3%	38.1%	310
10. Maintain a connection to the history of the city and the railroad heritage that established the city.	1.0%	26.0%	43.2%	29.9%	308
11. Support the existing arts community in Salida and	6.8%	29.5%	36.0%	27.6%	308

develop relationships to help increase the identity as an arts community and the financial viability for artists in the community.

answered question

311

skipped question

37

1. I do not like this ranking system. These are all important.
2. Promote business-friendly practices that result in economic development and jobs
3. Make life easier for people in town by revising/eliminating burdensome codes
4. quality education opportunities
5. Positive emphasis on foot and bicycle traffic throughout town.
6. Promoting independent small businesses which keep Salida interesting and help prevent it from becoming a 'resort town'
7. Promote bicycling and walking as transportation methods that are consistent with Salida's character.
8. don't have every aspect of lives controlled by laws and commissions
9. Maintain and increase recreational opportunities.
10. Together with maintaining the Arkansas River as a focal point of the community, promote all aspects of recreation that the river provides.
11. Promote a strong and viable school system for our children and our future.
12. encourage non-vehicular traffic
13. pursue higher education opportunities in Salida (CMC or other satellite campus opportunities)
14. Promote a business friendly environment to encourage economic development and to preserve existing businesses and jobs that pay livable wage
15. missing is spelled wrong here...things missing, promote the local school district.
16. #5 should have been two questions, to be answered separately
17. I don't understand why a person living in Pinion Hills can't be on the planning commission
18. Please protect the riverfront and not 'overdevelop' with condos. Please retain antique & western character! Salida is a unique special place.
19. We are second homeowners and have family here.
20. Please increase the quality of the schools, hire good teachers, and pay them more. It is very difficult for young families in this area.
21. Unless they follow, downtown parking and traffic.
22. What is the City's role?
23. Keep open spaces in development plans. Do not exchange spaces for child play, pet exercise, art objects for money
24. Spelling for one. This survey so far is contrived. I hope it gets beyond the arts and historic district which provides little to no economy
25. Promote new industry so our kids can live in the town they grew up in. Create jobs that will pay enough that our kids can live here and not have to relocate to the city to make a living.
26. Promote the quality of the School District - staff and programs
27. Salida has enough trails..the needs now are roads not contributing money to one individual to fix their "old" building..the Unique Theatre..city should not be helping ONLY one individual..enough is enough..
28. Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Environmental Stewardship
29. keeping streets and sidewalks easily passable for handicapped
30. enforce city codes pertaining to rubbish
31. Sports facilities, like new tennis courts, walk ways, and more dog parks.
32. THIS IS A SMALL TOWN WITH LITTLE MONEY. LOWER PRICES AND GET THE ARTS OUT OF TOWN. OUR CITY GOVERMENT IS BAD AND ONLY WORKS FOR THE CITIZENS WITH MONEY THAT CAN BUY THEM
33. Oppose Over the River Christo project openly
34. CLEAN UP THE AESTHETICS OF THE TOWN, IE THE LANDSCAPING FLOWERS SIDEWALKES REMOVE THE WEEDS TRASH . FINE THE BUILDING OWNERS WHO DO NOT MAINTAIN THEIR PROPERTIES. MAYBE THE CITY HAS TAXED THE BUILDING OWNERS SO MUCH THEY CANNOT CONTINUE TO PAY FOR THE HIGH COST OF MAINTAINING THEIR BUILDINGS? ALSO DO YOU THINK THE HIGH COST OF COMMERCIAL TAXES HAS DECREASED THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE BUYING PROPERTY DOWNTOWN?
35. Yes, but your questions are open ended and while I am checking an answer, there are qualifications I would add a plenty
36. PROMOTE BUSINESSES COMING TO SALIDA
37. Promote economic growth an diversification that is compatible with the above values.

38. Get Rid of Marijuana Stores
39. small town character means small town government that focuses on essentials
40. We need to clean up the neighborhoods. Junk yards & junk cars in town must go. Protect our property values.
41. Over the river is a HUGE mistake...HUGE!!!! Money should not rule here..our beauty is enuf!!!
42. Don't know how the city would do 10, so it's Low, but it would help to control noise and light pollution. That may not sound casual, but when it's bright and loud, it's not casual, either.
43. A very high priority of local governments should be education of children.
44. be fiscally responsible
45. Don't over promote the river. Don't spoil the land with banners and artwork.
46. education
47. Things are getting better. However, we need more things for young people to do. Its like 1980 rural Kansas around here. Especially in the winter.
48. youth engage and educate about sustainability
49. Economic Development
50. Promote the expenditure of funds on these things we really need and have the resources to do. Minimize the expenditure of funds on too much ethereal thinking and planning... Resulting in surveys given to the public asking many vague questions.
51. What are you proposing to do to bring more businesses, job, and people to the area?
52. Fix the streets
53. Follow the rules established by council, or change them for current conditions
54. Encourage an support new and existing businesses in Salida
55. fix streets
56. we need a rec center, for our youth
57. I work in Salida and live in Nathrop.
58. Bring the children and young ones of the community in as part of their education of sustainability. Try to eliminate the sentence...you don't know what you don't know....education!
59. these statements all represent our community - but government cant be responsible for these - they are community responsibilities. The govt. doesn't have enough dollars for these concepts and the basics of managing govt.
60. Promote energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainable living!
61. Limit the scope of govt where it is not needed, loosen the concept of historic pres. to give incentive to fix buildings
62. Of course!
63. Adopt housing policy and support organizations that provide a diverse array of options including low and very-low income residents - high priority
64. Make Salida an attractive area for small business owners.
65. providing volunteer jobs for kids and reward them with skiing benefits/ full time buses to Monarch
66. Promote local business by creating set-asides for locally owned business and ensuring that projects aren't bid out to out-of-town businesses.
67. Regional transportation plan/ connector from Poncha to hospital
68. transportin, a new airport, more stoplights, and stop signs, and fixing the potholes
69. expanded public tennis courts w/lights (if possible) to play at night
70. Repair the streets!!! None of the above matter if the experience is tainted by the disastrous condition of the streets!
71. Promotion of a livable wage..
72. How about you should fix the streets and sidewalks in residential areas.
73. Support nonprofits who are contributing to a higher quality of life for citizens
74. In the Salida are, there is an apathetic attitude, including a "I'm entitled to do what I want"
75. Make our emphasis on recreation and attracting mfg here of those types of businesses.
76. Help promote viable businesses and industry to come to area to create jobs as well as decent income potential.
77. Evening Council Meetings are important to allow community engagement
78. More areas with good access that provide opportunity for entrepreneurs to develop light manufacturing jobs along with possible incentives.
79. bring in new industry and jobs
80. Stop over the river project
81. We're now in our second approved recreation master plan. How do we see it or find out what it is and when it will happen?

- 82. Recognition of long-time residents
- 83. 1st priority should be increased funding for and improvement of the local school district! It will hold everything else back if left in its current dismal state.
- 84. Thank you for this survey and the opportunity to respond. Encourage cultural resources like the museum to be downtown. Hold work sessions in larger room so public can comfortably attend. Use local expertise whenever possible and appropriate. Streamline historic preservation ordinance to clarify what treatments and/or replacements of building elements are acceptable, for example, windows. Promote heritage tourism by supporting/partnering in county heritage projects that affect Salida. Support the Historic Preservation Commission's vision of placing history plaques on downtown buildings of significance. About trees: Require City to replace trees removed during street improvement; emphasize native trees; promote replacement/placement of substantial street trees; consider changing sidewalk standard to placing sidewalks next to curbs to allow for larger trees maintained by property owners.
- 85. You misspelled "missing".
- 86. Provide education in architectural building details and authenticity.
- 87. Quality education for our youth and efficient buildings
- 88. City streets - poor condition - high priority
- 89. city streets - maintenance - high priority!
- 90. Emphasis on environmental sustainability
- 91. less government interference
- 92. A comprehensive zoning upgrade which will enhance the agricultural community. Promote trails, parks, etc, especially public lands and access all along the river
- 93. #8 - City should not be concern or have any business in land or people's rights that are in the county only in the city limits.
- 94. You're destroying Salida! Thank you, it used to be a nice town. Hope you're happy!
- 95. Let Salida grow natural. The City is trying to make it into an Aspen or Boulder. Like you Said "a small town Character." You are losing this
- 96. #8 - Not city tax money or responsibility
- 97. Keep chains out - promote local business.
- 98. Save the Unique, have city trash pick up with recycling, no more nestle type water takeover- add city support to the County, Bury utility lines in the historic downtown and a bit beyond, encourage a downtown hotel, have a blackout at least once a year for meteor shower, work on dark sky in town
- 99. 12. Put "passenger trains on our empty tracks, bigger stimulus & serves more people than trails. 13. Public transportation direct to DIA, Colo Spgs. Monarch, Grand Jct., Leadville and Pueblo. 14. Passive solar, wind and geothermal power and heat. 15. "Sports" image for Salida & Valley
- 100. There are people in this town who have a common sense approach to problem solving. Why don't you contact them?

Question #5 – Land Use and Development

Please tell us what you feel the importance of each of these statements should be for city government related to Land Use and Development. (Choose one ranking per row)					
Answer Options	None	Low Priority	Medium	High Priority	Response Count
1. Ensure adequate public spaces as part of new development.	3.5%	12.2%	27.9%	56.4%	287
2. Development should not detract from the natural character in and around the city.	3.5%	11.2%	29.8%	55.4%	285
3. Reduce barriers to more energy efficient construction.	5.2%	10.4%	29.2%	55.2%	288
4. Respect rights of private landowners through open and inclusive public processes.	2.8%	9.5%	35.4%	52.3%	285
5. Amend Land Use Code and building code to allow for small-scale, on-site energy production.	5.1%	13.0%	33.9%	48.0%	277
6. Annexation should occur only when it is determined to be a net benefit to the city with the expectation that development pays it own way.	3.9%	16.0%	37.0%	43.1%	281
7. New development shall make the most appropriate use	4.5%	14.2%	42.0%	39.2%	288

of the land using design standards that enhance and complement the historic built environment of the city.					
8. Infill and redevelopment should be encouraged.	4.9%	16.5%	41.4%	37.2%	285
9. Continue to work with Chaffee County to carry out the objectives of the 2008 Intergovernmental Agreement for land use around Salida.	14.4%	14.0%	41.2%	30.4%	257
10. Ensure community separators to define and maintain Salida's identity to avoid blending of communities as growth occurs.	16.0%	30.2%	30.6%	23.1%	281
<i>answered question</i>					293
<i>skipped question</i>					55

1. Who wrote these questions? This ranking system is bogus. I'm sorry, I want to help. All of these are important. You should make people pick the top five of all of these statements
2. Get our own building permit department
3. Need to have affordable housing (rentals as well as ownership) a VERY high priority. If we "don't want to be like Aspen" then we need to make darn sure that our workers can actually afford to LIVE here!
4. I assume infill is the tight, tall, overbuilding that you see in Aspen - nasty. We want to avoid that.
5. Fewer developments altogether.
6. Private development is just that, individual ownership and the less city dictates control, the better the economy grows with individualism to create a vibrant community.
7. What is a "community separator"?
8. Amend HPC guidelines to maintain the historic character while allowing for energy efficient - business efficient improvements. Such as replacements windows that appear historic but meet or exceed current energy efficient design standards (without the need for the crazy hoops created by the financial hardship under consideration).
9. Encourage compact walkable development, replant trees in parkways removed for utility replacement
10. Seems like the land use code is stuck in limbo and it is going to be one of the most important documents moving forward. We've had a development reprieve with the recession but we need to be ready when development pressures hit again.
11. 9. depends on definition of "small scale" 4. may be circumstances in which expectation not completely feasible but annexation would be benefit to City
12. The City's role is to encourage economic development to stabilize the tax base
13. Eliminate industrial usage which impact neighborhoods for example recycle center at pool. The recycle center needs to be located to an industrial site.
14. Still spelling. Annexation can benefit both developers and the city. Salida must realize at some point that they benefit for 100 plus years from development tax dollars.
15. spell check would be nice..the question is misspelled
16. encourage water conservation (reduce non-native plants & grass).
17. again, sports facilities like tennis courts.
18. YOU USE TRICK QUESTIONS!!! STOP THE BUILDING KEEP THE LAND OPEN. THIS IS NOT A BIG CITY KEEP IT THAT WAY
19. Discourage huge projects such as Friend Ranch / Vandaveer Courageaux development in favor of small community appropriate construction
20. Again, open ended statements missing qualifiers. What did we give up for the sewer money with strings attached?
21. acquire adjacent undeveloped land for open space to preserve small town
22. High priority: encourage development of bicycle and pedestrian paths.
23. Our community is being divided by Christo....Money is talking....STAND UP AGAINST HIM...MONEY SHOULD NOT BUY EVERYTHING!!!!
24. Can't answer some of these because the statements are the kind of mumble-speak that could be good, could be bad.
25. encourage new businesses--not discourage
26. Make development easier. Too many roadblocks. Give incentives for good development, not roadblocks. This isn't the USSR.
27. Let development happen organically and sustainable while maintaining appropriate character
28. Make development approval process faster, Make City staff more accountable, make building department part of the City.
29. Reasonable requirements for developers/restorers in historic district i.e. allow modern windows
30. Focus a lot more on this and redevelopment. Look into creating a guaranteed loan program for any landowner or tenants to install

an alternative to install alternative energy systems paid back with interest by the value of the energy generation. these systems can and do pay for themselves. Let loan money that comes back with interest and creates more jobs for the common man.

- 31. Money in lieu for open space for small developments
- 32. forget about "affordable housing" That will take care of itself.
- 33. Trails for bikes and pedestrians should be part of any development. We need walkable communities.
- 34. many of these statements are not transparent/understandable to the average person and fell "loaded", i.e., nos. 3, 6, 10
- 35. No. 9, should not be construed to encourage wind turbines in the city
- 36. Of course!
- 37. We should not Build, Builders are ruining the land the views and the area
- 38. It is important to encourage new development and having them pay their own way but still not be so restrictive that they can't develop. Development keeps the economy moving. Without development we just fad away.
- 39. Insist on roads connecting subdivisions rather than cul de sacs with no connections to adjoining areas
- 40. All local building projects should be carried out by local developers, builders, architects, surveyors etc.
- 41. the roads are not growing with Salida! Plan ahead for density & traffic
- 42. getting rid of the city adminstrator's postion, hiring a new police chief. and public works director
- 43. Salida shall not "control" but should manage land use.
- 44. A last resort will be to tear down any historic buildings. No more parking lots!!!
- 45. Salida City government should be less, not more, intrusive.
- 46. Incentivize the repair of walkable neighborhoods.
- 47. Less Government Interference
- 48. Please do not attempt to turn Salida into a mini Highlands Ranch via city sponsored mega-development like Vandaveer Ranch
- 49. #10 - No way - The population and housing in County has increased - why - no one wants to live with all of city's regulations - City minds their own business - County minds their own business - At least the county is still somewhat the land of the FREE. And yes - as soon as I sale my house, I'll be leaving the city limits. Go back about 50 years and start over - It was a great place to live then.
- 50. This government has destroyed this community, they don' care because they are not from here. Cit yCouncil Sucks.
- 51. Complete the annexation of property along Highway 50 and Hi 291 corridor for the benefit of collecting additional sales tax.
- 52. Fire the entire Salida Planning Department and bring in local people who grew up in the area.

Question #6 – Economic Sustainability

Please tell us what you feel the importance of each of these statements should be for city government related to Salida's Economic Sustainability. (Choose one ranking per row)

Answer Options	None	Low Priority	Medium	High Priority	Response Count
1. Utility infrastructure such as water, sewer and information technology should be adequate to serve existing and desired business opportunities.	1.8%	4.8%	32.0%	61.4%	272
2. Opportunities for high quality education are an excellent economic base driver serving to attract new citizens and preparing local residents to enter the workforce.	2.6%	6.3%	29.8%	61.4%	272
3. Encourage 'buy local' programs to support local businesses, keep funds in the community and help pay for municipal services.	3.6%	7.6%	30.2%	58.6%	278
4. Attract and pursue new green industries and renewable industries to the valley.	8.4%	8.4%	28.8%	54.4%	274
5. Direct economic growth in a fiscally responsible way that maintains community character and high service levels for residents.	5.2%	10.4%	34.6%	49.8%	269
6. Maintain positive relationships with local business development groups.	3.3%	8.1%	40.0%	48.5%	270
7. Work to ensure zoning is not an impediment to the Downtown and other areas and does not restrict innovative commercial development.	2.9%	13.9%	38.3%	44.9%	274

8. Seek additional financial incentives for new and existing businesses to grow in the Salida community.	2.9%	19.4%	35.2%	42.5%	273
9. Work with appropriate entities to attract multiple forms of tourism.	6.6%	20.9%	37.7%	34.8%	273
10. Encourage quality service sector employees and business owners who provide a better experience for visitors and enhance sales.	7.5%	19.4%	42.5%	30.6%	268
11. Continue to look for opportunities to bring small conventions to the City.	6.7%	23.3%	38.5%	31.5%	270
12. Continue to implement the "Historic Downtown Improvement and Economic Sustainability Plan 2007."	12.3%	18.1%	41.2%	28.4%	243
13. Promote and support becoming a Home Rule City.	26.6%	20.7%	22.0%	30.7%	241
14. Provide guidance to business owners for financial initiatives including tax incentives, business planning, and promotional advertising for attracting visitors.	5.8%	16.2%	40.1%	37.9%	277
15. Utilize existing financial incentives for businesses and property owners.	3.8%	14.8%	41.8%	39.5%	263
16. Implement business licensing to gain an understanding of the current businesses.	21.3%	38.8%	26.9%	13.1%	268
answered question					280
skipped question					68

1. 14. What financial incentives?
2. Yes... an explanation of what a "home rule city" is!
3. Seems like the Chamber of Commerce should handle 3, 9, and others, not necessarily the city.
4. We need to attract an institute of higher education - some type of college or university and give them the Vandaveer land.
5. 1. A helpful and positive planning department will do all this for the community in terms of "Government" intervention. Currently the planning department is stifling. 2. Stop subsidizing the steamplant and the high salaries related to local market.
6. Encourage non-tourist related businesses, and businesses that provide living wages
7. Focus growth into enlarging the downtown business district (not Vandaveer) by encourage multi-use buildings, increased parking, greater visibility (gateways), increase walk/bike-ability (more benches for resting and bike racks). Most of all work to change the perception that the city hinders businesses to one that supports and encourages businesses)
8. Do not feel I have studied referenced items in 15. and 16. to answer.
9. Make the 2 blocks of F street from the river to 1st street a car-free walking mall. Cities and towns all over the US and Europe have found this to be an effective means of focusing economic and community benefits into historic downtowns.
10. Some of these questions require some explanation. For example, I don't really know what "Home Rule" means. In general, I'd like for Salida to maintain it's small town atmosphere but often wish business owners in the area were more sophisticated and service-oriented. The restaurants suck and I can't even dry clean clothing anymore.
11. The City's role is to encourage economic development to stabilize the tax base so it can provide services; water sewer, roads police and fire
12. Get indistrict status for Salida for Colorado Mountain college. 24 miles distance separates substantial savings to the residents of salida tuition payments
13. Nice spelling. I still say this survey is contrived. No doubt, the people who helped put this together work for city or county government. The planners have no true concept of what it is like to make a living in the real world, if they did, their planning would welcome new growth that made sense. Salida government has continued to grow since I served on council. I say run the city like a business and we would not have more and more city employees who in the real world could never even make the cut.
14. Attract any industry you can, why does it have to be "green", the railroad and mines created this town, they weren't green.
15. owners of downtown property should be able to do what they want w/ their property..afterall who is paying the bills..not the city
16. again, we need more sports facilities here in Salida.
17. WE NEED PLACES TO WORK NOT MORE PEOPLE MOVING IN
18. I think we should use existing buildings for schools and not put the district into more debt. Pod schools and creative education
19. PLEASE BRING IN NEW BIZ TO SALIDA SEEMS LIKE SO MANY ARE TURNED AWAY WE NEED TO ADD

INCENTIVES OF ANY KIND TO GET JOBS INTO OUR VALLEY. I REALLY FEEL OUR TOWN IS DYING. WE DO NOT HAVE ANY PROFESSIONAL JOBS. WE LOST CMC. PLEASE HELP GET THE NEW SCHOOL BOND PASSED

20. DEFINITION OF HOME RULE CITY
21. High Priority: Attract more freelancers who telecommute and bring in revenue from outside the community.
22. The relationship between zoning or code adoption as applied to the Downtown Historic District can and has created problems when applied to "Change of Use", which then mandated that an owner bring hundred plus year old buildings up to current code. This creates a financial burden, to say the least, detracting from improvement in the Downtown district.
23. Government has no business "directing" business growth, who wrote this!? Why would government be looking for conventions?
24. a Chicken in every pot
25. Bring Core businesses to rejoin (manufacturing, industry)
26. You also need to buy local and not out of town. Our spies are everywhere.
27. If the City decides to go Home Rule it should allow a meeting place where there is a large seating capacity. Small seating area allow for a couple fanatics to take over the decision making with only their votes counting for thousands who made be excluded. Any home rule should go hand in hand with providing a very large seating area and access at a central location.
28. Home Rule is unnecessary. It will only benefit the bureaucrats and give them the power to impose more taxes and further restrict businesses and citizens.
29. Dont know all the answers cause don't understand all the questions...new resident
30. of course!
31. I am not sure what a home rule city is
32. Do NOT build new use old, don't let new businesses and homes ruin the Salida views and land
33. Infrastructure includes streets. They are a mess and highly visible to all and extend beyond the downtown area. Attracting new industry seems impeded by zoning, regulations, and "nothing being good enough" for our city. The exception to this is the hasty allowance for MMJ providers and growers. Does a community of 6000 really need 6 dispensaries? Watch this bring new residents and contributing taxpayers to the city as well as improving the education of local youth. It will backfire and add to the welfare load.
34. traffic plan
35. giving money to the downtown merchants
36. You didn't mention the lack of maintenance on city streets and sidewalks in residential areas.
37. Governments have a few responsibilities, beside infrastructure, provide a positive business and personal structure.
38. We recently were "attracted" to the Frisco/Dillon area for 3 days of bike riding. They have many miles of paved trails and local transportation. We have two trails that go west and end at nowhere. We also have a river trail going by both lakes but never make it to town. We probably left about \$400 up at Frisco. It cost them something to "attract" us but they sure got their money back!!!
39. What about bringing in some industries in the corridor between Poncha & Salida? Where is the drive for higher education? Let business do its thing, City should stay out.
40. Educate the public on the positives and negatives of Home Rule. Right now, no one knows anything about it.
41. The city should audit itself on "buying locally", and publish the results.
42. Business creates the money you all like to spend. More business friendly!!
43. Less Government Interference
44. Water meters to save water not enough revenues so our bill goes up because we're not using enough water. So much for conservation
45. Encourage development of high quality office space downtown and work to promote the area and local lifestyle to small technology companies.
46. #1 - Sounds great - maybe the city should set an example. How about looking into all the rules (etc. plant so many trees on business land) and reducing fees so business will come - instead of walking away from Salida, going to other towns that have common sense rules and welcomes them.
47. #1 - Buy Local - People cannot buy a lot of items local because stores do not carry them. A lot of people shop at the Front Range.
48. Yes get rid of unneeded administrators and supervisors.
49. Educate police and judicial system between a serious and minor offense. "Come on vacation, leave on probation" is not appealing at all.
50. #13 - No tax money

- 51. Stop making private business compete with the Salida City Government. Your policies are totally anti business
- 52. Support OTR

Question #7 – Environmental Sustainability

Please tell us what you feel the importance of each of these statements should be for city government related to Environmental Sustainability. (Choose one ranking per row)					
Answer Options	None	Low Priority	Medium	High Priority	Response Count
1. Actively protect and preserve groundwater and surface water resources.	2.6%	5.3%	21.8%	70.3%	266
2. Promote and enhance water conservation methods.	2.6%	8.3%	29.1%	60.0%	265
3. Protect the ability to view the night sky through limiting light pollution, glare and light trespass.	5.7%	14.3%	24.5%	55.5%	265
4. Development and/or expansion of existing development should not encroach on important visual resources.	5.3%	12.5%	28.1%	54.0%	263
5. The Arkansas and South Arkansas Rivers should be viewed as an asset and opportunity to demonstrate techniques for sustainable building practices in a sensitive environment.	6.5%	14.2%	27.3%	51.9%	260
6. Work with local, state and federal agencies to provide strategies for minimizing negative affects to critical wildlife habitat.	6.2%	17.7%	30.4%	45.8%	260
7. City operations should provide strategies for reducing vehicle emissions, energy efficient building practices, reducing water consumption, improving water quality, improving air quality and improving recycling programs.	7.3%	18.5%	30.1%	44.0%	259
8. Cooperate with local groups and governments to implement strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.	12.6%	17.9%	33.2%	36.3%	262
9. Enforceable and measurable noise standards should be implemented in cooperation with local and regional government agencies.	6.1%	23.8%	39.1%	31.0%	261
10. Encourage expansion of the urban forest.	8.8%	21.5%	34.7%	35.1%	251
11. Implement management strategies for non-native invasive plant species and protect existing landscaping and native species.	7.3%	24.2%	36.9%	31.5%	260
12. Work with the County to align strategies for development near sensitive lands in the 3 mile planning area.	14.2%	18.5%	38.6%	28.7%	254
13. Climate change prevention measures should be identified and implemented through amendments to existing building and land use codes.	15.8%	20.4%	29.6%	34.2%	260
14. An inventory of sensitive lands within the municipal services area should be developed.	11.7%	23.3%	39.3%	25.7%	257
answered question					266
skipped question					82

1. All developments need to include more green space. Promote conservation easements.
2. All items are "sound good bite", but are not functions of "City". All should be optional suggestions to individuals or tax break items.
3. Reduction of town deer population. Demonstrate the ability to leave the undeveloped river corridors in natural state.
4. Urban forest growth should only be encouraged with proper tree selection for our high desert environment. For example, aspen are native to the area, but not Salida, they require too much water and did not grow here before man irrigated the town.
5. Recycling opportunities should have highest priority. Very inadequate at present.
6. SOME OF THESE QUESITONS ARE NOT EASILY UNDERSTOOD WITHOUT A SHORT EXPLANATION
7. Stay focused on Ctiy operations. If the City has limited funds accent that it cannot do everything and let CDow and CDWK do

something

8. Avoid discontent of art projects such as Cristo's River Drape. Understand the need of Salida's residents to quality of life issues and safety of transportation to eastern Colorado.
9. I still say this is contrived and will not get an accurate result.
10. city and county should monitor their employees that have company cars..I often see employees driving on nonbusiness days..my money pay for their gas
11. provide proper disposal for used compact fluorescent light bulbs for residents (contains mercury)
12. tennis courts
13. Lots of questions on home rule and potential for abuses, but see some reasons for. WATCH THE CONTROL MECHANISMS
14. DO NOT LET A PRIVATE ENTITY COME TO NATHROP CO AND HARVEST GEOTHERMAL WATER FOR ENERGY PRODUCTION. THIS CAN BE DONE ON PONCHA PASS IN A LESS POPULATED AREA. THE NATHROP LOCATION IS DETRIMENTAL TO A TOURIST /ENVIRONMENTAL ASSETT
15. mitigate negative impacts to nat resources on city property
16. High Priority: Encourage more concentrated development to avoid sprawl.
17. SENSITIVE ENVIROMENT???????? THEN WHY ARE WE EVEN CONSIDERING OVER THE RIVER ON THE ARKANSAS...TRAFFIC JAMS....PEOPLE TRYING TO SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION AND GET TO WORK....Dah!!!!!!!!!!!!
18. get rid of Elm trees!
19. a column that says n/a - or need more info instead of just "none"
20. Teeth
21. Keep the city rules in the city and out of people's private property in the surrounding areas
22. Truth be told we should be able to use as much water as one wants for residential use. We need a much better finished and treated water supply facility as well as upgrading existing infrastructure.
23. Court house has terrible light pollution. Can anything be done about it?
24. Of course!
25. Do NOT build sensitive land is sensitive leave it alone WE don't need to build we are fine the way we are
26. Bicycle lanes and road conditions should be promoted to reduce vehicle emissions.
27. encourage biking, 'catch' people commuting to work/school & reward them
28. The city streets and sidewalks are the number one concern of all I talk to.
29. There is also a need to look at replacing the electrical elements in all downtown light poles to be more energy efficient. this could be done by working with Excel energy.
30. Too much government interference already in private land.
31. Develop and implement a published, non-lethal plan for dealing with wildlife encroachment
32. As Riverside development occurs always leave river access
33. ***Fight Cristo's Over the River Project
34. Avoid Politically Correct questions on scientifically unsubstantiated subjects like "Climate Change". It and its "hockey graph" scientists have been greatly discredited and your questions should not be based on this kind of junk science, but your questions sound like you've already got your mind made up.
35. Walkability (sidewalks and street trees) of the existing streets should receive highest priority to help reduce VMT and GHG.
36. Replace dying trees in Salida
37. Replace a lot of the dying trees in Salida
38. Less Government Interference
39. Too much government
40. #13 - County can think for themselves. In later years if the land is to be annexed the city can annex or not - But right now it is not the city's business what takes place 3 miles around the city limits, Just city limits now or 20 years from now you want to control county property when the county people have no vote who runs the city. Just doesn't sound right to me.
41. #2 How about doing something about this?
42. Remodel of Calco to an industrial area to prevent both visual and air pollution in downtown corridor. Continue to pursue purchase and development of railroad land in downtown Salida.
43. Leave areas outside city limits to county. Quit trying to expand city influence outside city limits - i.e.: water quality protection district. Plenty of oversight already.

Question #8 – Housing

Please tell us what you feel the importance of each of these statements should be for city government related to Housing. (Choose one ranking per row)					
Answer Options	None	Low Priority	Medium	High Priority	Response Count
1. Infrastructure should be maintained and improvements made in existing neighborhoods.	3.5%	5.1%	39.8%	51.6%	254
2. Work cooperatively with other agencies to provide affordable housing and home improvements.	6.3%	13.7%	34.0%	46.1%	256
3. New neighborhoods should contain a mix of housing types, a variety of lot sizes, open space, parks and amenities and should be connected to services.	7.8%	11.6%	35.7%	45.0%	258
4. Promote new development projects that contain a variety of housing, including affordable units.	8.2%	14.5%	31.4%	45.9%	255
5. Dwelling units should be built and maintained for safety and efficiency to reduce operating costs and impacts on the environment.	9.8%	13.7%	32.0%	44.5%	256
6. Regulations should provide for a mix of housing types and densities throughout the city to accommodate a variety of incomes and lifestyles.	6.6%	11.7%	40.1%	41.6%	257
7. Seek financial strategies to support affordable housing efforts.	7.5%	17.5%	30.2%	44.8%	252
8. The character of existing neighborhoods should be protected.	5.8%	15.8%	39.0%	39.4%	259
9. Monitor demographic and market shifts to understand the needs for affordable housing in the community.	7.5%	16.9%	35.8%	39.8%	254
<i>answered question</i>					261
<i>skipped question</i>					87

1. We should ban second home owners. Policies should promote the lifestyles of the people that actually live here.
2. All perfect world statements. Market will determine this unless city wishes to promote low income housing with in-kind water, sewer, street improvements, park space, etc, etc, for minimal cost or some tax breaks.
3. The growing number of existing homes that are now second homes
4. Encourage density, developments beyond convent walk/bike distance from existing daily services (grocery for example) should be designed to allow them to create their own neighborhood services such as mixed use store fronts to support a grocery, deli, restaurants
- ...
5. Affordable housing is a HUGE problem in Salida.
6. The City should guide development which encourages development but does not have to do everything for everybody.
7. All of Salida should be part of the commitment not just parts. All areas should be part of walking and healthy life styles
8. Back to you can't spell. What are we paying for this. Open ended questions do not provide a truly accurate response.
9. Just out of town we have plenty of open space, how much do we need in town?
10. if people can't afford to live here the they shouldn't expect me to pay for them
11. mandate "green" features for homes
12. need to build more tennis courts
13. HARD TO SAY ON THE ABOVE QUESTIONS DUE TO I DO NOT THINK WE NEED NEW HOUSING. KEEP THIS A FARMING TOWN IF YOU WANT A BIG CITY GO BACK TO THE BIG CITY
14. I am for reasonable environmental respect, but is it the job of government to take our rights ..encourage ethics/balance, not demand
15. HOUSING COSTS ARE OUT OF CONTROL HERE! DO SOMETHING TO HELP THE REST OF US "NON-MILLIONAIRES" SURVIVE AND THRIVE HERE!
16. Not sure what you mean by "Dwelling units should be built and maintained for safety and efficiency to reduce operating costs and impacts on the environment." Don't the current codes address these issues sufficiently?
17. I thought we lived in a free market system.

18. Develop housing for disabled that can be financed with monthly payments less than 1/3 disability income. Allow for lower min sqft. Allow for on site caretakers units or grounds keeper units. Find ways to help the disadvantaged build equity.
19. Housing costs should not be controlled by government. Let the market control.
20. Of course!
21. Encourage the development of high-density, low cost rental housing. Also re-zone to increase R-3 areas.
22. Housing types should be for people who can afford them, start with low income housing and we are going to have urban street crime and all the bad stuff that goes with uneducated poor individuals DO NOT focus on low income focus on Affordable for middle working class
23. All of this demands regulations, oversight, and government involvement which is costly. These ideas should be a philosophy rather than code enforcement.
24. Repair the streets! Impact will be enormous to tourists AND locals!
25. Not one word in this whole farce about fixing streets and sidewalks that the taxpayers pay for.
26. This is what HOA's are for! Not our government entities.
27. New neighborhoods should have areas for manufactured housing. Housing (R-4) It's an easy way to come up with affordable housing. New modulars look very nice and provide housing at about 1/2 the cost of "stick built". Must be sure that they are on foundations and are purged
28. Affordable housing is not \$150,000 (cost of house) or \$175.00/mo. rental
29. Higher density and smaller units sizes, with excellent design standards, should be promoted in all areas. Affordable housing can be provided through innovative typologies such as bungalow courts, courtyard housing, historic multi-family types, etc that does not appear out of character with the neighborhood.
30. Less Government Interference
31. Private property rights???
32. Here we go with the City regulations. If the people own the property let them put whatever home they want and can afford to live in. Building code does provide for safety (#9). This is why people and businesses are leaving the area or just aren't coming to Salida. People say that Salida is a "little communist city". After living in Salida all my life (64 years) I remember what it was (land of the FREE) and what it is now, what a shame we have become.
33. Why the talk of "affordable" housing yet the prices still extremely high. Realtors - bring down the prices!
34. Recognize part of the Character is allowing people to live as they choose some people's trash is another person's treasure. Perfect houses and manicured lawns are more offensive to some than gardens or people who collect cars and stuff. We like working class or the recyclers more than new people telling locals how to live.
35. Promote development of delinquent, vacant and misused or zoned properties. Promote development of infill projects and allow for increased densities that are more appropriate.
36. #5 - Not at city expense

Question #9 – Recreation & Open Space

Please tell us what you feel the importance of each of these statements should be for city government related to Recreation and Open Space. (Choose one ranking per row)					
Answer Options	None	Low Priority	Medium	High Priority	Response Count
1. Local organizations that volunteer and help provide new recreational amenities and help to maintain the current infrastructure should be supported.	4.0%	11.1%	28.5%	56.5%	253
2. Identify and prioritize parcels around the city for the future acquisition for parks, trails and open space.	7.5%	14.2%	29.9%	48.4%	254
3. Implement, update and continue to promote the Recreation Master Plan.	5.2%	14.4%	34.0%	46.4%	250
4. Salida should maintain and possibly expand recreation amenities and programming.	4.3%	17.0%	34.0%	44.7%	253
5. Regional collaboration should be utilized to provide new parks and trails.	5.1%	18.0%	32.2%	44.7%	255
6. Work to create specifications for the construction and maintenance of new and existing trails and parks.	7.9%	16.7%	34.1%	41.3%	252
7. The Master Plan should serve as a guiding document for new development that includes new recreation amenities or open space for the community.	7.7%	15.0%	36.6%	40.7%	246
8. Collaborative efforts to discuss short and long term recreation priorities for the community should be conducted between the Recreation Advisory Board, Planning Commission, City Council, other city boards and local organizations.	6.9%	16.6%	38.1%	38.5%	247
9. Recreation amenities should be a service provided to the community with an acceptable level of subsidy provided through the General Fund.	7.6%	18.8%	35.2%	38.4%	250
10. Create and implement a plan for multimodal access to Public Lands.	7.4%	21.7%	38.5%	32.4%	244
<i>answered question</i>					258
<i>skipped question</i>					90

- Continue to support Salida Mountain Trails/SPOT. We need a recreation center with a gym. The Salida Hot Springs Pool pricing is a joke - too expensive for local people.
- Remember, this is for local residents (county also) and not just tourists. 9 should not be detrimental to private land owners or developers.
- Continue to support Salida Mtn Trails. It is a project that fills a recreation need for residents while creating another reason for Salida to be a destination for tourists (\$\$\$).
- keep people recreating close so they don't go into the backcountry too much.
- Create and implement a plan for new bicycle/walking paths and bicycle lanes on existing streets and roads.
- PARKS ARE GREAT BUT IT IS ALSO TIME FOR FAMILIES TO TAKE RESPOSIBILITY TO RECREATE THEMSELVES
- Alpine park is awesome. There should be more paved bike paths to promote recreation and commuting. The Hot Spring pool should be enhanced more for children in my opinion- a slide or something.
- Look at the statistics: tourism i.e recreation is the biggest source of jobs in Salida and the City. Focus on ED related to recreation the City doesn't have to do everything but it should expand their ED
- Recreation serves both visitors and residents. recreation adds quality of life for residents. Recreation reduces crime provides outlets for young adults.
- Cooperation between all county entities should be paramount. Show me that and I'll bet we could have a smaller more efficient government. Oops, none of the people who cull these results actually want that do they. This survey will only result in the City of Salida employees justifying their existence by creating perceived need... Nice.

11. We have miles of trails and open space outside of town.
12. the dog park is good..continue to keep dogs out of the city parks..no one likes to have to sidestep dog poop..owners do not always clean up
13. now you're getting it!
14. I DO LIKE THE TRAILS. THIS GIVES US A SAFE PLACE TO RIDE BIKES AND WALK DOGS. THE TRAFIC IS SO BAD AND PEOPLE DRIVE LIKE THE BIG CITY IT IS UNSAFE DUE TO ALL THE BIG CITY MOVING IN
15. Provide public tennis courts of decent quality-- the courts at the hot springs are not usable and are dangerous
16. Check out Steamboat's water slide and park and Gunnison's park fixtures/slides for the older kids and Fairplay's skate park
17. update our existing parks!
18. Parks, trails and kids activities are a necessity. Everything else is just a waste of time and money.
19. Bikes and bike paths everywhere! I believe this is our most important and biggest recreational activity. Lets build on it!
20. Public tennis court. Allow for more motorized trails and allow atvs to motor from hotels to trails
21. Where does the City of Salida touch public lands? To the best of my knowledge it doesn't, this should not be on the table for Salida, but be done at the County level.
22. I believe it is critical to buy the 14 acres offered by the railroad. \$600,000 out of pocket for Salida is a BARGAIN. If we don't buy it, developers will. What will history say of this opportunity in 10 years?
23. How about some trails thru the forests that are handicap accessible for wheelchairs and volunteers to push them along. How about some old style stone shelters that will last a hundred years on the Continental Divide Trail and CO Trail.
24. Construct and maintain public tennis courts outdoor hot springs and soaking pools
25. Of course!
26. Existing trails should be worked on What a mess we have made on Tenderfoot with new trails the mountain is a mismatch of trails running everywhere and causes numerous people to get lost who ever thought those trails up must not have been thinking clearly the mountain is now an unattractive trail system that an eyesore to look at.
27. tennis courts
28. Salida can't maintain a pool how will it maintain a recreation master plan?
29. It would sure be nice if you would fix the streets and sidewalks.
30. More emphasis on helping local businesses right now then on recreation trails. A lot has been put into the trail system which is fine but our local businesses need help. Also our town needs to clean up and spruce up so that when these recreation users come in from out of town we look good. We are one of a few towns that do not clean up and make our gateways pretty.
31. Master plans seem to change so often we can't keep up with them. The big word here is maintain. We have a new \$65,000 restroom, a \$?? climbing wall while our volleyball courts, tennis courts and shuffle board continue to deteriorate. I am ashamed at what tourists find at Centennial Park. The tennis courts aren't bad, they're dangerous!! Sure, the master plan will address this all in 5 or 10 years. Lets get our current equipment in good shape till all the new master plan stuff is in and functioning. The tennis courts at the middle school are currently being used by the public and tourists if they can find them but they are not public courts. The schools insurance company and attorneys could get nervous and have the school lock us out from the courts at any time.
32. There is a large number of tennis players here, yet there are no public courts. The ones in Centennial Park are a disgrace & completely unusable & dangerous. The ones at the middle school are wonderful, however, they belong to the school district & as such are available to the public at the whim of the district. Tourists arrive in town & tennis is a part of their outdoor activity. The most obvious place to play would appear to be at the Centennial Park, however the courts are in deplorable condition. We have 70 members in the Salida Tennis Club and now have instructors for youth & no adequate facilities. It is a real embarrassment!
33. Start and finish bike races outside of town limits. The recreation plan completely denies the aging community. We had better have a place to live that's affordable & amenities that cater to the aging.
34. We really need a recreation center around the Aquatic Center, with gym facilities and roller and ice skating.
35. Ques 4. City should only subsidize so much. Taxes, though low, support our city. Citizens can supplement with tax increases and dues to enter facilities, etc...
36. Please work with the County to improve/complete sections of the much-loved concrete trails. Steamboat Springs should serve as your example of the benefits of a well-developed paved trail system. I'm a bit ashamed the county has deliberately ignored the development of this asset.
37. The Recreation Master Plan should include a municipal tennis court
38. Are the user groups that benefit going to help pay or all tax payer funded like now?
39. Less Government Interference
40. We need a recreational center, combined basketball courts, indoor jogging, we have pool already (drain for Salidan's), handball court, two floors like Breckenridge and have users pay for maintenance
41. As a resort and recreational community, I think serious thought should be given to building an ice skating rink, enclosed if possible now, and certainly later.

- 42. The pool is so expensive that it is not affordable for most families. Look to reduce prices at the pool.
- 43. #10 - Only if city owns the property and is not taking the rights away from people.
- 44. #3 - The city should not require developers to create a park in new subdivisions But have them contribute to the establishe parks and trails and to develop new recreation amenities. We have not much to offer here for citizens, out youth or tourists. #9 0 I feel we do not need new parks, but improve ones we have.
- 45. Add bus service to Monarch Ski area on a regular basis or during peak season.
- 46. We have enough trails and parks. Fix sidewalks before any more money is spent on new trails
- 47. Bus system along Hwy 50
- 48. #1 - Encourage development f a self-supporting Rec. District. Not a city responsibility. No more money for matching grants for recreation - especially trails, bike paths. We can't afford to pay for recreation - even in part. Let people entertain themselves. Forget the frills for now - provide the basics and do it well.
- 49. 12. If new high school is built on existing site of tracks, where will new track be? 13. Need bleachers @ soccer field
- 50. Although Salida is on the edge of the proposed "Christo" Draping project -- Please encourage him to drop the temporary covering of the Arkansas & to join the proposed railroad re-opening in the interest of public safety driving the crowded Hwy 50 road along the Arkansas. The tourists could "ride the rails" beside the river in gondola cars, covered with his beautiful fabric (like old fashioned covered wagons). He could build a permanent memorial to "John Claude Cristo" as a new hotel like the old Monte Cristo anywhere along the river. He might also transport Nestle bottled water from Ruby Mountain with his fabric attached to sterile tanker cars and save congestion on Hwy 24 over Trout Creek Pass.

Question #10 – Transportation

Please tell us what you feel the importance of each of these statements should be for city government related to Transportation. (Choose one ranking per row)					
Answer Options	None	Low Priority	Medium	High Priority	Response Count
1. Create and maintain provisions for pedestrians and bicycles.	2.3%	8.9%	21.7%	67.1%	258
2. Work to eliminate conflicts between motorized and non-motorized users.	3.1%	15.1%	27.9%	53.9%	258
3. Access to and use of the railroad corridor for transportation should be investigated.	6.0%	11.9%	29.8%	52.4%	252
4. Streetscapes should be inviting for all users providing a safe travel environment with calm and efficient traffic movement.	3.1%	10.6%	35.8%	50.4%	254
5. Clear, adequate signage should be installed to direct visitors to the community and support local businesses.	4.3%	13.8%	31.2%	50.6%	253
6. Efforts to create and maintain local and regional transit should be supported.	3.5%	14.9%	34.9%	46.7%	255
7. New development should install, maintain, and be responsible for transportation infrastructure.	6.8%	15.2%	32.8%	45.2%	250
8. Improve access, circulation, connectivity, and connections for all modes of transportation throughout the city.	3.5%	13.3%	39.6%	43.5%	255
9. Identify and prioritize areas of the city that need upgrades to the transportation improvements.	3.3%	15.0%	43.1%	38.6%	246
10. Improve the safety of the transportation infrastructure through innovative design and strategic improvements.	4.5%	17.5%	40.7%	37.4%	246
11. Actively pursue acquiring additional places for public parking.	5.2%	25.0%	33.3%	36.5%	252
12. Execute the “Harriet Alexander Field: Chaffee County Master Plan” for any new expansion of the aviation facilities in Southern Chaffee County.	14.8%	25.7%	36.5%	23.0%	230
<i>answered question</i>					261
<i>skipped question</i>					87

1. We don't need an airport.
2. Airport access is a key limitation for bringing business to Salida.
3. The railroad corridor is an absolute must. The airport is not a priority. Bicycle use should be encouraged. Police should start enforcing speed limits in town and noise levels on diesel pickups.
4. prioritize safe routes to school
5. Enforcement of traffic laws to bicyclists would maintain safety, affordability and long term shared usage of current streets.
6. Harriet Alexander Field is a perfect example of a public facility which does not in it's self generate income (most airports operate at a loss, HAF is no exception) but supports the communities well being and growth indirectly similar to quality streets, fire department or parks. If HAF is lost, business and growth opportunities will be lost as well.
7. 11. Do not know enough to answer.
8. Again, some of these things require some explanation. The town should be more bike-friendly.
9. If rail and air travel increase then it is important if public parking increase then it is needed- the city does not have to do everything if and when it has limited resources.
10. Repair roads to downtown. potholes are a problem in the winter. design a plan for sidewalks to schools. for example J Street heavy vehicles conflict with bicycles and pedestrians to school. Excel heavy traffic
11. The City of Salida needs to conclude that it cannot be all things to all people, nor should it try. The result will only be a waste of tax dollars that have no ROI.
12. Too many cyclists on the roads. Cyclists don't obey traffic laws. If we continue to promote cycling in and around the city then the laws should be enforced. Cyclist should pay a fee for their bikes to use the roads just as we pay a fee to drive our cars on the roads and our ATV's on the trails.
13. the area is very easy to get around..local transport is adequate
14. web should become a handicapped friendly city. we are not now, our sidewalks are a mess,.
15. everyday 100's of kids walk in the street from the Middle School on milford st. to boys and girls club at the end of teller st. Why? Because there are no sidewalks! Let's take care of our young pedestrians
16. RE: # 11: Please provide directions to the HAF Master Plan. This question is obscure.
17. WE NEED TO WATCH THE TRAFIC AND SLOW IT DOWN. WE DO NOT LIVE ON IN A RACEWAY
18. Instruct police to actively and continually enforce traffic laws for bicyclists
19. FIX SIDEWALKS
20. There is a fine line between people's property rights and control that creates a tyrannical process hidden behind consensus/good of the many
21. Would love that all this things are implemented, but how to pay for them? The city hasn't even put bike and center lines on Poncha Blvd for lack of money!
22. parking for downtown should be the highest priority (across the river?)
23. License bicycles and make them follow all state laws
24. Bikes should stop at all stop signs and traffic lights
25. Re: #12, Consider "Rails to Trails" concept for the railroad corridor. It would be a great tourist draw! Similar projects are the Rails to Trails movement in Missouri and Illinois.
26. Sidewalks --add and repair
27. Use railroad for transportation-long term plans
28. Mountain bikes should pay for a green sticker just like dirt bikes.
29. We need a bigger, more dramatic sign on Highway 50 directing tourists to the historic downtown
30. The one place that government intervention MAY work would be to promote decent public transport.
31. Bikes, bikes bikes!
32. Fix sidewalks and streets with 2A Money
33. The signs on Hwy 50 should have enticing pictures of the river and F Street in order to draw people downtown.
34. Until bicyclists obey the traffic laws, we can't work to eliminate conflicts. Why is it ok for them to run stop signs and lighs and the cops do nothing, but heaven forbid, if a motorist doesn't stop for a full 10 seconds, we get tickets every time.
35. Buy the 14 acres!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
36. Land development should include as mush open space as possible.
37. Absolutely no medians on any city streets especially Poncha Boulevard
38. Clean up the alleys--there's trash piles of bulky wood waste in them and on the curbs of the streets. Resurfacing streets should be the first thing done to improve the look of the city, happiness of residents and tourists alike.

39. Of course!
40. Yield signs are dangerous and ambiguous. They should be replaced with stop signs.
41. Sidewalks need to be repaired and maintained. Instead of just telling the homeowners nothing can be done about broken sidewalks.
42. Repair the streets!
43. Fix the streets and sidewalks like we pay for.
44. How many citizens use the airport for the amount of money the city gives it????
45. Regional and intra/inter state transportation that includes bus and maybe rail or air connection
46. Monarch is a big asset to the city and the city is a big asset to Monarch. It would be an advantage to both to fund ski lift transportation. As far as I can tell, almost all ski areas in Colorado have transportation from town to the slopes. The bus (van) would make 3 round trips per day, 7 days a week. It will not pay for itself other than to increase ski tourism to Monarch/Salida. It would have to be publicized out of town & in town and at the internet sites. It won't have an instant effect will probably take 2 or 3 years. Monarch is a good affordable ski area. Lets put it to use to the benefit of all. Funding would come from monarch, the city the rec tax money that the motels are now collecting. They will benefit greatly.
47. Monarch Mtn. Ski is a major winter attraction. Wouldn't it behoove the city to run a ski bus during the season? I'm aware there is an occasional one on some Saturdays. How about the rest of the time? Every city that we go to for skiing has a bus running up to the slopes, one early, one at about noon for afternoon skiing and one to return in the p.m. & of course, the city could charge for this. It would save people from having to drive up there separately, thus, it would also be safer on the roads.
48. I would like to be able to walk on sidewalks in my neighborhood! What transportation infrastructure? Consolidate parking to one area, perhaps using some of the downtown trail. What transportation? As far as I know the city has no part in transportation
49. Number 12 - trail or train use only - no roads
50. Some coconut head complained in the Mountain Mail about the decorative street crossings but we think they're GREAT and you should construct many more. They add a really slick look to the town and we think they're very cool. Do more. P.S. It's "innovative". AND why did you fail to pave Ouray Avenue all the way to both curbs, not just one? Tacky.
51. Less Government Interference
52. Bicycles have rights - but Not more than other residents - enforce traffic laws for everyone.
53. It would be awesome if there were a safe way to access Wal Mart or other businesses on W. Hwy 50 via bicycle. Currently it is way too dangerous.
54. #3 - motorized vehicles have license plates and can be identified for any wrong doings. non-motorized does not - Bicycles needs to have license plates. Fees from these plates can help pay for new trails. We had to have them in the 50's when I was a child. Yes - all bicycles on all streets (city - state or county) needs plates for identifying, safety and it just might save a life if the rider is not riding safe. Also - how about Insurance too - they (Bicycles) can cause damage - Also how about enforcing laws that bicycles must obey?
55. No. I would like to see an active railroad reinstalled.
56. City should provide street signs at all intersections. (Note east side of town!)
57. Replace missing or faded street signs
58. Parks and Trails should be planned for with future development. Bus service and mass transit for ski resort should be encouraged. Don't sacrifice downtown historic property for parking-see vacant or nearby parking locations.
59. #10 New development should install but city then maintains & is responsible. #5 "strategic" improvements should not be "beautification" improvements but actual efficient traffic movements. If the city can not improve what already exists and maintain it then it should not be taking on any more projects!
60. Streets within the city should have good sidewalks and curb and gutter.
61. Salida should make bicycles have license plates for all bicycles. This would allow people to report reckless driving and make children know about bicycle safety. Salida needs a large lot for tourists and for the businesses downtown. Instead of putting money into the old theater make a parking lot downtown. If Salida ever has conventions where would people park.
62. Bikes are a hazard. Make them have insurance and plates in the future. Enforce bicycle laws. They ride on sidewalks and half the time they never stop. I quit going downtown because of them. I change banks shop at walmart changed pharmacy and hair dresser just to avoid them. Tourist have commented on how dangerous they are as well. Sidewalks are in need of repair now and in the future.
63. No bicycles downtown or license them. Start enforcing bike laws instead of looking the other way. Revenues from tickets will help finance some project for streets and sidewalks. Fix sidewalks now!! Downtown sidewalks you can't get a wheel chair down with bikes chairs and merchant displays.
64. Enforce existing laws for bicycles, pedestrians, opening left car doors in traffic. Streets should be repaired before worrying about "street scapes". Salida streets & infrastructure are a near disaster - not visitor friendly.
65. Free electric vans from/to downtown and parking lots on edge of City "park & ride"(during major, high visitors load events. See W. VA University, Morgantown W. VA, People movers (computer/electric option) no human drivers! Great for mountainous communities, small vehicles built by Boeing Company. There is transportation grants & available @Federal & State agencies, SO APPLY!

66. Please support opening railroad transportation from Salida to our four largest Colorado cities: Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Grand Junction.

Question #11 – Public Safety

Please tell us what you feel the importance of each of these statements should be for city government related to Public Safety. (Choose one ranking per row)					
Answer Options	None	Low Priority	Medium	High Priority	Response Count
1. Proper training and continued education of the City’s emergency response personnel should be maintained to allow for the best response for possible emergencies in the community.	3.2%	7.2%	37.5%	52.2%	251
2. Maintain training and communication between all the departments responsible for providing public safety to provide the highest level of response and to continue to evolve to be able to respond to any possible disasters or emergency in the community.	2.8%	10.7%	35.7%	50.8%	252
3. Continue to provide fiscal responsibility in public safety through aggressive grant research and application, responsible capital replacement plans and interagency cooperation.	3.2%	9.5%	40.9%	46.4%	252
4. Public safety providers should maintain an approachable, visible presence within the community for the prevention of crime, fire, health readiness and building safety.	3.5%	10.9%	39.5%	46.1%	256
5. Pursue regional partnerships and mutual aid with the surrounding communities in the Arkansas Valley.	3.9%	11.4%	40.4%	44.3%	255
6. Continue prevention and education within the community administered through the public safety agencies to protect residents of the City.	4.0%	15.5%	47.8%	32.7%	251
7. Promote awareness of available public safety services offered by the city and through its mutual aid agreements with other agencies.	5.9%	19.0%	46.6%	28.5%	253
8. Implement City/County joint Emergency Operations Center at the Touber Building to provide expanded emergency response and management capabilities.	8.1%	17.8%	39.7%	34.4%	247
9. Work within the community to provide awareness and education.	5.1%	24.4%	43.3%	27.2%	254
answered question					256
skipped question					92

1. We shouldn't be paying for our fire department to help others who are volunteer without reimbursement.
2. The county has and EOC, why does the city need one? There is too much redundancy between the city and the county, what a waste of my money
3. Public safety is not a problem here in Salida. Promote ambulance, fire and backcountry search and rescue.
4. Salida is a highly protected community by comparison with a fine fire department and police department in addition the county sheriff department is and has been for decades very supportive to all local municipalities. Do not add more departments.
5. I'm not employed by any of these entities but I think the services they offer our community are huge. I know they are expensive but well worth supporting.
6. Consider reducing staffing levels to be consistent with need. consolidate with SAFPD
7. Please ensure the Chaffee Co wildfire protection plan is comprehensive and very pro-active.
8. 7. Seems to make sense but do not know enough about pros and cons of location.

9. Ask police officers to make eye contact and give an occasional wave of hello, to promote approachable, visible presence.
10. The City should provide sewer water police and fire. Focus on the basics first.
11. Better Jail supervision reduce or eliminate suicides in the jail of those that are arrested. Have accountability for those who supervise the jail.
12. If this includes the revenue enhancement program fueled by giving ticket after ticket to help add more officers, I'd say NO. And no I have not received a ticket.
13. Capital replacement plans have continually been put on the back burner. Salida would rather be in the real estate business than the public service business. Why can't we utilize the County EOC for all disasters. Why do we need to EOC's and two emergency managers. We should have a county emergency manager and a county EOC.
14. Police should maintain foot or bicycle patrols in downtown - get out of the cars and be visible at street level to monitor noise levels and offensive behavior around bar areas and parks.
15. right now there are too many police for a town this size & the ones out there are not visible enough
16. SAFTY IS OF HIGH IMPORTANCE, OUR POLICE NEED TO DO MORE TRAINING AND GET MOOR FIT MOST CAN NOT EVEN WALK WITHOUT RUNNING OR OF BREATH
17. The carrot to create a police state is very prevalent now and as I agree we should have good training/equipment/cooperation, we don't need black suited swat teams roaming our streets doing drills. and brandishing their equipment.
18. Salida is very police, fire department top heavy for a municipality of this size
19. Stop the unnecessary spending on things like a police dog and the radar on wheels. These are expenses the city does not need. Also, there needs to be speed limit signs on lower F indicating the 15 mph limit. If these are not posted, you are setting the city up for an unnecessary and expensive law suit.
20. Over the long haul having natural gas will continue to be a source of poisoning and fires. the suggestion is that all residential energy should be tending toward electric for safety and economy. Truth be told we should be building sky scrapers downtown so more citizens could walk wherever they need to go work shop more intense City center development. stop taking good agricultural land out of production.
21. Of course!
22. Get rid of the code enforcer and hire a police officer, if more are needed.
23. We pay for the streets and sidewalks. They need repaired. Can you spell "malfeasance?"
24. Hold city and county "public safety" personnel responsible for actions while on the job and off. Train them to be approachable to local citizens as well as visitors and take into account the various events. Encourage our youth to be entrepreneurs and use common sense in situations!
25. Never have a cop ask the resident, "What do you want me to do"
26. The only public safety institution that should not get increased funding is the Salida Police Force. The police should also change their focus to crime prevention, rather than the persecution of local citizens.
27. PLEASE consider a volunteer fire dept with FEW to no paid positions to coordinate with county services.
28. Isn't there anyone supposed to enforce the downtown "No Skateboard, Rollerblades, etc." ? We, the residents who shop and spend our money there, rather resent that no one bothers to enforce something that's supposed to be for our safety. Yet it goes completely (how many tickets has the PD actually written? I bet it's close to None) and totally ignored. I know, you're concerned about the big stuff, while we live here in the daily stuff: dodging scofflaws on skateboard.
29. Less Government Interference
30. Quit using funds (taxes) for fixing up another's restoration (Unique). That is a private entity and now the roads go in disrepair because of it. We vote for something and it turns around and goes for something else. Also charge for wastewater from tourists, not raise taxes on Solidans
31. #4 - We have this already. Public safety - The city should maintain the property they own now - The entrance at Hwy 50 and Hwy 291 has nice concrete design full of weeds. The Vandaveer property has weeds in some places 2 to 3 feet tall. A great place for a wildfire. Also other city property has tall weeds. Welcome to Salida - What happened to municipal code 7-5-20, or is this for citizen not the city?
32. #3 We need police on foot and bicycle in the downtown area.
33. #4 - Part of the regulations now in statutes already exists. #6 - Already exists - much better than Leadville nightmare.
34. I'll protect myself
35. More Bike Police. Helps them keep a low profile
36. #7 - Work through existing sheriff's office communication system - don't duplicate. #9 - Use tax money for matching grants for essential, basic services - not frills. ie: streets, water service, sewer, road signs, road striping.

Question #12 – Community Services

Please tell us what you feel the importance of each of these statements should be for city government related to Community Services. (Choose one ranking per row)					
Answer Options	None	Low Priority	Medium	High Priority	Response Count
1. An adequate supply of clean, safe water should be available to all water utility customers.	1.6%	0.4%	17.5%	80.6%	252
2. Wastewater treatment facilities should be adequate to meet current and anticipated needs of utility customers.	2.0%	1.6%	22.5%	73.9%	249
3. Water/Wastewater delivery systems should be maintained and improved for the benefit of utility customers and to reduce the cost of ongoing maintenance.	1.6%	3.2%	25.3%	69.9%	249
4. Maintain existing facilities in good working order.	2.0%	2.4%	29.5%	66.1%	251
5. Streets should be constructed and maintained to provide safe and efficient transportation throughout the city.	0.8%	3.2%	33.1%	62.9%	251
6. Explore ways to improve government efficiency toward saving tax dollars, while providing a sufficient level and quality of city services.	2.0%	4.4%	31.9%	61.7%	248
7. Pursue grant funding to leverage taxpayer dollars and create new amenities while being cautious of taking on additional operating expense resulting from the projects.	4.0%	6.8%	36.3%	53.0%	251
8. Maintain a consistent source of tax revenue for the city to ensure that services are maintained or improved for residents and businesses.	3.6%	7.2%	36.1%	53.0%	249
9. Growth or new development should pay its own way either directly or through long-term fiscal benefits to the community.	4.0%	8.3%	34.9%	52.8%	252
10. Provide support for non-profit organizations that provide services and programs for the Salida community without creating an ongoing expense to the city.	6.8%	10.8%	32.3%	50.2%	251
11. Employ objective analysis in considering new projects to ensure that operating expenses are not unduly increased in advance of increasing revenues.	3.2%	9.3%	41.1%	46.4%	248
12. Fees for services should reflect the commitment of staff time to perform the service, while minimizing expense to the citizens.	4.0%	10.4%	41.6%	44.0%	250
13. Stormwater drainage is provided to prevent property damage, allow for safety during storm events and not cause undue erosion of land or infrastructure.	2.4%	14.5%	41.1%	41.9%	248
14. Municipal Buildings should be maintained as an asset to the community and to provide a safe and efficient work environment for employees.	3.6%	11.6%	44.4%	40.4%	250
<i>answered question</i>					257
<i>skipped question</i>					91

1. Build some new schools!!!!!!
2. The city employees take care of themselves first. Terrible roads, but a great new city building. You're welcome
3. Government employees already have a free ride, they don't need anything else. The people that need help are the ones in business for themselves.
4. 5. Use fair maintenance allocation to all local facilities (parks, pool, steamplant, etc). Streets have dedicated revenues that continue to be swallowed up by administrative layers(planning department over sized, new debt on what we were told an almost paid for "Touber

Facility", The Bank called "City of Salida"(ie Unique Theater)

5. Can existing excess building space be used to create business incubators? (True incubators, not just cheap office space)
6. Would you be will to pay (percentage) more in taxes to support community services. I don't know how all of this can be done without additional taxpayer funding
7. No more land purchases or building for the expansion of Salida. No more selling of of City property. City property can be leased. If purchases come up be sure that they are paid for without tax increase. Take care of current city infrastructure. Do not increase the burden to City by purchasing for unforeseen. Shame on Salida for purchasing Vandaveer for water rights with the intent to development. Where is the development of Vandaveer now?
8. Once again, I'd have to say these questions justify staff positions more so than they actually defend them. Try defending many of the staff positions in the City of Salida. Bet I could cut many without seeing any difference in service provided, or progress made toward creating economy.
9. Maintain the municipal buildings that are being used. Sell off the vacant building before they deteriorate. Get out of the real estate business.
10. Expenses should be weighed & more taxes should not be put into place just because someone on the council thinks they need a fancier town. Council should remember people here are WORKING to make a living & some of us are just getting by..new taxes make it more difficult to take care of a family
11. We really should allow at least one park in the community that will allow dogs. This code enforcement is so outdated and just does not seem very inviting to the community and/or visitors to Salida.
12. Why does the city and county charge a food sales tax and the state doesn't? should we? Use of chloramine disintegrates sewer infrastructure and is questionable for human consumption. I hope recycled water isn't being considered for our municipal water.....a slippery slope
13. local govt. should first focus on basic services; roads, utilities, etc. the rest is secondary
14. evaluate cost/efficiency of fire department and police department.
15. Support our local public schools and programs
16. Finally, these are the things government SHOULD do. Water, Waste water, Emergency services!
17. Maintain SteamPlant as superior Facility
18. Fix sidewalks! Plant Trees!
19. Stormwater drainage continues to be a problem. The houses and businesses near Safeway still flood during every major rainstorm this summer just like they have for the past 50 years. This question is a joke.
20. Concentrate on basic services. Salida is a small town. Provide good streets, water, and sewer service. That would be enough, and wonderful to see.
21. This survey with 100 or more questions is mind-numbingly meaningless because it slices things way too fine. By the time I got to a question about storm water drainage I wanted to scream. There are no costs or tradeoffs associated with any of the questions, so I could just go through and say everything is high priority. Whoever thought up this survey and wasted our time with it should be shot.
22. Of course!
23. 14. Nonprofits need City support to obtain other funding (leveraging), so on-going expense should be expected as it brings in exponentially more funds.
24. There is something wrong with the way this city is administered. In 1998 we were charged with the installation of a meter pit. Since then we have been plagued with frozen water meters, charges to replace meters and correct mistakes, all in a 12 year period. Water usage charges were increased 14% in 2005. It makes no sense to pay higher rates for sewer usage in the summer when water usage is higher because of lawn maintenance. This water does not go into the sewer system.
25. Paying for a full time fire dept is crazy- utilize volunteers and a few paid staff
26. cutting city staff salary cutting all department heads
27. all of these 10 pages of questions sound good, but what is realistically possible to execute & become a reality?
28. Finally! One small statement about the streets. You need to adopt the sidewalks and maintain them.
29. common sense
30. Sometimes the groups need more help from the city in way of waving fees for parks and licenses when the event directly benefits the city coffers. Are they all treated as well as the city treats FtBArk
31. Hey City, how about monitoring your own stormwater drainage?
32. sell the pool
33. What about working to improve the appearance of our community? Our entrances from the east and north are not inviting at all. What about a continuation of cleaning up lots, Cook's junkyard? We really need much much more parking downtown. When big events happen all the on-street parking is full for 6-8 blocks from downtown. On normal summer days-the tourist numbers are increasing and where do they park? The public's impression is that downtown employees, owners still take up the on-street parking.
34. A lot of these questions are hard to understand for the average citizen. Please reconsider a more concise survey, that the average

citizen can sit through, and understand. I imagine that these results might not be as accurate as they could have been with more general, layman questions.

35. You consistently underfund our streets. You allowed Poncha Boulevard and others to go unpaved for about 20 years and you consistently fail to pave even the worst streets. When you finally did pave Poncha Boulevard (before this last time which was also a failure) the stupid fire trucks drove in and left huge tire tracks in the asphalt and they were there for years. I called the city public works over 4 years ago to have the concrete road 'gutters' (for lack of a better word) fixed after they tore out a tree and wrecked them and they NEVER showed up. Why do you let things like this go for years without fixing them and yet, the moment some hapless citizen turns a shovelful of dirt that in your easement - the one with the gutters you've ignored for years - , the little girl and her enforcement truck show up and want to write tickets. Tsk.
36. Stormwater drainage should be analyzed and implemented for reduction of impairments to the Arkansas River.
37. Too long of a survey - That was a TEST!
38. Less Government Interference
39. #11 - Taking money from streets to go to the Unique Theater is not right. Tear down theater and make a 2 level parking lot, it is needed more than the old building. #13 - Take a look at Hwy 291 from the big curve by City Building to Hwy 50. Also look at Holman Ave. What work was done was a joke. It still does not drain and still floods people's property.
40. City should not be in land acquisition business small proper development is okay.
41. These are loaded questions, 99% of them should receive high priority.
42. Taxes are necessary to maintain proper and well functioning infrastructure. No taxes - poor communities - see Arizona and California communities.
43. Streets need center-line stripping with emphasis on the main corridors, such as Oak St., Poncha Blvd., F Street.
44. The citizens want to streets fixed. We want the sewer and water lines fixed. No more bike trails. We actually want City Workers who make a good wage to actually do eight hours of work a day.