



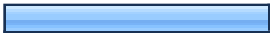






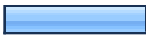



1. Please indicate how important the following goals are for the study area shown in the image above. Please try to answer each.

	1 - Not Important	2	3	4	5 - Extremely Important	Rating Average	Response Count
Showcase environmental sustainability, such as water and energy conservation through LEED certification.	11.2% (229)	11.2% (229)	21.1% (429)	29.1% (594)	27.3% (557)	3.50	2,038
Foster more permanent indoor space for music performance and art.	13.3% (272)	21.2% (433)	31.3% (638)	22.8% (464)	11.3% (231)	2.97	2,038
Prioritize space for food-based businesses, such as food production, restaurants, and sales.	20.6% (418)	23.5% (477)	32.4% (658)	17.2% (349)	6.3% (127)	2.65	2,029
Create more opportunities for outdoor community gatherings and events, such as festivals.	7.0% (142)	10.3% (210)	21.7% (443)	34.3% (699)	26.7% (544)	3.63	2,038
Prioritize opportunities to make downtown more attractive to locate or expand an independent business.	5.4% (109)	8.2% (166)	19.3% (392)	34.7% (705)	32.4% (658)	3.81	2,030
Provide more space for continuing education, such as art history & photography.	15.7% (320)	25.3% (514)	33.3% (678)	18.5% (377)	7.1% (144)	2.76	2,033
Foster more opportunities for spontaneous social interaction, such as busy sidewalks and outdoor seating.	5.1% (105)	7.6% (155)	18.7% (382)	33.1% (676)	35.4% (723)	3.86	2,041
Increase the number of people who shop, dine, and support businesses, including out-of-town visitors.	6.8% (138)	7.7% (158)	20.2% (413)	30.0% (613)	35.3% (721)	3.79	2,043
Create opportunities to attract and/or retain a major employer.	11.1% (227)	14.1% (287)	24.8% (506)	24.3% (496)	25.6% (523)	3.39	2,039

Increase revenue opportunities for the City through land sale or generating property taxes.	23.3% (474)	22.1% (451)	27.4% (559)	16.1% (328)	11.1% (226)	2.70	2,038
Bring more government services downtown, such as a Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).	38.4% (782)	24.8% (505)	21.2% (431)	11.0% (225)	4.6% (94)	2.19	2,037
Support a diversity of downtown housing options.	18.1% (368)	15.5% (315)	25.1% (511)	21.8% (444)	19.5% (396)	3.09	2,034
answered question							2,054
skipped question							16











2. Which three of these previous goals are MOST important to you for this area of downtown?



		Response Percent	Response Count
Showcase environmental sustainability		31.7%	652
Foster permanent indoor performance/art space		14.7%	302
Prioritize space for food-based businesses		8.2%	168
Opportunities for outdoor community events		40.7%	836
Attractive to independent business		39.4%	810
Space for continuing education		5.2%	106
Opportunities for spontaneous social interaction		43.6%	896
More people to support downtown businesses		38.0%	780
Attract/retain major employer		25.8%	530
Increase City revenue opportunities		10.6%	217
More government services downtown		5.1%	104
Support for a diversity housing options		20.9%	429
None of the above goals		2.2%	46
answered question			2,054
skipped question			16

3. Please feel free to share an additional extremely important goal for this project area:

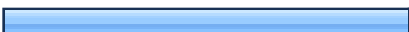






	Response Count
	815
answered question	815
skipped question	1,255

4. Please select the things you'd like to see MORE of downtown (select up to five of your top choices).




		Response Percent	Response Count
High quality architecture that is visually interesting and appealing		49.9%	1,024
High-quality buildings that are environmentally-sustainable		50.7%	1,042
Retail opportunities to shop for everyday necessities		54.2%	1,114
Retail opportunities to shop for gifts, novelties, and boutique items		19.1%	392
Entertainment options, such as music/performance venues		40.8%	838
Amenities for children, such as interactive sculptures and fountains		39.6%	813
Cultural attractions, such as fine art galleries and public museums		32.8%	674
Overnight accommodations for "stay-cations" and out-of-town guests		24.8%	509
Fine and gourmet dining opportunities such as restaurants		11.2%	231
Casual dining opportunities such as cafes and bars/grills		33.0%	678

Amenities for bike commuters, such as covered bike parking and repair locations		36.0%	740
Other (please specify)		21.0%	431
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skipped question			16



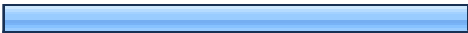




5. What economic benefits are most important to you? (select all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Job creation		61.0%	1,227
High return for the sale of City-owned sites under study		13.1%	264
Business attraction & retention		66.4%	1,334
Increased tax revenues		23.9%	481
Visitor attraction & tourism		53.4%	1,073
None		4.9%	99
Other (please specify)		14.6%	293
answered question			2,010
skipped question			60





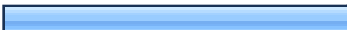


6. In regards to economic benefits, where do you believe this project should place emphasis?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Short term economic gain with less regard to long-term		4.0%	80
Long-term economic gain with less regard to short-term		72.4%	1,455
I don't believe this project should emphasize economic benefits		23.6%	475
		answered question	2,010
		skipped question	60

7. What environmental benefits are most important to you? (select all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Focusing development downtown in order to preserve undeveloped farmland and natural open space		50.5%	1,015
Efficient use of existing infrastructure (such as streets & utilities)		68.1%	1,369
Access to homes, jobs, and services by transit, foot, or bike		69.7%	1,400
Protection of air and water quality		59.1%	1,187
An emphasis on green building practices		52.3%	1,051
None		3.3%	66
Other (please specify)		10.5%	211
answered question			2,010
skipped question			60

8. What social benefits are most important to you? (select all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
An interesting place to walk, such as sidewalk cafes and ground floor retail		75.9%	1,525
Character and sense of place, including high quality aesthetics and architecture		70.2%	1,411
Easy access to homes, jobs and services with lower commute times		54.7%	1,099
Increased opportunities for bumping into friends and neighbors		50.6%	1,018
Increased opportunities for cultural enrichment (museums, music venues, education)		51.4%	1,034
None		1.0%	21
Other (please specify)		10.6%	213
answered question			2,010
skipped question			60

9. Envision a really great time you had in another downtown. Please briefly describe what you were doing, your surroundings, and why it was such a great experience.

	Response Count
	1,310
answered question	1,310
skipped question	760

10. Are you able to get the same experience in downtown Ann Arbor? Why or why not?

**Response
Count**

1,298

answered question

1,298

skipped question

772

11. Please provide any additional comments about the Connecting William Street process or this survey:

**Response
Count**

647









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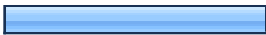



12. How do you identify as a user of downtown Ann Arbor? (please select all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Downtown business owner		6.1%	119
Downtown employee		26.0%	507
Downtown resident		13.4%	262
City of Ann Arbor resident that visits downtown		59.8%	1,165
Nearby community resident that visits downtown		21.1%	412
I do not come downtown		1.0%	19
I prefer not to say		0.9%	17
Other (please specify)		10.2%	199
		answered question	1,948
		skipped question	122

13. What is your home zipcode?

		Response Percent	Response Count
48103		39.2%	744
48104		24.1%	456
48105		12.2%	231
48108		4.9%	92
48109		2.1%	40
Other (please specify)		17.5%	332
answered question			1,896
skipped question			174

14. Are you

		Response Percent	Response Count
Female		59.2%	1,148
Male		38.9%	755
Transgender		0.2%	4
Other		0.3%	5
I prefer not to say		2.1%	40
answered question			1,939
skipped question			131

15. What is your age?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Under 19		1.6%	31
20-34		31.9%	617
35-49		25.9%	502
50-69		33.3%	644
70+		4.5%	87
I prefer not to say		2.8%	55
answered question			1,936
skipped question			134



16. Do you identify as (please select all that apply):

		Response Percent	Response Count
Asian		2.4%	46
Black or African American		2.0%	38
Hispanic or Latino		1.6%	31
White		83.1%	1,588
Two or More Races		2.7%	51
I prefer not to say		7.9%	151
Other		2.3%	43
Other (please feel free to specify)			49
answered question			1,910
skipped question			160

17. Your opinions are critical and we'd love for you to participate further. Please provide your email address (which will not be attached to the survey) and we will pass along the information of your choosing:

	Response Count
	795
answered question	795
skipped question	1,275

18. How would you like to stay engaged in Connecting William Street?

		Response Percent	Response Count
I'd be happy to complete one or two more surveys		87.7%	811
I'd like to be kept informed (1-2 emails/month)		73.2%	677
	answered question		925
	skipped question		1,145

Page 2, Q3. Please feel free to share an additional <u>extremely important</u> goal for this project area:

1	Currently, this space feels separate from the rest of the downtown area. The best thing we can do is to integrate the area with the rest of downtown Ann Arbor	Mar 13, 2012 12:58 PM
2	I think it is important to serve a function that brings people together in a way that does not create additional need for cars, parking lots, and other non visually or aesthetically pleasing things. A beautiful architechurly appealing building would be a great way to offset the eyesores of the raised parking lots and flat parking lots.	Mar 13, 2012 12:24 PM
3	(1)The Library---despite changes in how libraries will serve us in the future, I can't imagine a great city w/o a great library. (2) We need a children's playground downtown, near the beautiful, new library.	Mar 13, 2012 11:27 AM
4	Downtown Ann Arbor at present lacks ANY place that could serve as a "town square." There is no centrally located green space in this area, only private businesses, exclusive housing, and government buildings. We have more than enough restaurants and boutiques, more than enough for consumers and tourists. We need open public space for ordinary people to gather--like (to be a bit grandiose) the lovely public green spaces of Paris. The Library Lot is just about the last parcel of land downtown that would be conducive to such development.	Mar 12, 2012 11:12 PM
5	green space	Mar 12, 2012 10:53 PM
6	downtown needs a major park space most important for people living, shopping, dining & doing other business downtown.	Mar 12, 2012 9:57 PM
7	Green it up, please! :-) We need to create some dedicated spaces for some, wonderful big trees to grow downtown. Downtown is becoming less inviting and more gritty with the removal and loss of so many of our larger trees. We have and offer a very different character to our downtown with the large trees.	Mar 12, 2012 8:54 PM
8	The lot next to the library would be an excellent place for a park. Nature should be a part of downtown also.	Mar 12, 2012 7:35 PM
9	I REALLY support the idea of a public park where there is art/sculpture. The water sculpture (forgot the name) in Chicago is an example of art that brings diverse community members together to have fun. I imagine a place where there are vegetable and fruit stands from local farmers every day, where there may be food carts from local people, but where spending money is not required. Where people can sit and enjoy each other. Where children can play. It should have the feel of a European plaza. Maybe some of the streets around it can be closed to traffic to encourage biking and walking. We need public space that is free!!!! There is almost nowhere in Ann Arbor where people can gather across social class groups.	Mar 12, 2012 7:30 PM
10	Retail/independent or chain way to many restaurants and galleries right now	Mar 12, 2012 6:24 PM
11	Open public space can attract businesses and increase the surrounding properties' tax base. I am for using the library lot as open space,	Mar 12, 2012 6:19 PM
12	Include park	Mar 12, 2012 5:56 PM

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13	Public park space on the library lot for festivals, outdoor performances, small amphitheater, green open park space instead of ugly concrete space for cars.	Mar 12, 2012 5:08 PM
14	RELAXATION SPACE OUTDOORS.	Mar 12, 2012 4:52 PM
15	provide non-motorized transportation link to the proposed Allen Creek Greenway	Mar 12, 2012 4:51 PM
16	Warming Center?	Mar 12, 2012 4:50 PM
17	I would like a park in the library lot	Mar 12, 2012 4:45 PM
18	This incredibly valuable space should be kept for the public good, not sold for profit or business.	Mar 12, 2012 4:00 PM
19	Expand public space	Mar 12, 2012 3:42 PM
20	As noted on page 44 of the February 17, 2006 Calthorpe study, "pursue and design a Town Square or central civic area".	Mar 12, 2012 3:39 PM
21	a park in downtown	Mar 12, 2012 3:36 PM
22	Please make a park on top of the library parking lot.	Mar 12, 2012 3:28 PM
23	I feel that the library lot is an ideal place for a central park in Ann Arbor	Mar 12, 2012 2:28 PM
24	I'll like to see a park on the library lot.	Mar 12, 2012 1:50 PM
25	Fill a need for what is missing downtown. There is plenty of parking and hotels already. We need a public space - concerts, ice skating, relaxing oasis that makes people want to spend time downtown.	Mar 12, 2012 1:45 PM
26	green space/gathering space	Mar 12, 2012 1:45 PM
27	A nice park with seating, and flower beds, trees and shrubs. A gathering place for the community; a place to read for the library folks.	Mar 12, 2012 1:44 PM
28	I would like to see more promoting of local business ownership and not chain stores.	Mar 12, 2012 1:20 PM
29	Part of the project should focus on helping existing building owners fill their open lease properties, especially on Liberty!	Mar 12, 2012 1:19 PM
30	Green space with comfortable benches (not facing major street traffic).	Mar 12, 2012 1:11 PM
31	make 5th and division more auto, bike and pedestrian friendly and energy conserving by making them 2 way streets. Note how do you let your kid out of the car at the entry to the library on 5th, 2 ways streets have the same auto capacity.	Mar 12, 2012 1:09 PM
32	continue support for downtown library. beautify this particular corridor of Ann Arbor. address issue of regular panhandling/homelessness in these areas.	Mar 12, 2012 11:21 AM
33	More green space, including trees. More areas to sit in good weather.	Mar 12, 2012 11:08 AM

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34	A park over the library lot would be nice.	Mar 12, 2012 11:02 AM
35	Add to aesthetics through more interesting architecture.	Mar 12, 2012 10:40 AM
36	A specific "Food-related business" -- A grocery store.	Mar 12, 2012 10:24 AM
37	AFFORDABLE, DENSELY-DEVELOPED HOUSING!!! For low- and middle-income folks. It's impossible to afford to live downtown for me, and I make a really good salary compared to most!	Mar 12, 2012 10:03 AM
38	downtown Parks	Mar 11, 2012 11:52 PM
39	Create green space downtown such as a public park	Mar 11, 2012 11:40 PM
40	I think it is very important that a homeless shelter is not opened in this area in lieu of the recent protests outside of the old Border's building. I am aware that is outside of these boundaries, but I don't think there should be one build in this area either. It would do nothing but further harm the businesses in Ann Arbor that make our downtown so unique.	Mar 11, 2012 10:23 PM
41	Tie the area from Liberty / Division to Main / William by Pedestrian Path and shops	Mar 11, 2012 10:16 PM
42	Music performance space	Mar 11, 2012 9:49 PM
43	Honor the promise of 100 units of supportive housing.	Mar 11, 2012 9:30 PM
44	Showcase Ann Arbor's downtown, much as cities like Grand Rapids has	Mar 11, 2012 8:20 PM
45	Can we make a city-square? I'd like either a courtyard or a cooridor... a larger scale of what the Yaut Bar has in kerry town.	Mar 11, 2012 6:34 PM
46	Create more outdoor space for people to gather without having to pay an admission fee or be bombarded by business advertising.	Mar 11, 2012 5:21 PM
47	Create a green public park on top of the library underground parking lot	Mar 11, 2012 4:28 PM
48	Need green outdoor space--a city plaza	Mar 11, 2012 4:16 PM
49	Ensure that new building blends with the traditional architecture of downtown, e.g., main street.	Mar 11, 2012 3:07 PM
50	Affordable housing	Mar 11, 2012 11:31 AM
51	All of the aforementioned goals, even if implemented will be adversely impacted by the high cost of parking downtown. High on my list but not mentioned above would be green space....trees, natural areas, non street walking and bike paths...I believe those attributes make a city much more inviting than more buildings of any kind.	Mar 11, 2012 11:31 AM
52	Green space and outdoor community uses.	Mar 11, 2012 12:27 AM
53	Make a priority of having legitimate reasonably priced groceries available top people within walking distance of the area	Mar 10, 2012 10:29 PM

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54	keep the charming character of our town	Mar 10, 2012 9:05 PM
55	Sustainable design is highly important, however, LEED certification is not essential, building high performance buildings is. LEED certification is fine and may be important for those projects where such designation can have a large community educational impact.	Mar 10, 2012 8:06 PM
56	It is very important to me that there be more pedestrian only green space downtown.	Mar 10, 2012 5:38 PM
57	Dismantlement of the DDA!	Mar 10, 2012 4:12 PM
58	Increase space to build community	Mar 10, 2012 3:59 PM
59	Vital public space supporting business.	Mar 10, 2012 2:56 PM
60	More green space, such as a park on the library lot, to attract people to downtown area.	Mar 10, 2012 1:18 PM
61	Motorcycle/scooter parking, bike racks, and bike lanes	Mar 10, 2012 12:56 PM
62	More mixed use spaces (urban living, retail and restaurant)	Mar 10, 2012 12:03 PM
63	Safety.	Mar 10, 2012 11:50 AM
64	sufficient and nearby parking	Mar 10, 2012 10:49 AM
65	As someone who frequently takes the bus and is caught waiting between buses I would really love a nice area to sit and wait such as a park or outdoor seating area in the library lot or the old Y lot.	Mar 10, 2012 10:46 AM
66	We need a small city park with tiny playground, benches, and shade - next to the library would be a natural. Look at the Birmingham library/park downtown. It makes it worth going there! A glorious break during shopping ...	Mar 10, 2012 10:31 AM
67	Independent Businesses	Mar 10, 2012 8:56 AM
68	I would not like to see this space get too commercialized. Having a park/ green space will bring people downtown, so existing business will still benefit.	Mar 10, 2012 12:09 AM
69	Increase the density of the area, filling gaps in the urban fabric while providing a mix of uses (retail/residential/office).	Mar 9, 2012 11:35 PM
70	Provide an open gather space for people with room for some s form of small businesses to grow around it. Have a mix of outdoor and indoor areas (that still have lots of natural light) for people to interact and hang out in.	Mar 9, 2012 11:22 PM
71	attractive public park spaces	Mar 9, 2012 7:55 PM
72	What's wrong with keeping some as parking lots as long as permeable and planted? Where will folks park for these other uses and activities you envision? Major employers would do better not downtown, and there's plenty of housing there now.	Mar 9, 2012 7:27 PM

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73	include a commitment to local residents in the construction of whatever is done with the area - using local workers and local talent.	Mar 9, 2012 5:09 PM
74	Whatever the decision, I think the space should be attractive and inviting and used to attract more families to the downtown area and be a venue that is not so expensive that it prices out low and middle class individuals and families or exclusive that it does not seem inviting. The downtown area is VERY pricy and from the shops to the patrons ones gets the feeling that it is primarily a gathering place for well to do, white citizens.	Mar 9, 2012 4:45 PM
75	affordable, supportive housing	Mar 9, 2012 4:25 PM
76	Our city lacks green space downtown, this seems out of agreement with the great parks outside of downtown. A Central Park would be great, esp. if summer fest could be held in it.	Mar 9, 2012 4:23 PM
77	Rebuild and replace the 100 units of affordable housing we lost when the YMCA closed.	Mar 9, 2012 3:52 PM
78	Replace the 100 units of affordable housing that were at the old Y	Mar 9, 2012 3:51 PM
79	Less blacktop more green	Mar 9, 2012 3:49 PM
80	I would like to see the replacement units that would fulfill the promise made by the city when it purchased the YMCA. 100 units of supportive housing downtown. If not on these lots, then how can the sale of these lots pay to create those housing units nearby?	Mar 9, 2012 3:44 PM
81	This survey says nothing about green space like parks or preserving the last vestiges of surface parking, which are MY priorities for those spaces.	Mar 9, 2012 2:35 PM
82	Leave it all as parking!	Mar 9, 2012 2:18 PM
83	Need affordable housing downtown, with multiple low-rent apartment units	Mar 9, 2012 2:00 PM
84	I would like to see more undeveloped public park space in this area.	Mar 9, 2012 1:56 PM
85	Affordable housing options downtown!	Mar 9, 2012 1:01 PM
86	Improved public transit (buses running later and more frequently in the evenings & on weekends, and to points farther away from downtown, PLUS affordable parking, including surface lots, remaining as part of the mix. I'm disappointed with the transformation of the old Library Lot. Parking structures take extra time (and fuel) to get into and out of. They also feel less safe to walk through, especially at night.	Mar 9, 2012 12:47 PM
87	Public Art	Mar 9, 2012 12:23 PM
88	Attract more retail stores	Mar 9, 2012 11:54 AM
89	CREATE MORE GREEN SPACE. This is my top priority and it was not even listed as one of the options. Make a park for people.	Mar 9, 2012 11:23 AM
90	Need for ACCESSIBILITY in, through, and around outdoor venue options	Mar 9, 2012 11:23 AM

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91	These properties need to fit into the existing urban fabric and need to take into account pedestrian safety as well as parking. This is an opportunity to plan the usage of these properties. The City needs to stick to it's business and not be influenced by special interests! That is the hard part.	Mar 9, 2012 11:21 AM
92	Lack of high level hotel in downtown area. Having Fortune 500 CEO at Campus Inn is insulting.	Mar 9, 2012 11:09 AM
93	green space for PARK, expecially in teh library lot area, where downtown ppl can take children before/after visiting hte next-door library.	Mar 9, 2012 10:44 AM
94	sustainability.	Mar 9, 2012 10:26 AM
95	a park or green space in the Library Lot	Mar 9, 2012 9:57 AM
96	Less concentration on conventional establishment of "goals", mini-master plans, et al. but instead, project a message of flexibility and openness to all comers as needs and technologies evolve.	Mar 9, 2012 9:50 AM
97	***Please fix your question which frames "food-related-business" as a blanket that covers grocers and restaurants. The number one thing Ann Arbor does not need downtown is yet another restaurant, but with all the new housing, if we want to remain green, we need a large grocery store like trader joe's downtown. And hey, now we have parking for it!	Mar 9, 2012 9:43 AM
98	Provide affordable parking (in upper levels of structures) and alternative transport (bus) options for lower-wage evening workers, but do not subsidize parking for employees or residents; provide more bus passes and commuter lot parking on the outskirts of AnnArbor; keep the most convenient parking open for visitors; enhance security in parking structures at night	Mar 9, 2012 8:25 AM
99	A downtown grocery store would be a huge asset.	Mar 9, 2012 8:22 AM
100	grocery stores that don't ever charge are nice. So are homeless shelters.	Mar 8, 2012 10:52 PM
101	Create inviting green space, not a convention center or highrise buildings or pavement.	Mar 8, 2012 10:21 PM
102	This is the opportunity to leave a legacy to future generations of a central park with a fountain(s), lovely gardens,space for intergenerational and community gathering, a place which would enhance local eateries and businesses and which visitors local and from afar would regard as beautiful and refreshing.	Mar 8, 2012 10:00 PM
103	Ensure that their is a thoughtful plan that is comprehensive (covers all 5 properties) and flexible so it can adapt to developing circumstances.	Mar 8, 2012 9:58 PM
104	create a civic sense of place downtown	Mar 8, 2012 9:25 PM
105	Bike racks & Bike lanes and Motor Scooter/ Motorcycle free parking to encourage 2 wheel transportation which uses minimal parking	Mar 8, 2012 9:19 PM
106	Family friendly water feature, wading, skating, cooling...	Mar 8, 2012 9:14 PM
107	The Library Lot must be left as an open space, preferrably park. Under no	Mar 8, 2012 8:32 PM

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	circumstances will I support a hotel or conference center....or another housing building or office building. THIS IS OUR CHANCE FOR ANN ARBOR TO LIVE UP TO IT'S REPUTATION. And not just put in yet another office/retail/conference building.	
108	AFFORDABLE (meaning not cheap obviously, but not ridiculously overpriced, rich people only either--no more fancy lofts, just decent places to live) HOUSING!!!	Mar 8, 2012 8:29 PM
109	MORE JOBS! We need more large employers to provide well-paying jobs that support families. More large downtown employers = more downtown employees to support downtown businesses. We also MUST increase the number of quality downtown hotel rooms. Visitors are currently forced to stay out at the highway.	Mar 8, 2012 8:13 PM
110	Motorcycle/scooter parking, bike racks, and bike lanes.	Mar 8, 2012 7:59 PM
111	Conference center	Mar 8, 2012 7:53 PM
112	The area needs a park. There is NO green spacwe in the area. Liberty Plaza is concrete and full of nut cases. Liberty is a park where you feel safe. Dallas just put in a downtown park similar to Prospect Park in NYC. Ann Arbor should think about that.	Mar 8, 2012 7:52 PM
113	Downtown green space is highly desirable, and outdoor event space could be fantastic year round. I would vigorously support this concept.	Mar 8, 2012 7:47 PM
114	More bike facilities, lanes and parking. Less cars. More walking and community.	Mar 8, 2012 6:29 PM
115	maximize surface parking spaces for shoppers. Parking structures are unsafe for elderly people who are unaccompanied. The parking rates discourage me from going downtown to do anything but attend appointments. Being alone, at night, downtown is expensive, which is bad enough, but it is also dangerous.	Mar 8, 2012 6:24 PM
116	Focus on creating liveliness in what is now a dull area. Lively as in more chance of people at any given point of the day. Multitude of uses and at various use intensities. Limited parks if any.	Mar 8, 2012 6:00 PM
117	There are enough restaurants in the area. How about support services for downtown residents (grocery store, pharmacy, shoe store, etc)	Mar 8, 2012 5:52 PM
118	adorn the William/Fourth parking structure, it is very hard to look at and offers a very dated feel	Mar 8, 2012 5:49 PM
119	Consider retail over food/drink	Mar 8, 2012 5:46 PM
120	100 units of affordable supported housing	Mar 8, 2012 5:38 PM
121	Mixed use with both 1st floor commercial and residential	Mar 8, 2012 5:31 PM
122	Define an iconic identity and support that image. i.e Ann Arbor is to ? as Austin is to music.	Mar 8, 2012 5:28 PM
123	lower the price of parking	Mar 8, 2012 5:07 PM

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124	avoid franchises and other ways in which downtown A2 might come to look like lots of other places. emphasize a scale for retail/food that will prioritize/privilege independent, local businesses.	Mar 8, 2012 4:12 PM
125	Provide more parking	Mar 8, 2012 3:26 PM
126	Easy access to parking and being able to get around. The underground library structure has NOT been conducive to getting around in this area.	Mar 8, 2012 3:10 PM
127	More green space - park for instance	Mar 8, 2012 2:26 PM
128	Downtown AA is still far too car-centric and the design of the built environment in the area reflects this. Planning initiatives should focus on a more balanced integration of pedestrian flows and bike traffic.	Mar 8, 2012 2:18 PM
129	Height restrictions on any construction underground only parking lots - no above ground	Mar 8, 2012 1:55 PM
130	Increase green space downtown	Mar 8, 2012 1:45 PM
131	Understand the most opportunities to park is in this area. Often, structures are full during peak times, dinner, music/theatre events, day shopping.	Mar 8, 2012 1:05 PM
132	You need people 24/7 to generate a healthy viable downtown core.	Mar 8, 2012 12:56 PM
133	Please consider long-term options and cohesive planning that is financially responsible. Do not let greedy folks ruin it for the whole community!	Mar 8, 2012 12:52 PM
134	More bike stands.	Mar 8, 2012 12:52 PM
135	I think one of the most important things is to decrease the amount people have to pay to park. I will go out of my way not to go downtown because parking is ridiculous. Stop gouging people to park.	Mar 8, 2012 12:41 PM
136	Create a plaza-like environment, with a central pedestrian area that is full of places to dine with places for outdoor seating that is not on the street.	Mar 8, 2012 12:34 PM
137	Enhance Public Transportation Options within this area.	Mar 8, 2012 12:33 PM
138	Don't get rid of parking!	Mar 8, 2012 12:07 PM
139	free parking	Mar 8, 2012 12:02 PM
140	Something unique combining opportunities for the space.	Mar 8, 2012 11:57 AM
141	Solicit community input throughout the entire process. Redistribute funds--there should be no need to further raise property taxes; they're already astronomical. DO NOT increase parking costs.	Mar 8, 2012 11:48 AM
142	continue to provide convenient parking for customers of businesses	Mar 8, 2012 11:45 AM
143	Promote bicycle use by clearly marking bike lanes and additional bike parking.	Mar 8, 2012 11:38 AM
144	The questions are too vague, so it's hard for me to be specific. AND, you are not	Mar 8, 2012 11:36 AM

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	saying WHAT you are thinking of doing will ALL of the lots, including the new one by the library. So, MY GOAL WOULD BE MORE TRANSPARENCY in your goals FOR EACH SPECIFIC AREA.	
145	Better parking. Often on weekends it's difficult to find parking.	Mar 8, 2012 11:35 AM
146	REPAVE THE ROADS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	Mar 8, 2012 11:32 AM
147	This week, Monday, March 5, I needed to 'run-in' to Cherry Republic get a quick gift for an out-of-guest, it was 6P. Dwtwn Ann Arbor was packed. I spent 15 minutes trying to find a parking place, I did not want to get into a parking garage, park, walk 2 blocks, for a 10 minute task. walk back 2 blocks , leave the garage and pay to park.I parked illegally and ran in and got out. I do/will not go downtown to run errands it not worth my time. I had grave concerns about the dinner reservations made for the next two night and where my guest could find parking. Adding more business, Adding more Buildings, Taking away more parking, will NOT INCREASE busniess, nor increase more people to come to dtwn Ann Arbor. I was very discouraged and will avoid coming downtown to 'pick shop. My time is valuable tooso go ahead and build push/remove access to get there and they will not come. You are building a Ghost town.	Mar 8, 2012 11:28 AM
148	create a downtown open "mall" similar to Boulder, CO	Mar 8, 2012 11:21 AM
149	I think that the availability of parking is most important. It is already frustrating enough trying to find places to park downtown, I think I'd start going elsewhere if more parking is taken away!!	Mar 8, 2012 11:15 AM
150	Making downtown more accessible means inexpensive parking availability but it would be nice to have more spots for people to enjoy being outside in the warmer months and to create a sense of community.	Mar 8, 2012 11:11 AM
151	parking better parking	Mar 8, 2012 11:10 AM
152	Parking for motorized vehicles and bicycles	Mar 8, 2012 11:07 AM
153	MUST be environmentally friendly. Showcase green initiatives. Use innovative landscaping techniques to use lots of plants and other natural features.	Mar 8, 2012 10:51 AM
154	since this area represents primarily open land, it offers an opportunity to create critical mixed use density	Mar 8, 2012 10:09 AM
155	Keep the downtown attractive - nice building, planters, lighting, art, benches	Mar 8, 2012 9:34 AM
156	1. Activate William Street! - Many people walk on it but it is not dense enough. It would make a good retail/business corridor.	Mar 8, 2012 4:03 AM
157	Maintain Palio and Kline lots for surface parking. I know there will be underground lot and structures for parking but keeping these as available parking will increase accessibility. Circling around in structures and walking even a block or 2 makes going downtown impracticke for short errands. With arthritis in both feet taking away those 2 lots will make it much harder for me to come downtown.	Mar 7, 2012 11:38 PM
158	I'm one of the supporters of turning it into a park. If that doesn't happen, I	Mar 7, 2012 10:49 PM

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	certainly prefer locally owned businesses to out-of-town ones	
159	For the Library lot area, I think having public space there that is alive, green and accomodating and inviting to social interaction amongst individuals and groups.	Mar 7, 2012 9:41 PM
160	MORE PARKING!	Mar 7, 2012 7:25 PM
161	We need people and destinations downtown. We don't need more parks or green space downtown.	Mar 7, 2012 7:16 PM
162	Please consider making the area above the library lot underground structure an outdoor park where musical performances and social gatherings can take place, a sort of green space epicenter. A convention center/hotel or new library building could be nice, but seem unpopular. I am a downtown condo owner resident and would enjoy any of these immensely! Also please beautify the front of the AADL again, it was much nicer before construction.	Mar 7, 2012 7:08 PM
163	Need more SERVICES and useful shopping downtown, not more restaurants or boutiques. I really miss the dept. stores, hardware, stationary and other dry goods providers. And please: no more parks for the homeless.	Mar 7, 2012 6:25 PM
164	Continue to provide parking access and increase transportation options.	Mar 7, 2012 6:08 PM
165	Attract business that people come to and stay, rather than park for a short time.	Mar 7, 2012 5:53 PM
166	To clean up the homeless problem that we have downtown.	Mar 7, 2012 5:38 PM
167	Just bring street level business to these areas so as to extend the pedestrian orientation of downtown.	Mar 7, 2012 5:26 PM
168	People actively on the street 24/7 or as close as possible.	Mar 7, 2012 4:54 PM
169	Provide resources such as low-income housing, public spaces free of commercial interests, and public services that are crucial for low-income and homeless members of our community	Mar 7, 2012 4:41 PM
170	nicer pedestrian environment	Mar 7, 2012 4:29 PM
171	There are too many "dead zones" between State and Main, likely a byproduct of past urban renewal decisions and non-pedestrian friendly urban design. (William H. Whyte's principles still apply here...). So, make the east-west connections through downtown more appealing for both pedestrians and businesses.	Mar 7, 2012 3:52 PM
172	There should be no reduction in the amount of parking spots and management of the parking should not be gifted to private industry instead of making revenue for the city.	Mar 7, 2012 3:41 PM
173	More parking	Mar 7, 2012 3:22 PM
174	I think that Ann Arbor needs to re-establish its character in this area as an arts driven community with environmental priorities. The developers will come as this happens. I also think we need more diverse and affordable housing downtown, but you didn't give me four choices.	Mar 7, 2012 3:18 PM

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175	Senior housing, particularly condos	Mar 7, 2012 3:13 PM
176	These areas should be dedicated to creating a better urban environment. Streets and sidewalks that serve the people rather than the car. The last thing we need is more retail/restaurants/commercial business in that area. There is enough of that already.	Mar 7, 2012 3:12 PM
177	If it is developed as housing, I think that a portion of the units should be designated as affordable housing, because I believe that the high price of all housing in downtown Ann Arbor is making the area less diverse.	Mar 7, 2012 3:06 PM
178	Strengthen the Liberty corridor while accepting that Williams Street is a secondary supportive corridor. Make Liberty most appealing to street enlivening businesses while helping William St. to house businesses with less foot traffic.	Mar 7, 2012 2:59 PM
179	that it remain active year-round. especially important for an outdoor space in Michigan!	Mar 7, 2012 1:40 PM
180	Sustainable Lighting and technology for future showplace/ showcase.	Mar 7, 2012 1:34 PM
181	safety-actual and perceptual greater presence of police make all generations feel comfortable at all times of day and evening	Mar 7, 2012 1:19 PM
182	Green space! Not just hardscape.	Mar 7, 2012 1:15 PM
183	Convert surface parking lots into pedestrian-friendly uses that encourage foot traffic over the entire day, such as shops, restaurants and galleries.	Mar 7, 2012 1:06 PM
184	PARKING	Mar 7, 2012 12:29 PM
185	Park green space plaza	Mar 7, 2012 12:11 PM
186	Making the area bike friendly through bike lanes and bike parking.	Mar 7, 2012 11:49 AM
187	In true government fashion, you've ignored the only goal that really matters - something that the market can support and be successful. So the most important goal is not to load the RFP up with City goals that make a project end up not happening and wasting a lot of peoples' time and money.	Mar 7, 2012 10:27 AM
188	close off one street to cars during certain times of day or maybe only during summer months to promote outdoor activities without having to stare at cars or breathe exhaust fumes.	Mar 7, 2012 10:13 AM
189	what ever you do, make sure there is still parking so people can get here. All those out of town people we want to support downtown restaurants, need places to park. THose of us who live in town need places to park as well. Not every one who lives in AA can walk to down town.	Mar 7, 2012 12:22 AM
190	More space for people not cars. Public open space -- both green open space and plazas. No more parking structures.	Mar 7, 2012 12:03 AM
191	We need to have park space-- public space for people to gather, sit, read, picnic, listen to music, play with kids.	Mar 6, 2012 10:58 PM

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192	More than anything else, it is important to me that this area is built with DENSITY, DENSITY, DENSITY! I am tired of parochialism and small-mindedness getting in the way of Ann Arbor's tremendous potential.	Mar 6, 2012 9:57 PM
193	get rid of the beggars	Mar 6, 2012 8:38 PM
194	green area,21st century play scape, aquarium, interactive great lakes display.	Mar 6, 2012 7:44 PM
195	maintaining some parking options?	Mar 6, 2012 7:31 PM
196	Mixed use, connected to the Ann Arbor Circulator system (trolley) on Liberty or Washington, excite the sidewalk with its functions, great design	Mar 6, 2012 5:47 PM
197	develop green spaces, park areas, non-business, public spaces that everyone can enjoy (it will increase the value of surrounding properties and businesses)	Mar 6, 2012 5:34 PM
198	This area should be utilized to connect the State Street shopping district to the Main Street shopping district. This area should provide mixed-use developments that provide housing, businesses, and retail - all of which will help to make this area safer by providing more "eyes on the street".	Mar 6, 2012 5:20 PM
199	Whatever is done the sense of security of safety must be incorporated and should not promote or become hangouts for the homeless.	Mar 6, 2012 5:09 PM
200	Efforts should be made to make the CBD more viable and encourage commercial development to foster pedestrianism and community.	Mar 6, 2012 4:42 PM
201	parking	Mar 6, 2012 4:04 PM
202	Downtown AA needs a paved, spatially contained plaza that can function as an outdoor living room, with different programmed and unprogrammed activities. The space above the new parking garage, along 5th Ave. north of the Library is perfect. This urban room, which is currently lacking, is a higher priority than a green open space/park.	Mar 6, 2012 3:32 PM
203	A park above the new parking structure next to the Ann Arbor District Library	Mar 6, 2012 3:28 PM
204	More options for free scooter/ bike parking, decrease energy consumption with these transportation options!!	Mar 6, 2012 2:45 PM
205	Ann Arbor needs more affordable apartments and condos downtown.	Mar 6, 2012 2:25 PM
206	Motorcycle/scooter parking, bike racks, and bike lanes.	Mar 6, 2012 1:43 PM
207	Overall: Attract younger people with downtown housing, downtown business opportunities, car-free transit	Mar 6, 2012 1:43 PM
208	encourage motorcycle and scooter riding and parking	Mar 6, 2012 1:34 PM
209	Addition of bike lanes on Main St and surrounding area.	Mar 6, 2012 1:14 PM
210	Enhance the image of Ann Arbor as a College Town	Mar 6, 2012 1:00 PM
211	Motorcycle/scooter parking, bike racks, and bike lanes	Mar 6, 2012 12:58 PM

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212	motorcycle, scooter parking, bike racks and bike lanes	Mar 6, 2012 12:35 PM
213	I'll be moving to this area in the fall and would love to see better integration between buildings. There seems to be large spaces between lots and structures. I've noticed landscaping and small forms of public art, which are great. Making this space an interesting place to walk by expanding these features would be preferable. I love the idea of interactive sculptures and fountains. Also, retail for everyday necessities seems to be lacking in this particular area.	Mar 6, 2012 12:17 PM
214	promote free outdoor events	Mar 6, 2012 12:04 PM
215	We need more "green" space downtown - not just the Diag or in the neighborhoods and outlying areas.	Mar 6, 2012 11:29 AM
216	Easy and affordable parking	Mar 6, 2012 11:25 AM
217	Green space--native plants	Mar 6, 2012 11:10 AM
218	Motorcycle/scooter parking and bike racks. Bike lanes.	Mar 6, 2012 10:54 AM
219	Promote green spaces, attractive natural outdoor features.	Mar 6, 2012 10:50 AM
220	environmental sustainability	Mar 6, 2012 10:46 AM
221	To eliminate ANY parking space in downtown would be a mistake - there isn't enough as it is....	Mar 6, 2012 10:43 AM
222	Spaces for family oriented indoor activities.	Mar 6, 2012 10:41 AM
223	No chain businesses.	Mar 6, 2012 10:33 AM
224	effective	Mar 6, 2012 10:31 AM
225	Sustain the architectural elegance of the main street area.	Mar 6, 2012 10:27 AM
226	creating an identifiable public focal point for the downtown	Mar 6, 2012 10:26 AM
227	Provide an indoor space for community groups to meet and conduct activities.	Mar 6, 2012 10:16 AM
228	maintain enough downtown parking!!!!!! I'm distressed to learn that the limited parking still available downtown is planned to be obsolete--those not on bus routes, how will we get to downtown to enjoy the creatively planned downtown activities listed above?	Mar 6, 2012 10:10 AM
229	Deal with the homeless people who wander the area making it feel less safe. Tired of being harassed every time I'm downtown, its not good for Ann Arbor's image.	Mar 6, 2012 10:02 AM
230	bike lanes	Mar 6, 2012 10:00 AM
231	Create parks and natural areas	Mar 6, 2012 9:57 AM
232	These parking lots seem to be in high demand - also, the Kline lot is used periodically as a site for events such as the St. Patricks Day run. While I	Mar 6, 2012 9:53 AM

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	normally do not drive downtown (I walk, bus, or bike) it does seem like the available parking does fill up frequently. Also, I do like having zipcars parked in convenient locations around town, including the palio lot. So I am unsure of what effect removing these parking areas will have on the downtown. More shops/restaurants/public space etc. is great; however people do need a place to park their car if they are to enjoy these things.	
233	A central place for people to gather--not just to "hang out" but to ice skate, watch a performance, eat outdoors. Reston Towne Centre could be a model.	Mar 6, 2012 9:52 AM
234	Downtown needs to have a significant pedestrian feel (i.e. Boulder, CO) and plenty of parking to allow people to enjoy downtown more easily.	Mar 6, 2012 9:51 AM
235	Please get and keep those streets OPEN for business and traffic, all ways, all times, ASAP. Having 5th Avenue closed for construction for 2 years has been a nightmare and horrific for the area.	Mar 6, 2012 9:44 AM
236	Keep it (shops/restaurants) local. Maintain Ann Arbor's uniqueness. People will want to come back to A2 to visit that unique store or restaurant; if it exists elsewhere en masse, there's much less incentive to come out here when they can get it there.	Mar 6, 2012 9:42 AM
237	It is important to create a certain amount of density/urban walkability and activity that will bring more vitality to the area.	Mar 6, 2012 9:36 AM
238	band shell with fixed seating, possibly with an open air roof so that it could be utilized nearly year round (ice festivals, live music, etc)	Mar 6, 2012 9:35 AM
239	Retain sufficient parking convenient to downtown library	Mar 6, 2012 9:29 AM
240	Foster a safe-feeling public environment that contributes to a vital civic realm	Mar 6, 2012 9:27 AM
241	Childrens adventure area and outdoor concert/entertainment space	Mar 6, 2012 9:26 AM
242	I believe that these locations should be multipurpose and use height (both below ground and above instead of more surface area.	Mar 6, 2012 9:25 AM
243	Parking is rare and expensive already, without parking people won't come to the businesses.	Mar 6, 2012 9:22 AM
244	Maintain enough easy, affordable parking so that people will want to come downtown. Keep the Kline parking lot.	Mar 6, 2012 9:19 AM
245	Reduce auto traffic. No more parking lots/structures.	Mar 6, 2012 9:17 AM
246	I'm a little concerned about parking if we're getting rid of so many surface lots.	Mar 6, 2012 9:16 AM
247	Conference Center	Mar 6, 2012 9:15 AM
248	Having a realistic completion date	Mar 6, 2012 9:02 AM
249	Green space in the city would be an environmental and social enhancement.	Mar 6, 2012 8:57 AM
250	Another major employer besides the University.	Mar 6, 2012 8:50 AM

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251	Maintaining safety for downtown patrons	Mar 6, 2012 8:43 AM
252	I strongly support bringing a major conference hotel to downtown.	Mar 6, 2012 8:40 AM
253	A mix of affordable housing, including SRO housing, to replace 100 lost Y units	Mar 6, 2012 5:57 AM
254	a fountain for people to splash in on hot days.	Mar 5, 2012 11:30 PM
255	Bike Parking	Mar 5, 2012 11:29 PM
256	leave the old Y lot as is- it has proven such a wonderful bit of vista / open area	Mar 5, 2012 11:25 PM
257	Opportunities for outdoor community events	Mar 5, 2012 10:51 PM
258	To attract small and local businesses to the area.	Mar 5, 2012 9:56 PM
259	Inject green space into the downtown area. Currently only green space is the Diag at the corner of State and N. University.	Mar 5, 2012 7:26 PM
260	An inviting streetscape that retains the architecturally interesting buildings/houses that already exist in this study area while filling in the empty spaces with well designed new buildings.	Mar 5, 2012 7:18 PM
261	sustainability	Mar 5, 2012 6:52 PM
262	Environmental sustainability	Mar 5, 2012 5:51 PM
263	Attracting businesses that complement the many art galleries and restaurants, such as a major department store, where people can be normal everyday things (and I don't mean a Target or Meijers!)	Mar 5, 2012 4:51 PM
264	--Opportunities for local food growth (urban farms, etc.) if possible. --A major grocery store within walking distance of UM campus	Mar 5, 2012 3:31 PM
265	More opportunities for children, family activities and educational spaces.	Mar 5, 2012 3:25 PM
266	I live in senior housing downtown and we need a grocery store.	Mar 5, 2012 2:52 PM
267	put in trees and open areas. little park space.	Mar 5, 2012 2:31 PM
268	encourage small retail, pedestrian area e.g. pedestrian mall in Boulder	Mar 5, 2012 2:28 PM
269	Late Night non-alcoholic collegiate hangout spaces- all night coffee shop/ indoor seating area meant for hanging out late at night. Everything pretty much closes at 11, and this is a college town... being close to the police station would be a great enforcer of appropriate behavior.	Mar 5, 2012 2:22 PM
270	Pay attention to attractive architecture! Some ugly structures have been erected in Ann Arbor!	Mar 5, 2012 2:20 PM
271	convention center	Mar 5, 2012 1:53 PM
272	Create an area that makes Ann Arbor more unique as an urban area	Mar 5, 2012 1:52 PM

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273	Don't put the city's finances in debt or at risk.	Mar 5, 2012 1:42 PM
274	Do NOT incur public debt in order to accomplish other goals.	Mar 5, 2012 1:42 PM
275	Get rid of the parking and put something useful there.	Mar 5, 2012 1:07 PM
276	improve parking and quality of streets--fill pot holes	Mar 5, 2012 12:50 PM
277	Increase racial and socio-economic diversity in the area.	Mar 5, 2012 12:45 PM
278	PARKING	Mar 5, 2012 12:32 PM
279	Make Ann Arbor feel more urban. Get people downtown -- eating, shopping, art, whatever it is. People should be walking around doing things. Parking spaces kill that.	Mar 5, 2012 12:20 PM
280	The creation of a community performance space....music, art, dance, etc, combined with an outdoor area to be used socially before or after events, and during times when events aren't being held.	Mar 5, 2012 12:06 PM
281	Many more people living downtown—period.	Mar 5, 2012 11:57 AM
282	Ensure its safety - well-lit, quality traffic signals and patterns, etc.	Mar 5, 2012 11:47 AM
283	Safety. I live near the library and find a lot of homeless like to hangout by the library. I would love to see to able to sit and eat or socialize in the area. However, the homeless and/or shadey people that hangout there do cause some concern.	Mar 5, 2012 11:45 AM
284	Ann Arbor needs MORE parking options, not LESS!!!	Mar 5, 2012 11:37 AM
285	Whenever I visit that area of Ann Arbor I park in one of these parking structures. I feel that I would be less likely to go to that area or visit the Main St. area if I thought it would be much more difficult to find anywhere to park.	Mar 5, 2012 11:37 AM
286	I would love to see that space prioritized for businesses or community events that encourage diversity of participants - social enterprises that feed downtown workers and those who can't afford a meal, continuing education for those who can pay, and those who can't... etc.	Mar 5, 2012 11:33 AM
287	Green space	Mar 5, 2012 10:28 AM
288	Green trees, grass and landscaping with park and picnic space, fountains, and fairy villages.	Mar 5, 2012 1:27 AM
289	What ever you do make sure that it isn't another place for drug dealing like the park on Liberty street.	Mar 5, 2012 1:10 AM
290	Small is beautiful... rather than encouraging one large employer, we can create employment and foster growth by catering to small (5-50 employees) businesses.	Mar 4, 2012 11:24 PM
291	Fostering community	Mar 4, 2012 10:32 PM

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292	Bring in revenue and jobs for the City	Mar 4, 2012 8:48 PM
293	opportunities for residents to learn and practice arts and crafts with hands-on guidance	Mar 4, 2012 7:37 PM
294	I would like to see downtown increase its role as the meeting place for the town: more entertainment, restaurants (with a diversity of price points, i.e., not just more fancy places), sidewalk cafes, shops, etc. Importantly, these should be independent, small businesses. Ultimately, I would like to see a pedestrian zone downtown.	Mar 4, 2012 7:24 PM
295	Greenspace, greenspace, and greenspace!!! Require it so that walking downtown is pleasant and not like walking in a toaster or an ice-cold wind tunnel such as exists on Maynard and William.	Mar 4, 2012 6:45 PM
296	Trees, no big convention buildings, open plazas, allow street food vendors.	Mar 4, 2012 6:20 PM
297	tax dollars	Mar 4, 2012 2:37 PM
298	I would like to see this area turned into an outdoor/garden/community space where people can gather to have a city park of sorts.	Mar 4, 2012 1:20 PM
299	consider north-south cross spine from William to Ann for additional governmental services and public open space	Mar 4, 2012 12:23 PM
300	In expensive family friendly places to go and have a good time.	Mar 4, 2012 11:02 AM
301	I do not care much for diversity or housing. We need more jobs downtown. We need to attract more businesses. We need to get rid of that stupid Occupy Ann Arbor. It makes the city look like trash. I cannot even go to Liberty Plaza anymore.	Mar 4, 2012 2:36 AM
302	Give the project or seek help from a landscape architectural firm to resolve the issues and increase the aesthetics of this area.	Mar 3, 2012 10:22 PM
303	Grocery Store!!!!	Mar 3, 2012 9:57 PM
304	SAFE attractive well maintained public spaces that are not full of homeless people since that tends to exclude other users. I have wondered if leasing public space to food vendors or other private entities would provide a legal basis to limit loitering.	Mar 3, 2012 8:24 PM
305	make it safe!	Mar 3, 2012 7:47 PM
306	Keep our downtown viable!	Mar 3, 2012 7:41 PM
307	Provide ability to provide day-time services for the people who work in this area. E.g., barbers to get hair cut during lunch hour; multiple lunch/dinner options; laundry; banking (it's there); tailors; etc.	Mar 3, 2012 6:56 PM
308	"Pedestrian Precincts" - areas where there is no traffic so that, e.g., families can come with toddlers and stroll (we need at least one small playground) and get to know others. Public toilets easily available!	Mar 3, 2012 5:44 PM

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309	More bike parking/lanes	Mar 3, 2012 5:30 PM
310	Don't remove the parking lots. Parking downtown is hard enough. Ease of parking is what makes people decide to go downtown.	Mar 3, 2012 5:25 PM
311	We need a downtown area that would allow us to spend leisure time without having to go to a restaurant or shop. There is not a proper gathering area downtown and is slowly becoming a concrete jungle.	Mar 3, 2012 5:21 PM
312	Place a high priority on attracting business to downtown so more people work downtown and providing high density housing downtown so people live downtown -- combined with another small park of about the size of Liberty Plaza.	Mar 3, 2012 2:37 PM
313	Provide for a downtown "Commons" area . . .	Mar 3, 2012 2:29 PM
314	Add a bus service which links the U-M main campus with downtown and which runs every 15-20 minutes, as has existed in the past.	Mar 3, 2012 1:57 PM
315	Make these areas bike friendly and pedestrian friendly	Mar 3, 2012 1:42 PM
316	Could you please offer affordable housing or a nighttime shelter, for the homeless/or those in "precarious economic situations", with a secure front door, human services on-site, an indoor communal area for performance, and classes in the arts. Could you please have activity centers/workshops for the homeless and/or senior citizens these would be conveniently located and foster community, connection and growth- offered through/or in a similar model to: Rec and Ed, Parks and Recreation, YMCA, Neutral Zone, 826Michigan Ann Arbor Tutoring & Writing Center, Food Gatherers' Community Kitchen Job Training Program (based at the Delonis shelter for low-income and at-risk youth), and the community outreach programs or classes through local colleges and universities.	Mar 3, 2012 1:42 PM
317	Mixed use development	Mar 3, 2012 1:16 PM
318	For people to feel safe and to enjoy their downtown experience, better management of the homeless population is critical. Especially in this area, where the public library and bus station attract them.	Mar 3, 2012 11:55 AM
319	Perhaps close Main Street to traffic during the summer, and give parking incentives.	Mar 3, 2012 11:36 AM
320	Density! Quality urban space to define an "edge" to downtown aa, that will not likely cross William street.	Mar 3, 2012 11:32 AM
321	Make more of an effort to keep out the toxic spread of corporate eyesores like Chipotle, Five Guys, 7-11, etc. Maintain and improve our "local" charm, and play to good taste instead of the lowest common denominator.	Mar 3, 2012 11:30 AM
322	Downtown needs to be a welcoming place for the community, not just visitors and the homeless.	Mar 3, 2012 11:29 AM
323	leave it unbuilt and green as respite to the density of downtown buildings	Mar 3, 2012 10:04 AM
324	What about a park downtown with all the se terrible surface lots? Out one park is paved and full of the homeless!	Mar 3, 2012 8:20 AM

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325	Making Williams Street another Liberty Street would be amazing!	Mar 3, 2012 2:18 AM
326	I work 3 miles away from downtown. The surface lot next to the library allowed me to drive in for lunch without bashing my car up in a cramped structure all within an hour. If I can't do that, downtown might as well be a million miles away. Anytime I've had to park in a structure, it seems like it takes at least 15 minutes to spiral up the structure and walk down. I know land downtown is valuable, but I can't believe it is so valuable you had to dig a hole for parking. Also, I live 2 miles away. A safe way to bike would be great. You need to get rid of cars parking on some of the roads so that 1. it is safer to bike (no doors opening and 2. expand sidewalk seating. Also, with all the sidewalk seating, you can barely walk on half the sidewalks. Get the panhandlers off the streets.	Mar 2, 2012 11:54 PM
327	continue to provide adequate downtown parking on lots as opposed to parking structures which are hard to access if disabled and not always safe.	Mar 2, 2012 10:41 PM
328	I'm surprised the city is talking about eliminating parking in these areas. I think the opposite is needed to attract business, employers and consumers.	Mar 2, 2012 10:07 PM
329	Areas that transition easily between early morning users (families with young kids) and that stay vibrant at night	Mar 2, 2012 9:12 PM
330	connecting our two "downtowns" is very important and a park atmosphere will accomplish that. /The importance of green/park space cannot be overlooked. Other cities have accomplished this - Ann Arbor is very far behind. It is not necessary to pave every square inch of downtown.	Mar 2, 2012 8:06 PM
331	Making downtown more attractive to people and more sustainable to life by bringing more of Nature into it – large shade trees in a wide expanse of ground, large groupings of flowers, raingardens, a fountain of flowing water, fresh fruit from a little cart.	Mar 2, 2012 7:33 PM
332	Not a huge hotel/conference center.	Mar 2, 2012 7:25 PM
333	active ground floor use!	Mar 2, 2012 6:08 PM
334	Honor the previous commitment of finding affordable housing for those displaced when the old Y building was turn down using the air rights above the Y parking lot, if necessary. The Delonis Center doesn't seem able to accommodate all those in need.	Mar 2, 2012 5:53 PM
335	High-quality, signature architecture visible on the skyline that does not disrupt the pedestrian experience.	Mar 2, 2012 5:33 PM
336	Opportunities for spontaneous social interaction	Mar 2, 2012 5:06 PM
337	Urban park/plaza (strongly consider 'trade' of Liberty Plaza for a better park/plaza which is point of civic pride, a symbol of Ann Arbor, a gathering place and fosters street-level business around the periphery)	Mar 2, 2012 4:39 PM
338	Replace the lost 100 YMCA low-income housing units as the city promised to do.	Mar 2, 2012 4:17 PM
339	Avoiding a mega-structure that dwarfs the surrounding buildings.	Mar 2, 2012 4:05 PM

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340	Development of these parcels should strive to create destinations unto themselves--places that people go specifically, not just places that enjoy the ancillary benefit of the people who are downtown for some other reason.	Mar 2, 2012 4:03 PM
341	An urban "living room" that is active year-round (i.e. a beer garden/ice skating rink) and attractive to children.	Mar 2, 2012 3:56 PM
342	hotel/conference center	Mar 2, 2012 3:51 PM
343	downtown park	Mar 2, 2012 2:51 PM
344	There are not enough handicapped parking places. Because I have trouble walking I need to be able to easily find a parking place. I cannot afford the expensive garages either because I spend all my money on doctors and medicine. The parking situation has made me a lesser citizen who can not participate in any downtown activities.	Mar 2, 2012 2:24 PM
345	WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE A PARK BUILT NEXT TO THE LIBRARY!!	Mar 2, 2012 2:18 PM
346	Attracting a major employer	Mar 2, 2012 1:56 PM
347	Environmental sustainability is not a flavor-of-the-month fad. I live downtown. Because of the Allen Creek, FEMA has been redrawing—expanding—the floodplain. We need to reduce the possibility of flooding runoff as much as we can.	Mar 2, 2012 1:48 PM
348	AFFORDABLE PARKING, PEOPLE DO NOT VISIT DOWNTOWN WHEN PARKING IS UNAVAILABLE OR LIMITED.	Mar 2, 2012 1:47 PM
349	Community Building Events!	Mar 2, 2012 1:28 PM
350	shopping for downtown residents so they need not drive to sprawl at the edge of town	Mar 2, 2012 12:51 PM
351	PARKING, PARKING, PARKING	Mar 2, 2012 12:46 PM
352	Please try to develop a green walkway through downtown. Connected parks would help	Mar 2, 2012 12:43 PM
353	More GREEN SPACES in the area bounded by Ashley, Liberty, Division, and William.	Mar 2, 2012 12:23 PM
354	Sustainability is very important, but different people have different ideas as to what sustainability means. It seems counter intuitive to build an environmentally conscious space with materials that are wither imported from other countries or nonrenewable. I also feel that a place for the homeless to warm themselves and bathe, (so that they can actually apply for and get interviewed for jobs) is quiet necessary. Public restrooms, that aren't attached to a business, are necessary.	Mar 2, 2012 12:23 PM
355	walk and bike-ability	Mar 2, 2012 11:58 AM
356	Please let the library lot be a public, outdoor space!	Mar 2, 2012 11:53 AM
357	Community center -- an open and welcoming space for people to stay out of the	Mar 2, 2012 11:36 AM

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	cold and support and empower each other.	
358	Revitalize and sustain non-restaurant downtown businesses.	Mar 2, 2012 11:22 AM
359	Make the downtown feel more coherent, more like a downtown.	Mar 2, 2012 11:19 AM
360	Make downtown space affordable for small local businesses	Mar 2, 2012 11:06 AM
361	I want to see a greenspace on top of the parking garage	Mar 2, 2012 10:58 AM
362	Bring maker spaces closer to downtown, like All Hands Active	Mar 2, 2012 10:56 AM
363	More affordable/accessible housing for seniors and disabled	Mar 2, 2012 10:21 AM
364	Personally, I think we NEED more viable parking options in Ann Arbor. I have had weekends where I couldn't find parking downtown, and as a result, have been taking my dining-out business elsewhere. I feel like many people that I interact with are starting to feel the same.	Mar 2, 2012 10:09 AM
365	Public transportation to take people from an outer circle (where parking is free) to the inner circle where people can stroll & dine & shop.	Mar 2, 2012 9:59 AM
366	Physically attractive	Mar 2, 2012 9:53 AM
367	Invest in the long-term future of the city not short sighted short-term goals.	Mar 2, 2012 4:36 AM
368	Space to foster start up company growth	Mar 2, 2012 2:41 AM
369	A kickass new librayr!	Mar 2, 2012 1:42 AM
370	Somewhere warm for people who don't have homes to sleep.	Mar 2, 2012 12:22 AM
371	In my opinion we need to maximize the public space aspect of the library lot. Great cities have great public spaces!	Mar 2, 2012 12:13 AM
372	Beautify public space.	Mar 2, 2012 12:01 AM
373	space for parks	Mar 1, 2012 11:28 PM
374	Green space	Mar 1, 2012 11:11 PM
375	convenient parking	Mar 1, 2012 11:09 PM
376	Greenspace park by the library.	Mar 1, 2012 11:07 PM
377	A central park! Whatever it is, please something which does not exclude people who cannot afford to spend money on expensive tickets or foods.	Mar 1, 2012 11:06 PM
378	Do NOT let this space be taken over by big business. Downtown Ann Arbor has always seemed to be a haven for local businesses and local flavors. Now it seems that corporations are looking to invade (i.e. 7-11, CVS, Buffalo Wild Wings). Keep Ann Arbor local.	Mar 1, 2012 10:59 PM
379	DO NOT ALLOW ANY MORE CORPORATE FRANCHISES IN TOWN. IT IS	Mar 1, 2012 10:57 PM

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	TAKING AWAY FROM THE LOCAL BUISNESS OF ANN ARBOR AND LOCAL BUISNESS OWNERS. WHAT IS UP WITH THE 7/11, CVS, AND BUFFALO WILD WINGS. WE DON'T NEED THESE THINGS. WE NEED LOCALLY OWNED PHARMACIES, CONVEIENCE STORES AND RESTAURANTS	
380	A downtown area like a park would be very nice, somewhere people who are downtown could go have a picnic at or kids could play at.	Mar 1, 2012 10:55 PM
381	Density=housing=business=revenue=good.	Mar 1, 2012 10:43 PM
382	I feel it's extremely important that we in Ann Arbor have a publicly accessible common space which can be used for community gatherings without charge. Presently it is almost impossible to have a public event in Ann Arbor that is both accessible to those on the bus route and free for those who don't have money to pay to gain admission.	Mar 1, 2012 10:35 PM
383	Set aside space for an expanded public transportation system	Mar 1, 2012 10:30 PM
384	Diversity and place that people can sit down. There is no benches or space that people can just sit down and have some interaction with strangers. Oh, and these area needs to showcase sustainability!	Mar 1, 2012 10:29 PM
385	Keep the library, it is soooooo important and used by a variety of people af all ages and all socio economic ethnic local groups. Don't turn it into a big conference center hotel!	Mar 1, 2012 10:18 PM
386	Keep available parking plentiful. If there is no convenient parking people, especially those from out of town will not support our local businesses.	Mar 1, 2012 9:36 PM
387	Ann Arbor doesn't need anymore boutiques, expensive grills, or jewelry stores. This town is being driven to cater only the wealthy and middle aged. I'd like to see it taken in a more artistic, youthful, and affordable direction.	Mar 1, 2012 9:18 PM
388	solution (?) to panhandling	Mar 1, 2012 9:16 PM
389	Free of crime and undesirable people (bums, hoodlums, cigarette smokers)	Mar 1, 2012 9:07 PM
390	Surface parking. Not everyone can walk well and those who cannot are completely ignored by planners. I see very few elderly people downtown. There is a reason (besides the emphasis on young people and bars.) Also, how about museums?	Mar 1, 2012 7:53 PM
391	It should be physically very attractive with some open space so that it doesn't look cramped in.	Mar 1, 2012 7:29 PM
392	Closing Main Street adding attractive landscaping--at least in the summer--would make the dining/entertainment area MUCH more attractive. Make the main library a real centerpiece of an attractive community area, including an expanded meeting space and a pleasant, landscaped area. provide public restrooms in the parking structure.	Mar 1, 2012 6:39 PM
393	It needs to be beautiful and inspiring.	Mar 1, 2012 6:18 PM
394	I mention this later on in question #4, but if you want to add restaurants with	Mar 1, 2012 6:08 PM

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	outdoor seating or the like, try to put them adjacent to a "european style" plaza instead of outdoor seating right up against a road.	
395	keeping the downtown user population diverse is important so we need to diversify housing options	Mar 1, 2012 5:59 PM
396	Drive community-based events while driving revenue to Ann Arbor.	Mar 1, 2012 5:56 PM
397	The most important thing for a better Ann Arbor is for the Library Lot to be developed as a park, green in the heart of downtown, a town complement to the campus diag, a cultural and art center and public amenity. We need a green living center, extremely important,	Mar 1, 2012 5:39 PM
398	To provide AFFORDABLE housing for low-income families in the community. This is a true need in the community and Ann Arbor is only making itself more elitist and less supportive by continuing to allow the development of luxury apartment complexes.	Mar 1, 2012 5:26 PM
399	Build or let someone else build on those lots. create competition for the few landlords who currently have a stranglehold on downtown buildings!	Mar 1, 2012 5:15 PM
400	Employment and Shopping are critical. There has been a noticeable change in an element that makes it unpleasant to shop/ work in this area. I go to school in detroit and have never have my vehicle broken into, twice in Ann Arbor once in this area in the last six months.	Mar 1, 2012 4:41 PM
401	Encourage more practical retail businesses to locate in the downtown (selling everyday items).	Mar 1, 2012 4:37 PM
402	Park, natural areas creation	Mar 1, 2012 4:37 PM
403	More downtown parking at a REASONABLE price will attract more visitors to downtown.	Mar 1, 2012 4:34 PM
404	Natural areas in and around downtown will elicit the atmosphere Ann Arborites cherish. A place for families to gather (ice rink), events to be experienced and beauty in our "Tree City". Natural areas must be priorities!	Mar 1, 2012 4:21 PM
405	Turn the Library Lot into a green plaza which would be beneficial to the retailers in the area and would greatly enhance the downtown experience for those that live or work there. It would be an attraction for employees to work downtown and thereby benefit downtown employers and landlords. It would be a welcome place for downtown visitors, shoppers and library patrons.	Mar 1, 2012 4:07 PM
406	This area needs an identity as a destination, not just how you get from Main Street to Campus.	Mar 1, 2012 3:58 PM
407	Parking availability is still extremely important to the health of downtown Ann Arbor. Many friends do not come in as often as I wish they would because of the continuing frustration over parking in any proximity to where we want to meet. I sometimes drove endlessly it seemed to find parking close to Main when I wanted to bring my elderly mother. Please do not reduce parking places in Ann Arbor.	Mar 1, 2012 3:14 PM

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408	Increase access to parking to facilitate people visiting downtown.	Mar 1, 2012 3:11 PM
409	I don't have an additional goal - just want to underscore the importance of providing housing options for people with a broad range of incomes.	Mar 1, 2012 2:58 PM
410	It is important to accomplish your main goals without causing traffic backups and delays and jamming downtown streets with cars that don't have room to drive.	Mar 1, 2012 2:55 PM
411	In order to increase the number of people who live downtown, the downtown area must have basic necessities available - Grocery stores, dry cleaners, drug store, etc. If you have to drive to get to these places, it defeats the purpose of downtown living.	Mar 1, 2012 2:44 PM
412	Currently, I avoid downtown because parking is so complicated and expensive. Only go downtown for special events. There are stores I would visit more often if I could get there without so much cost.	Mar 1, 2012 2:43 PM
413	Incorporating bioswales and native shade trees	Mar 1, 2012 2:25 PM
414	KEEP parking areas!!!	Mar 1, 2012 2:07 PM
415	Affordable housing and green space	Mar 1, 2012 2:00 PM
416	Provide parking for people who want to go downtown. Either in the current lots or in an outlying lot with regular (20 min or less) shuttle service 8 am - 2 am.	Mar 1, 2012 1:56 PM
417	Green Space!	Mar 1, 2012 1:55 PM
418	When I speak to housing diversity, I am especially interested in supporting housing opportunities for people with low incomes	Mar 1, 2012 1:30 PM
419	NO CONFERENCE CENTER...WE DO NOT NEED IT (I realize this is not a goal but I think it is important to note.)	Mar 1, 2012 1:29 PM
420	NOT effecting existing local businesses while (de)constructing new areas.	Mar 1, 2012 1:02 PM
421	Provide affordable supportive housing to replace the 100 units at the old YMCA that were lost.	Mar 1, 2012 12:54 PM
422	Affordable housing - ie low income for all ages (not just families) and senior-friendly low-income or subsidized housing	Mar 1, 2012 12:53 PM
423	a central park	Mar 1, 2012 12:51 PM
424	I loved the Sonic lunch over the summer and it was always full of people. We need to create an environment that continues to foster such programs. Also maintaining space like Liberty Plaza, maybe minus the pee smell, is important. No concrete jungle!	Mar 1, 2012 12:38 PM
425	Green space	Mar 1, 2012 12:22 PM
426	need a significant outdoor gathering space - a central park for A2.	Mar 1, 2012 12:12 PM
427	A Park!!!!	Mar 1, 2012 11:52 AM

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428	Ann Arbor is one of the few cities of its size that does not have a central square or park. Irony, considering our name. More green space, intelligently laid out, will make this a more desirable destination, year round. Quality of living is not all about progress, but thoughtful planning that has the long-term goals of the city at heart.	Mar 1, 2012 11:45 AM
429	Keep businesses open & vital	Mar 1, 2012 11:27 AM
430	Use of cost effective renewable energy technologies.	Mar 1, 2012 11:22 AM
431	easier and accessible parking	Mar 1, 2012 11:20 AM
432	Increase the amount of "green space" downtown	Mar 1, 2012 11:02 AM
433	Ice Rink in the winter	Mar 1, 2012 10:57 AM
434	My concern about the above areas is that parking downtown is already extremely limited. Cutting out all of the above areas would seriously prohibit people from being able to park downtown, which would negate the other priorities (supporting local business, etc).	Mar 1, 2012 10:55 AM
435	beauty and green space, urban farm	Mar 1, 2012 10:40 AM
436	More downtown green space is my first priority	Mar 1, 2012 10:27 AM
437	Not have the DDA and the mayor in charge of what happens in this area.	Mar 1, 2012 10:25 AM
438	outdoor space or park	Mar 1, 2012 10:07 AM
439	We need to centralize our priority for green spaces in downtown. Creating a park in the former library lot could meet all three of my most critical goals in being sustainable and attractive to the community and businesses.	Mar 1, 2012 10:01 AM
440	A strong employment base including large major private employers can create a presence of people with economic resources in the downtown. It also provides revenues to support other public objectives.	Mar 1, 2012 10:00 AM
441	stop allowing "dead faces" to buildings like that awful apartment/parking garage nonsense next to Seva. Connect downtown areas with vibrant business store fronts.	Mar 1, 2012 9:53 AM
442	I would like to see some kind of center that involves community_ALL_of Ann Arbor's diverse community- and I believe incorporating an actively managed community art and education is the venue to do just that.	Mar 1, 2012 9:50 AM
443	Successful cities are able to optimize benefits from density. This, to me, means ability to access food, housing, services, and transportation downtown. I think A2 does a good job on the services end (businesses, parks, cultural centers), but could do better on the food and transportation (bike, bus) aspects. And ANY development needs to be as sustainable as possible, in order to ensure financial sustainability in future developments! Also PLEASE don't build buildings larger than 2.5 stories, it really kills the mood for our town!	Mar 1, 2012 9:40 AM
444	Reducing vehicle traffic into this central core.	Mar 1, 2012 9:20 AM

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445	Parking and ticketing is still a big deterrent to going downtown.	Mar 1, 2012 9:07 AM
446	Would like to have a children playground next to the library, green, a park.	Mar 1, 2012 8:57 AM
447	If we intend to be a great city - we must have downtown green space. The heart of our city should be green and full of trees, not grey concrete and glass. People will want to be in a place, live in a place, and work in a place if they are comforted in that place. Having a park in the center of the city - a real park, not some concrete plaza with flower beds, will foster families desires to live in our downtown. It will be a signal to visitors that we are a tree city, love the outdoors and nature, and act upon those feelings. We must not fail this goal - we must have a place in our downtown where you can enjoy a book and a sandwich while sitting upon the cool grass on a sunny summer day. That is what quality of life is about and ONLY the city government can provide that. All of your other "goals" can be provided by other means. Do not fail us!	Mar 1, 2012 8:49 AM
448	Sustainable development, but not necessarily through LEED	Mar 1, 2012 8:45 AM
449	extend urban green space, which will give employees and visitors a place to connect with nature.	Mar 1, 2012 8:45 AM
450	With the loss of Borders, the reason to come to Ann Arbor has been hurt. You need a balance of retail,shopping, dining and cultural activities. The city in some respects reminds me of the abandoned storefronts of 1975.	Mar 1, 2012 7:58 AM
451	all new buildings downtown are too tall, ex 6 - 7 - 8 story student housing. They do not benefit citizens living in ann arbor!!	Mar 1, 2012 7:35 AM
452	Generate revenue. Provide indoor meeting space	Mar 1, 2012 3:26 AM
453	The cost of parking and the aggressive enforcement is quite intimidating to users	Mar 1, 2012 3:18 AM
454	Urban park or outdoor area for families	Mar 1, 2012 3:10 AM
455	You need more parking downtown. Whether you like it or not, people won't come if parking is not easy.	Mar 1, 2012 1:54 AM
456	Truly AFFORDABLE housing	Mar 1, 2012 1:23 AM
457	Green space	Mar 1, 2012 12:46 AM
458	space that can equally be shared and enjoyed by all Ann Arbor citizens, including the homeless (new developments should not exclude the homeless or low income families or make them not welcome in this area)	Mar 1, 2012 12:14 AM
459	Use principles of placemaking to make this an urban, vital core of the city--it is the most opportune geographic location.	Mar 1, 2012 12:09 AM
460	A park at the library lot	Mar 1, 2012 12:04 AM
461	The extremely important goal is to create urban green spaces, open parks especially at the library lot and the old Y lot. Attractive open spaces bring mere people and therefore more revenue. Consider the example of Santa Monica, California. how they transformed their fourth Street from a dump to a most	Feb 29, 2012 11:39 PM

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	vibrant plaza where tourists come just to hang out.	
462	Increase revenue opportunities by having a Fabric/movable "Christo Style" downtown center. This unique space could be used in different locations and generate revenue by: 1-Hosting a festival of ideas forum similar to the one done in NY. http://www.festivalofideasnyc.com/ 2- Host a TED convention outdoors: a nonprofit devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading 3-Organize a Diversity Housing Festival: Theme: Affordable Now! Showcase unique housing projects in A2, give tours in well designed low cost housing, showcase multi use housing, co- op housing options, retirement housing, materials, Habitat for Humanity, Homeless housing in A2. Just some ideas!	Feb 29, 2012 11:32 PM
463	Frugality in spending.	Feb 29, 2012 11:19 PM
464	It must be self-sustaining and not require future city funding to keep it afloat.	Feb 29, 2012 11:17 PM
465	I think the "Library Lot" should be a public park, or perhaps an ice rink like Campus Martius in Detroit. If someone really wants a big building they can put it on the Old Y Lot. Better still, if a new library is in order, it could be built on the Old Y Lot and the old library could stay open during construction. Then the old library could be razed and something else put there.	Feb 29, 2012 10:45 PM
466	Social interaction	Feb 29, 2012 10:36 PM
467	I must be missing the boat here, but my biggest priority for more of anything downtown is PARKING!!!! The biggest barrier to spending more time downtown, or stopping in somewhere spontaneously is lack of parking. If these areas are no longer going to be for parking, where are you planning that people will park. Until I know the plan for parking, it is hard for me to answer the rest of the questions about priorities! Parking would be my biggest priority.	Feb 29, 2012 10:30 PM
468	Keep the neighborhood friendly and busy socially.	Feb 29, 2012 10:28 PM
469	We need to bring more compelling attractions downtown to bring vibrance to downtown.	Feb 29, 2012 9:47 PM
470	downtown green space, especially at library lot	Feb 29, 2012 9:44 PM
471	Urban green space/Park	Feb 29, 2012 9:43 PM
472	With the loss of the Y, there was a big loss for affordable housing in the downtown area.	Feb 29, 2012 9:19 PM
473	Developing an urban green space/park within downtown Ann Arbor would be an extremely important addition to Ann Arbor.	Feb 29, 2012 9:19 PM
474	Make it a park please	Feb 29, 2012 9:13 PM
475	Green space! A park!! Outdoor places to sit with benches, gardens, water features. Places that encourage people to linger downtown rather than shopping and leaving.	Feb 29, 2012 9:08 PM
476	Ann Arbor should continue to support and grow the entrepreneurial community.	Feb 29, 2012 8:52 PM

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477	Park in the summer. Ice Rink in the winter. Keep Ann Arbor vibrant and exciting	Feb 29, 2012 8:51 PM
478	Green space is downtown is necessary	Feb 29, 2012 7:40 PM
479	An outdoor public gathering spot to serve as hub for the downtown. There are no outdoor gathering places downtown. An urban park with opportunities for music/gatherings with easy access to casual dining & shopping and essential city services.	Feb 29, 2012 6:38 PM
480	Open park space , gardens	Feb 29, 2012 6:33 PM
481	More park/green space/open areas	Feb 29, 2012 6:29 PM
482	WCC downtown campus	Feb 29, 2012 6:16 PM
483	It's very important to keep downtown green--public parks are wonderful.	Feb 29, 2012 6:16 PM
484	A centralized, outdoor park to for mixed use concerts/gathering/parties/etc.	Feb 29, 2012 6:14 PM
485	any newly constructed buildings to match average heights of buildings already in the area.	Feb 29, 2012 6:11 PM
486	Share common space for citizens to build community, support each other and bridge barriers.	Feb 29, 2012 6:09 PM
487	enhance William as a green pedestrian corridor, coherent plan for green open space as a civic area that serves the downtown library and creates a focal point for local business development, outdoor living space for apts, connecting UM campus to Allen Creek Greenway, Huron River and B2B Trail	Feb 29, 2012 5:56 PM
488	I would like to see a public park on top of the new underground parking structure next to the public library.	Feb 29, 2012 5:41 PM
489	preservation of, and respect for historic buildings, homes and neighborhoods.	Feb 29, 2012 5:37 PM
490	More green space to balance all the "concrete" Green space keeps downtown desirable	Feb 29, 2012 5:27 PM
491	accessibility and safety	Feb 29, 2012 5:21 PM
492	Being pedestrianized, visually-appealing and feeling busy and safe at all hours will help attract a good kind of busy-ness. A vibrant, green, well-planted park is missing from downtown - nowhere to go to picnic and eat and sit outdoors in a lovely gathering spot. This is really the only factor missing downtown to help attract people! The sidewalk culture on Main St. is great - think how much more enjoyable (and inclusive, for those that can't afford restaurants) it would be to have more than just a concrete and street-facing spot for people to gather outside.	Feb 29, 2012 5:15 PM
493	Adequate, convenient, inexpensive parking!	Feb 29, 2012 5:06 PM
494	Kine Lot would do well as a light industrial zone with a city-owned very-tall building housing hardware-based startups, the hackerspace, community-oriented technology classes, hardware suppliers, and a few restaurants. It could work well	Feb 29, 2012 4:58 PM

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	as dual tall buildings organized around a courtyard in the center of the Kine Lot. Underground parking would be ideal, especially if this development could serve as an anchor to the proposed railway transit station.	
495	I live on the intersection of Willam and 5th. For the past two years there has been an unreasonable amount of construction and affiliated noise. Construction in certain areas begins at 7am and ends in the late evenings. Unfortunately, all of this noise is audible to my neighbors and me. Can we enjoy the new infrastructures in 2012 without any obstructive projects?	Feb 29, 2012 4:52 PM
496	Clean, beautiful and attractive.	Feb 29, 2012 4:46 PM
497	ann arbor needs an area where teens can hang out, there's no such places around here !	Feb 29, 2012 4:41 PM
498	The most important parts of downtown from my point of view are the AATA station and the library. I'm against anything that interferes with either (I hate the current construction. It's made using the downtown library nearly impossible and has moved my usual bus home to the opposite side of the street).	Feb 29, 2012 4:29 PM
499	I want it to be good looking.	Feb 29, 2012 4:24 PM
500	Add park space to downtown	Feb 29, 2012 4:05 PM
501	As cited by the Calthorpe Plan, a "Town Center" is an important element lacking currently. Some of the above goals are subsets of such a town center. The Library lot is the perfect location for such a space.	Feb 29, 2012 3:49 PM
502	Clean up the streets, get rid of the bums. Outlaw panhandling completely. Also actually enforce no smoking in front of businesses and no loitering.	Feb 29, 2012 3:48 PM
503	Encourage businesses to move downtown, not move out of downtown	Feb 29, 2012 3:47 PM
504	bicycle parking	Feb 29, 2012 3:41 PM
505	Don't take away parking, it's terrible as it is.	Feb 29, 2012 3:38 PM
506	supporting a conference center still makes sense. This could be a cooperative effort with City hotels linked by a trolley/bus coming to a central area that could support presentations workshops and lunches. Banquets could be handled at other hotels, as desired. Off-time from the conference could be spent downtown. Housing for maybe 250 rooms would be adequate under this scenario. A nice addition, but not eclipsing the DDA. I've tried to schedule conferences in A2 for 400-500 people and not been able to do so because there are not adequate meeting rooms, except Eagle Crest/Ypsi, which doesn't have much local flavor. However, if the role was shared between existing entities, it would strengthen all of the hotels in the area and make downtown a focus.	Feb 29, 2012 3:38 PM
507	Increase non-food retail businesses.	Feb 29, 2012 3:16 PM
508	End the continuous escalation of parking rates. Revenue from parking is not compatible with a downtown that people want to visit frequently.	Feb 29, 2012 3:11 PM
509	The most important thing for this area, and downtown and as a whole is to	Feb 29, 2012 3:02 PM

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	absolutely minimize the amount of surface parking (which includes the first floor of parking structures) and to make sure that there are no dead facades along the streets.	
510	Install a showcase beautification project	Feb 29, 2012 2:46 PM
511	Many of these issues are inter-related. We already have many food based businesses and this is a big draw right now. Other shopping is under stress from malls/online and difficult to maintain. So figure out other ways to get people in. Diversity of affordable housing options is a very important goal for a vibrant downtown. (I looked for something downtown first, then bought a house further out because the prices simply didn't make sense.) I rate major employer and social interaction high since it would have salutary effects on the other parameters.	Feb 29, 2012 2:28 PM
512	It will be important to use this space to improve transit options, and to capitalize on the nearby bus station.	Feb 29, 2012 2:17 PM
513	We need more independent, locally owned businesses in AA	Feb 29, 2012 2:17 PM
514	As the downtown provides fewer businesses that are essential to our daily lives-- grocery stores, hardware stores, etc.-- I see less of a need to provide low-income housing in the downtown corridor. By creating attractive gathering areas and fewer major high-rise buildings, downtown Ann Arbor may become even more of a destination. I am sad to see we are going more the direction of cities such as Stamford, Ct, which has lost a lot of its outdoor gathering spaces and has been taken over by large apartment and business buildings.	Feb 29, 2012 2:15 PM
515	Return the space to public use, such as parks, green way, etc. Protect the space from private development. Keep the public/city land public.	Feb 29, 2012 2:11 PM
516	Reduce property owned by the city so as to increase property taxes and stop politicians from playing developer.	Feb 29, 2012 2:09 PM
517	Help this part of Downtown Ann Arbor be a more vibrant, "hip" place to be.	Feb 29, 2012 1:47 PM
518	Less expensive parking.	Feb 29, 2012 1:33 PM
519	I really would like to see a conference center located downtown.	Feb 29, 2012 1:19 PM
520	Affordable Housing	Feb 29, 2012 1:18 PM
521	Comfortable (i.e. covered?) walkability during winter months. Safe/undistracted walkability	Feb 29, 2012 12:57 PM
522	mixed use urban space that fosters community	Feb 29, 2012 12:18 PM
523	Green space--central park, a civic space for Ann Arbor. No downtown can be called such without a central greenspace downtown.	Feb 29, 2012 12:11 PM
524	A new LIBRARY. It's the only anchor we've got left downtown.	Feb 29, 2012 11:53 AM
525	Would love car less pedestrian way where cafes and events are held on what is now the road permanently - much like Europe's car less social spaces. Cars can	Feb 29, 2012 11:42 AM

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	be directed to the one ways around this area.	
526	This is an opportunity to create an INTERNAL "green belt" where all these spaces can be made contiguous via overhead (above the streets) walkways and sidewalks...	Feb 29, 2012 11:39 AM
527	Support Liberty Street in every way possible; as businesses leave we could lose historic landmarks like the Michigan Theater through fear of going down an abandoned and desolate street.	Feb 29, 2012 11:39 AM
528	A downtown that continues to function and provide services for a racially and economically diverse group of people. Dining and specialty food is fine, but I think there's enough by now. So are public outdoor gathering spaces, but it's freezing and dreary most of the year. What about a public space that converts from outdoor to indoor? Just a far-flung thought. Thanks for the survey.	Feb 29, 2012 11:38 AM
529	I think many people enjoy Ann Arbor for the opportunity to be able to walk around and socialize, which is missing from other towns in Michigan. I have met many Europeans that feel at home in Ann Arbor for that reason. I also enjoy this aspect.	Feb 29, 2012 11:31 AM
530	I support the Allen Creek Greenway Conservancy initiative and this it should be at the top of the list. I also support a park with grass, trees and benches on the library lot.	Feb 29, 2012 11:15 AM
531	Showcasing environmental sustainability should be integrated into everything that is done, and doesn't need to be something independent of the other goals	Feb 29, 2012 11:11 AM
532	Provide outdoor spaces which are attractions for people to gather together or to just relax in - say at lunchtime, after work, during a break during the day ideally should have a fountain, flowers, grass, not just concrete. In European cities there are small squares with fountains in where people gather. Fountains are remarkably relaxing and cool the surrounding air - on a hot summer day that is very welcome in the concrete/brick world that makes up the urban landscape. ** Pedestrian free streets - Main street from Huron to William either permanently closed to traffic (except for delivery vehicles) or close main street after 5.30pm each day during spring, summer and fall.	Feb 29, 2012 10:53 AM
533	I think we need additional "luxury" boutique hotels within walking distance of downtown Ann Arbor. Only having 1 hotel (Belle Tower) within the city center isn't enough. The Campus Inn, located on a busy street such as Huron isn't as appealing and too far from Main Street.	Feb 29, 2012 10:50 AM
534	We need more green space downtown--places where people can interact, eat, walk, sit in park space.	Feb 29, 2012 10:47 AM
535	The City has an obligation to replace the old YMCA low income housing units in a central location. Other downtown housing is strategic as well, but the low income piece mustn't be lost in the process.	Feb 29, 2012 10:44 AM
536	This is a difficult area to have something similar to a piazza. I lived at the corner of 4th and William and I can honestly say it was the least safe I ever felt in Ann Arbor. I would recommend making sure that whatever is done, a safe walking	Feb 29, 2012 10:42 AM

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	path, particularly for women at night, is taken into account. The issue with a having an area for outdoor community events is those park areas become very desolate at night. I think it is important to make sure we focus on LOCAL, INDEPENDENT business. This includes making and keeping rents feasible for these businesses to set-up and stay rather than forcing them out and putting rents at levels only large, box corporations can afford.	
537	Ann Arbor desperately needs a downtown park with grass, trees, and benches, that is secure and inviting.	Feb 29, 2012 10:41 AM
538	Please DISBAND the DDA. Oh, and fix the roads, please. And no more giant parking structures, OK?	Feb 29, 2012 10:41 AM
539	There is no need to "showcase" sustainability, just do it. This includes social spaces, density, community - all the intangibles in green building and community planning.	Feb 29, 2012 10:25 AM
540	Need to preserve diversity of housing options in this area.	Feb 29, 2012 10:25 AM
541	Expand public transit center into former Y lot, adding Greyhound/Michigan Flyer access	Feb 29, 2012 10:21 AM
542	This survey is a sham. You do not provide any opportunity to comment on what is truly planned by the DDA which is to remove as much surface parking as possible. When you plan for closing one of these lots, building another parking lot boondoggle, raising parking rates yet again, you will use this survey to say, see what the poeple sid they wanted but that is only a choice from those that you selected from the DDA agenda for downtown. This is not a true citizen survey input of what the DDA intends to do. If for example you ever told the citizens what was intended and what would happen at the Library lot, including raising parking rates which you said would not happen, it never would have gotten approval. I can see you throwing these comments in the waste basket and laughing it off, but I am far from alone. Many people are very angry about the DDA's agenda for downtown.	Feb 29, 2012 9:57 AM
543	Attract more affordable lunch/dining options, like a Boston Market, Fazzoli's, Tim Horton, etc. Ten+ dollar lunches add up quickly, and have a great impact on the budgets of the many downtown workers who are barely at the city's living wage.	Feb 29, 2012 9:31 AM
544	Diversity of housing options needs to include affordable housing for very low income people	Feb 29, 2012 8:47 AM
545	Outside/park/playground space	Feb 29, 2012 8:18 AM
546	it should be a mix of green space and built environment to attract people to hang out there.	Feb 28, 2012 10:16 PM
547	Inexpensive parking	Feb 28, 2012 10:04 PM
548	Please make this area more visually attractive. Much of the area is a visual wasteland, and has been for as long as I can remember. What pleasant thing is there to look at as you walk through that area? All I can think of is the few plantings at the surface lot near Blake, and a few attractive houses along William	Feb 28, 2012 9:34 PM

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St., opposite the area you plan to improve.

549	Ann Arbor needs an outdoor meeting space, "city center", for arts and fun. We don't need another highrise, we don't need a convention hall/hotel, we don't need more restaurants, but we do need a space inbetween the university and the city downtown for creative activities and meeting space, outdoor skating or some such activity, a place that is highly used so it doesn't get taken over by indigents. Have year-round facility for local artists to show their work, give workshops. Have local food carts (similar to Marks Carts) but NOT chain food vendors. Create a space for LOCAL residents and artists and small businesses that is accessible and attractive to visitors to ann arbor.	Feb 28, 2012 9:34 PM
550	Environment, jobs for the low income and homeless, and MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING (ie. housing for people whose earnings fall below the national poverty line of \$15,000 a year) downtown for the low income and homeless	Feb 28, 2012 9:33 PM
551	More urban vitality of all sorts.	Feb 28, 2012 8:49 PM
552	Reduce duplicate parking options. I don't see why there should be so many parking areas in the same part of downtown. It seems very wasteful.	Feb 28, 2012 8:40 PM
553	Don't do it! Leave the parking available. It is what makes our downtown accessible, and keeps our downtown businesses thriving!	Feb 28, 2012 8:31 PM
554	The model should be a European plaza - a public space with play areas for kids, lots of outdoor/cafe seating with a variety of food/drink options (including alcohol.) Plaza de Santa Ana in Madrid is a great example.	Feb 28, 2012 8:24 PM
555	Use public art features to unite area. These works are visible 24/7 and create a playful, fun feeling. Public art says that a community cares about its citizens' and visitors' aesthetic opportunities. Great to pull businesses and people into town.	Feb 28, 2012 8:20 PM
556	Some sort of medium size grocery store or market is required to make downtown fully walkable. Probably means Libraty lot has to be big residential project to support it.	Feb 28, 2012 7:17 PM
557	easy parking	Feb 28, 2012 7:16 PM
558	Keep the quirky-ness of Ann Arbor and maintain a high level of safety.	Feb 28, 2012 7:14 PM
559	Attractive design, prefer some well designed parkland	Feb 28, 2012 6:12 PM
560	public plaza	Feb 28, 2012 5:52 PM
561	Improve parking access	Feb 28, 2012 5:51 PM
562	Provide more pedestrian free areas.	Feb 28, 2012 5:51 PM
563	i'd like to see a dog park in central ann arbor. like to have activities during winter such as an ice skating rink.	Feb 28, 2012 5:37 PM
564	Independent businesses	Feb 28, 2012 5:09 PM

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565	For "townies", without Borders Books there are few public spaces - residents should have more UofM privileges, since it is not a private university; or there should be monumental architecture open to the public, as in any good sized city.	Feb 28, 2012 4:51 PM
566	Increased safety in the area.	Feb 28, 2012 4:32 PM
567	keep parking accessible and easy to get to down town.	Feb 28, 2012 4:21 PM
568	Improve the visual quality of the William, Fourth, Fifth, and Ashley streetscapes, especially for pedestrians.	Feb 28, 2012 4:16 PM
569	new high density, mixed use development can reduce dependency on auto use	Feb 28, 2012 4:07 PM
570	Dog friendly options	Feb 28, 2012 3:55 PM
571	Green Space - a plaza type environment for social interaction - community events -	Feb 28, 2012 3:42 PM
572	create a pedestrian friendly environment using alleys and walkways to knit area together	Feb 28, 2012 3:38 PM
573	attractive and functional green space	Feb 28, 2012 3:34 PM
574	Retain and cater to independent businesses, avoid major corporations.	Feb 28, 2012 3:28 PM
575	Open space, green space, landscaping, attractive streetscaping	Feb 28, 2012 3:12 PM
576	increase parking	Feb 28, 2012 2:51 PM
577	Parking freindly space would be appreciated	Feb 28, 2012 2:42 PM
578	Safety should be a top priority. At the moment, more times than not a safe environment for pedestrians using the 4th & William parking structure does not exist.	Feb 28, 2012 2:37 PM
579	Indoor event space would be great, as would outdoor space. I'm interested in any civic activity - not art in particular.	Feb 28, 2012 2:05 PM
580	Even though Ann Arbor isn't too bad compared to the rest of the nation, we need to try and bring more business to the city, a lot of people, me included are still out of work and we need to get people back to work.	Feb 28, 2012 2:01 PM
581	Less parking space and make the center of downtown harder to drive in -- channel motor vehicles to the periphery.	Feb 28, 2012 2:01 PM
582	Architectural and aesthetic continuity	Feb 28, 2012 1:43 PM
583	MORE FRICKING PARKING!!!!	Feb 28, 2012 1:23 PM
584	At present the federal Building and bus station act as obstacles, as does the 4th and william parking lot. it will take something substanital to draw pedestrian traffic around these. Currently this part of town is dead and the blank faces of the library does not help either. Relocating the Post office would be the best solution, but is impractical. I believe Ann arbor needs a new parking strategy in which	Feb 28, 2012 1:21 PM

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ground levels are commerical and parking happens above and below. Consider other public oriented business that generate repeat foot traffic, such as healthclubs, residential towers, an upscale pool hall, a supermarket. the key is to not locate these at ground level, aside from the entrances. then leave the gorund open for restaurants and small businesses.

585	We need a green area in our downtown.	Feb 28, 2012 1:13 PM
586	Provide downtown parking with these as parking lots!	Feb 28, 2012 1:11 PM
587	If you want to attract more people to the downtown area how about a place for them to stay	Feb 28, 2012 1:01 PM
588	green space downtown. community spaces!	Feb 28, 2012 12:57 PM
589	We need a central urban park as a focus for cultural activities and for community identity. In spring, summer, and fall, it would be a green oasis and a place to meet friends or to rest between errands or to bring children to play. In winter it could offer a skating rink for the enjoyment of skaters and spectators. There is now no such recreational space in the downtown, where population is growing. A park would bring economic benefit to the city by making the downtown a more desirable place to live and to build residences and businesses. Property values go up in areas adjacent to active urban parks. Businesses benefit from the presence of people who are drawn to a park. Examples are the Highline Park in NYC and the Campus Martius in Detroit. Besides offering a "green oasis," an urban park can be a venue for musical and dramatic performances, ethnic festivals, civic rallies, spontaneous celebrations, and--sometimes--shared grief. A great city needs a place that draws people together for these purposes. The best location for it in Ann Arbor is the space next to the Library, on top of the new underground parking ramp. It could be called the "Library Green" and would be recognized as the heart of our town.	Feb 28, 2012 12:49 PM
590	Pedestrian safety must be a priority not an after thought. Human-scale buildings at sidewalk level, wide sidewalks, adequate safe crossings, EASY access to parking not just massive confusing garages without safe sidewalks within, and spaces for social interaction (not just filling sidewalks with cafe tables which restrict free sidewalk movement), will ALL contribute to more people using our downtown. Local "bus" service to GET around downtown in a loop is needed if more people come into downtown from elsewhere. Look at what a great job Boulder, CO has done with its pedestrian mall downtown, and Loop bus service. Bus could be free with a paid parking receipt!	Feb 28, 2012 12:48 PM
591	Independent businesses is what makes Ann Arbor special. Chains really detract from this uniqueness. Nobody wants to come spend money in jsut another suburb.	Feb 28, 2012 12:40 PM
592	Hire top designers (some are even local) to ensure the area's viability and attractiveness to a hipper public.	Feb 28, 2012 12:38 PM
593	Re: independent businesses - keeping chain business, or even the AESTHETICS of a chain business, at bay will increase the sense of a unique ann arbor. ALSO:: A block of buildings with clusters, nooks, and crannies (Braun court comes the closest to this).	Feb 28, 2012 12:32 PM

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594	Create a non-university (tax-generating) institution such as a hotel/conference center to bring new people downtown year-round.	Feb 28, 2012 12:30 PM
595	Fourth Ave seems to be the hardest pressed to have a full makeover. A rejuvenation of Fourth would remove the especially help the downtown feel hospitable.	Feb 28, 2012 12:27 PM
596	We need more to do downtown besides eat and drink. To go shopping again would be great!	Feb 28, 2012 12:12 PM
597	Create an appealing corridor between Main St. and State St.	Feb 28, 2012 12:11 PM
598	Affordable housing	Feb 28, 2012 12:07 PM
599	Any construction should respect (and reinforce) the density, morphology and design vernacular that makes Ann Arbor special -- unlike the majority of recent projects.	Feb 28, 2012 12:03 PM
600	public space	Feb 28, 2012 12:02 PM
601	safety, curb appeal	Feb 28, 2012 11:53 AM
602	Don't reduce parking!!!!!!!	Feb 28, 2012 11:46 AM
603	Better parking! Underground parking lot incredibly bad idea. Do you know how many people won't use underground parking due to safety concerns? Also, make parking Easy to USE and LET US KNOW WHAT PARKING COSTS! For example, \$0.25 gives you how many minutes? Five cents doesn't give enough time to get a get your meter receipt. I lived in Boston, and don't mind if it's expensive. But I feel TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF EVERY TIME I USE PARKING STATIONS.	Feb 28, 2012 11:44 AM
604	These are great, centrally-located properties. They should include a mix of uses (housing, retail) connected by great common spaces to fully utilize the tax potential and put this area to its best use.	Feb 28, 2012 11:37 AM
605	Environmental sustainability is very important but LEED certification is an unimportant way to achieve true sustainability (i.e. it is not worth the cost of pushing paperwork to gain a "certificate")	Feb 28, 2012 11:36 AM
606	Develop NEW retail sources of income. The addition of most retailers, esp. chains and regional firms, simply take money from the existing pool and add little others cannot see elsewhere, ie no uniqueness that draws new people. New independent businesses need to be new revenue creators, not revenue exchangers.	Feb 28, 2012 11:27 AM
607	affordable parking options	Feb 28, 2012 11:22 AM
608	It is critical that the City places a focus on SAFETY and infrastructure. Wide, well maintained (both in structure and cleanliness) sidewalks that are free of panhandlers, drugged out street folks, and random graffiti would encourage foot traffic and invite our out of town visitors to simply take a walk and explore the town.	Feb 28, 2012 11:19 AM

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609	Very important to support mixed uses that include residential options. Mixing affordable and market-rate housing would be great for the area.	Feb 28, 2012 11:10 AM
610	living things would be nice. I'd like to see more green downtown rather than blacktop.	Feb 28, 2012 11:10 AM
611	to provide the support needed for people living and working in the downtown area	Feb 28, 2012 10:55 AM
612	parking	Feb 28, 2012 10:38 AM
613	A downtown shelter for the homeless	Feb 28, 2012 10:35 AM
614	The equivalent of a Central Park	Feb 28, 2012 10:21 AM
615	some type of access to light rail system under development	Feb 28, 2012 10:09 AM
616	Give people a reason to visit/patronize businesses on Ashley and on William.	Feb 28, 2012 10:04 AM
617	no more parking structures	Feb 28, 2012 9:58 AM
618	Bringing more people to downtown is #1 priority. Secondly, we need more parking. I often find it daunting to find a parking spot so I don't even bother to travel downtown. I've been known to call a downtown store and place an order and have it mailed to me rather than deal with the limited parking situation.	Feb 28, 2012 9:45 AM
619	Clean up the area. Make is safer and more attractive to people. Perceptions are everything, and right now this area looks gross.	Feb 28, 2012 9:32 AM
620	affordable parking - you must let private organizations determine viability of arts and continuing ed - this is not a city service we should pay for with our tax dollars or parking reveune	Feb 28, 2012 9:21 AM
621	It is extremely important to at the very least maintain the parking in the area. It would be helpful to increase the number of spaces.	Feb 28, 2012 9:09 AM
622	When I lived a block from this area, I found myself lacking a comfortable/safe/welcoming place to be outside, and basic household/foodstuff shopping would be nice.	Feb 28, 2012 9:05 AM
623	Build Ann Arbor into a WALKABLE city.	Feb 28, 2012 8:49 AM
624	We need a GREEN PARK downtown, with grass, benches, trees/bushes/other flora	Feb 28, 2012 6:52 AM
625	Eliminate the surface lots. Terrible use of real estate and an eyesore. A land trust for locally owned businesses would be great, but hard to pull off. Sad to see State Street turn into South U with so many chains. Could be anywhere, losing unique character.	Feb 27, 2012 11:29 PM
626	Make sure to keep current buildings/services, such as the Library and Post Office	Feb 27, 2012 11:28 PM
627	don;t bring in any more cars	Feb 27, 2012 11:19 PM

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628	Make these spaces where people want to be - spaces that contribute to quality of life and quality of experience.	Feb 27, 2012 11:14 PM
629	DENSITY! library lot, y, and kline should have BIG BUILDINGS. seriously.	Feb 27, 2012 10:17 PM
630	A conference center and hotel rooms to attract small conferences to downtown.	Feb 27, 2012 9:51 PM
631	Lively dense streets	Feb 27, 2012 9:46 PM
632	Close off Fifth between Liberty and William	Feb 27, 2012 9:37 PM
633	Make the downtown different then just AnyWhere USA. Working with the property owners to get a better business mix to attract more locals to the downtown.	Feb 27, 2012 9:34 PM
634	Need a ped/transit-oriented major activity focal point -- big draw for locals & visitors.	Feb 27, 2012 9:34 PM
635	One thing Ann Arbor lacks is high quality, affordable, non-student housing.	Feb 27, 2012 8:24 PM
636	Personally, I feel there is too much automotive parking for this area. I would love to see a "pedestrian" or non-motorized corridor in this space.	Feb 27, 2012 7:20 PM
637	No more ridiculous apartments for michigan students. no more overpriced flats. no more never ending projets that KILL local businesses (how exactly is a 4 year long project supposed to help any independent businesses. no more chain coffee/restaurants. this is not the suburbs of detroit, lets not act like it.	Feb 27, 2012 6:57 PM
638	Encourage non-traditional transportation by providing close, convenient, and considered bicycle and moped/motorcycle parking, etc.	Feb 27, 2012 6:38 PM
639	"Affordable" parking and public transportation (AATA)	Feb 27, 2012 6:23 PM
640	safety	Feb 27, 2012 5:52 PM
641	Please don't consider a downtown hotel and conference center or other venture unless it is 100% funded with private financing. Please don't use our tax money to build an albatross. If private funding can't be sucured for a project, there is usally a reason.	Feb 27, 2012 5:37 PM
642	Create more indoor areas open to the public that are not businesses. As in, public art exhibitions that would provide entertainment/education to the public as well as a place for the homeless population to take advatage of on days of unbearable weather.	Feb 27, 2012 5:33 PM
643	Downtown Ann Arbor needs a quality hotel and convention center	Feb 27, 2012 5:27 PM
644	make is a clean, safe place to connect Main with State and the campus. Downtown needs more streets to connect the areas.	Feb 27, 2012 5:08 PM
645	Space for weddings/trade shows/performances	Feb 27, 2012 5:04 PM
646	Would be nice to treat monthly permit holders who are there M-F spending their dollars to decent parking instead of having to be on floor 5-6 at 8:30 am of	Feb 27, 2012 4:59 PM

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	William-Fourth lot. Why not make it permit parking only during weekdays?	
647	An outdoor wading and skating pond.	Feb 27, 2012 4:55 PM
648	Maintain parking spaces.	Feb 27, 2012 4:44 PM
649	native plants and beautiful design	Feb 27, 2012 4:35 PM
650	create a more cohesive downtown environment- these few blocks always seem a bit in disarray in terms of the myriad of typical downtown area usage. less art galleries and jewelry shops. more enticing store displays for the everyday person.	Feb 27, 2012 4:33 PM
651	Grocery store &/or general retail such as a Target	Feb 27, 2012 4:28 PM
652	affordable housing	Feb 27, 2012 4:13 PM
653	Abolish the DDA's control over parking. Taxation without representation. An power structure without mandate. The DDA has too much power; parking fees should not be used to fund City services.	Feb 27, 2012 4:09 PM
654	new library downtown	Feb 27, 2012 4:05 PM
655	Parking lots aren't important to people that live in Ann Arbor. It seems that these projects are more for tourists and those of us who live here have to live with it disturbing our daily routines.	Feb 27, 2012 4:04 PM
656	transportation	Feb 27, 2012 4:04 PM
657	Green space, trees, plants, and other aspects of the living environment should be given the highest priority possible. Green spaces energize the city, and increase the quality of life for all (plus they're environmentally friendly!).	Feb 27, 2012 3:49 PM
658	Keep rent and property cost reasonable so small businesses are able to afford downtown rent. NO MORE large out of state chains store please!! Ann Arbor can not lose its downtown independent charm. also, parks and downtown seating areas are nice but should be well lit (LED lighting), nice looking and not made of cement like liberty plaza.	Feb 27, 2012 3:46 PM
659	A place to park my car!	Feb 27, 2012 3:37 PM
660	Rid Ann Arbor of street people and beggars - free one way bus ticket to Florida.	Feb 27, 2012 3:26 PM
661	Visually stimulating connected spaces with walking paths to flow between new areas to increase use.	Feb 27, 2012 3:22 PM
662	Conferance and meeting space	Feb 27, 2012 3:06 PM
663	Space should be mixed use with ACTIVE street level businesses.	Feb 27, 2012 2:52 PM
664	Prioritize shopping over food.	Feb 27, 2012 2:43 PM
665	Improve Stormwater Management - work with the City to address flooding and Water Issues.	Feb 27, 2012 2:42 PM

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666	covered bicycle parking	Feb 27, 2012 2:27 PM
667	More walkable, less dead space, less emphasis on parking.	Feb 27, 2012 1:52 PM
668	Green and accessible	Feb 27, 2012 1:34 PM
669	fix the roads and sidewalks, quit spending our money on your elitist pet projects (spinning toy taped to the fence in the Palio lot)	Feb 27, 2012 1:20 PM
670	Do NOT over develop these parcels.	Feb 27, 2012 1:01 PM
671	Pedestrian friendliness	Feb 27, 2012 12:39 PM
672	Provide natural (i.e., "green") open space as part of a broader design for public activity and use downtown	Feb 27, 2012 12:17 PM
673	There must be easy parking to attract visitors. Should be free after 5pm.	Feb 27, 2012 11:38 AM
674	No more entertainment, green space, trees, community space: housing deiversity: affordable housing	Feb 27, 2012 10:53 AM
675	Jobs. Jobs. Jobs.	Feb 27, 2012 9:16 AM
676	I left the food based business space blank because I don't think we need more restaurants, but we do desperately need a small, regular, grocery store. Not high end, not specialty products, but a regular grocery to purchase staples, etc.	Feb 27, 2012 9:11 AM
677	We NEED more public space! Space where people can be out together without purchasing anything. This is VITAL for community building. We need a commons!	Feb 27, 2012 12:24 AM
678	preservation of some beautiful historic buildings	Feb 26, 2012 10:54 PM
679	This is a very non "PC" comment, but it is extremely important to me that we do not create additional spaces that become hangouts for the homeless. Liberty Plaza was a great idea but a failure in practice and I do NOT want more Liberty Plazas.	Feb 26, 2012 8:40 PM
680	I am an advocate for a public park atop the library lot. We need a strong central common space to bring about social interaction, community events and public participation to support and energize surrounding downtown businesses.	Feb 26, 2012 6:35 PM
681	Functionality: e.g. hardware store, grocery store, etc.	Feb 26, 2012 3:46 PM
682	It is critical that the final process of determining what happens to these parcels has citizen input and transparency.	Feb 26, 2012 12:51 PM
683	Focus on increasing density. Don't be afraid of building more than 10 stories.	Feb 26, 2012 11:58 AM
684	Safe, low-cost parking for those who do not live downtown	Feb 26, 2012 11:46 AM
685	The old Y lot needs to be sold before the baloon payment comes due.	Feb 26, 2012 9:50 AM
686	Space to showcase LOCAL enterprise, including locally owned stores, etc.	Feb 26, 2012 1:15 AM

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	Especially businesses that sell practical products and services that typical Ann Arborites can afford. I'm unhappy that downtown has turned into a destination for rich people from other places.	
687	just promise to try your hardest not to shut down any local businesses while you're at it...	Feb 26, 2012 12:27 AM
688	a child-friendly environment beside the library (not just sculptures and fountains), a real child activity setting	Feb 26, 2012 12:06 AM
689	Urban density. High-rise buildings built to the street, with enough sidewalk space for walking, dining, etc. Key to attracting young people to stay / come to this area.	Feb 25, 2012 11:49 PM
690	Beautification of the downtown area.	Feb 25, 2012 11:21 PM
691	green space and trees/	Feb 25, 2012 11:12 PM
692	Safety - handling busy streets and lots of pedestrians, bikes, strollers	Feb 25, 2012 10:12 PM
693	go slow. facilitate people's needs. develop organically not by edict.	Feb 25, 2012 8:50 PM
694	Safe atmosphere is most important.	Feb 25, 2012 8:35 PM
695	Maintain historic character: 5 story height limits and appropriate design if new building is done. Large species, mature trees, green space.	Feb 25, 2012 7:40 PM
696	Don't waste money. We don't need art or performance space in a parking lot, A2 has plenty of that already. Do what's most financially sound long-term. Don't waste money.	Feb 25, 2012 7:10 PM
697	How about a downtown park, Maybe with a place for skateboarding, seats, and a building for public gatherings and meetings.	Feb 25, 2012 6:07 PM
698	A public space link in Italy where the community gathers. Surrounded by small businesses that cater to the public. A space to just hang out, to have festivals, live music, and foster a sense of community.	Feb 25, 2012 5:54 PM
699	Provide a greenspace for a botanical and art walk that may include a performance venue	Feb 25, 2012 4:12 PM
700	More areas for children's activities and some play structures for them as there are none downtown.	Feb 25, 2012 3:09 PM
701	Library lot should be The Commons	Feb 25, 2012 3:04 PM
702	Create outdoor environment which promotes and supports community interaction and activities	Feb 25, 2012 3:00 PM
703	Development of these lots is premature, when downtown has many vacancies in existing buildings. The current biggest detriment to downtown (aside from panhandlers) is the large, empty building formerly housing Borders' Books. It was an important anchor store for nearby retail businesses. Until these problems are solved, temporary use of the properties as surface parking, with	Feb 25, 2012 2:59 PM

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	occasional use for festivals (like use of the Palio lot for Rolling Sculpture) is the best current use of the land.	
704	Skateboard park and ice rink!	Feb 25, 2012 2:36 PM
705	Attract and support locally owned, independent businesses that in their turn support the community.	Feb 25, 2012 2:07 PM
706	Make/keep parking easily accessible, affordable and safe. It is often older people who have money to spend, but who may not be able to walk very far and need easy access. And it's just good business sense to attract people of any age that way.	Feb 25, 2012 2:05 PM
707	We need open space to complement the dense development.	Feb 25, 2012 2:04 PM
708	Walkability is key. The most attractive areas of our downtown have a mix of retail, service, food and art spaces, all at street level -- not set back from street. Offices and housing are great for above street-level. All buildings should be small and interesting - no more huge buildings downtown!	Feb 25, 2012 1:36 PM
709	A green, public park in the center of the downtown with features that attract a diverse group of people.	Feb 25, 2012 1:29 PM
710	create walkable connections through downtown, making it easier and more attractive to walk between state and main streets rather than driving to a different part of town as many visitors do.	Feb 25, 2012 12:52 PM
711	Make is comfortable and friendly to walking around. Places to sit and rest.	Feb 25, 2012 12:15 PM
712	How do you folks propose to keep the panhandlers out? Will it be SAFE!	Feb 25, 2012 12:04 PM
713	Parking should remain a priority (convenient, affordable parking)	Feb 25, 2012 11:52 AM
714	Create and foster a gathering type of park to enhance the Art Fair experience. This space could also be used for a Winter skating park, etc.	Feb 25, 2012 11:40 AM
715	the current ration of restaurants to small independant businesses is out of wack.	Feb 25, 2012 11:23 AM
716	more reasonable parking costs will generate more people coming to downtown events.	Feb 25, 2012 11:14 AM
717	Walkability is an important factor for a vibrant street community, so consider this when designing the area. Public art, easy crosswalks, and roomy sidewalks are all important.	Feb 25, 2012 11:05 AM
718	Think in terms of decades. A 100 yr plan, 50, 25. Klines a large retail structure...21st century version of Main St...that it would share an alley with. Library lot needs A2 version of Disney Opera House (c'mon Larry Page, whats a billion for your old friends in A2!) Old Y as flex space. Leave Palio as is...25 years from now lets see...	Feb 25, 2012 11:04 AM
719	Stop thinking of downtown as being a deep pocket and constantly trying to generate more parking fees and other actions only to make more revenue. Focus on the PEOPLE and meeting their needs to make downtown patron	Feb 25, 2012 10:40 AM

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friendly starting with parking to walking around the area safely neither of which seem to be a goal. Money always seems to be the goal to support large salaries and no other real reason that lends value to the general public.

720	Make Main St. in this area into a pedestrian mall.	Feb 25, 2012 10:33 AM
721	Create space for year round (tempered) activities Create more housing in the downtown area of any type	Feb 25, 2012 10:32 AM
722	Plenty of lighting to keep it safe.	Feb 25, 2012 9:59 AM
723	It should be creative and inviting.	Feb 25, 2012 9:50 AM
724	We need more parking! After two experiences trying to find weekend parking, we've stopped coming downtown on weekends.	Feb 25, 2012 9:43 AM
725	Keep the Kline lot a surface lot!	Feb 25, 2012 9:36 AM
726	Some meaningful public park spaces are extremely important. Ann Arbor's "Central Park".	Feb 25, 2012 9:26 AM
727	Turn Main Street into a pedestrian mall on warm weather weekend nights.	Feb 25, 2012 8:52 AM
728	Public Art	Feb 25, 2012 8:51 AM
729	Downtown needs a good, focal gathering point that will draw people downtown and support the businesses there.	Feb 25, 2012 8:43 AM
730	No convention centers. Avoid extensive closures of downtown, like current parking garage fiasco.	Feb 25, 2012 8:42 AM
731	Create a pedestrian-friendly area so walking these blocks is safe and appealing; perhaps create some links with nearby parking areas.	Feb 25, 2012 8:40 AM
732	no more student housing - stop destroying gorgeous homes near the downtown (city place which now set a legal precedent to destroy the whole near downtown) - force the landlords to keep up properties to look decent	Feb 25, 2012 8:13 AM
733	Increase safety	Feb 25, 2012 7:54 AM
734	Bike lanes on William Street.	Feb 25, 2012 6:26 AM
735	Development in keeping with A2D2 goals while complementing vibrant adjacent neighborhoods.	Feb 25, 2012 6:23 AM
736	Need national retailer downtown.	Feb 25, 2012 1:37 AM
737	Let's focus on more year-round attractions, which are reasons a person should choose to head downtown, park his/her car, and spend time there as opposed to spending time in the suburbs. There needs to be more attractions and reasons to go downtown. Restaurants are great, but it would be nice to have attractions that don't involve having a meal as well. In other words, if the only reason to go downtown is to have dinner, that's no good.	Feb 25, 2012 12:32 AM

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738	warming shelter and community/peace center	Feb 25, 2012 12:13 AM
739	I want a gathering place, an indoor public square-type space. One of the things missing now that Borders is gone is a place where you can hang out while you, say, wait for a table at Mani or a movie at the Michigan Theater or a show at Hill or the Power Center. A place where you can stop in for a few minutes for free and browse. A bookstore fulfills this function well, but a high-end retailer--like Crate and Barrel or Anthropologie--would work well, too. A place to kill time that provides interest of its own.	Feb 24, 2012 11:47 PM
740	A grocery store/ coop	Feb 24, 2012 11:21 PM
741	We need less public space and more private space in the area	Feb 24, 2012 10:55 PM
742	if the AATA is to remain within, expand and build either on federal bldg lot or the old ymca lot.	Feb 24, 2012 10:53 PM
743	Community bonding	Feb 24, 2012 10:38 PM
744	A boutique, independently-owned hotel.	Feb 24, 2012 10:37 PM
745	Density	Feb 24, 2012 10:18 PM
746	A certain amount of high density (6 -8 stories) housing should be created in this area or in the close vicinity of the library, transportation center and Federal building	Feb 24, 2012 10:14 PM
747	Retain existing attractive buildings Do not encourage more sky scrapers	Feb 24, 2012 10:06 PM
748	Treat our city space with kindness and think of those who live in or around the downtown area.	Feb 24, 2012 9:56 PM
749	Make downtown safe	Feb 24, 2012 9:47 PM
750	Maintain small town character; Do not sell the few city-owned properties that remain. Do not build on speculation.	Feb 24, 2012 9:45 PM
751	SDFSDF	Feb 24, 2012 9:24 PM
752	Re: below. Sculptures and fountains are NOT "amenities for children." Consult children as to what they like. You won't find either of those mentioned.	Feb 24, 2012 9:18 PM
753	get the panhandlers out	Feb 24, 2012 9:07 PM
754	Increase pedestrian friendliness. Narrowing Division and Fifth with mid-block crosswalks (eg between the library and AATA).	Feb 24, 2012 8:50 PM
755	Make Main St. and the area feel more like a central point for the city, much like the Diag on State, or the Square in Plymouth. High traffic on Main, etc distracts from the dining/leisure atmosphere and exoerience. Make it more of a place to "hang out" not just shop and eat...we have enough of that.	Feb 24, 2012 8:40 PM
756	safety thru foot and bike patrols year round.	Feb 24, 2012 7:52 PM

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757	pedestrian zone	Feb 24, 2012 7:48 PM
758	connections to the library; actual and perceived safety in the parking structure	Feb 24, 2012 7:41 PM
759	to take it out of DDA hands who can't manage anything effectively	Feb 24, 2012 7:36 PM
760	A new hotel, but without convention center.	Feb 24, 2012 7:25 PM
761	No convention center	Feb 24, 2012 7:17 PM
762	I am against the City selling all of its parking lot properties. If it wishes to dispense of one of the surface lots (EITHER the Kline Lot or Y Lot, but not the Palio lot), I can support that. I would encourage the city to look into other ways for generating revenue, such as building retail space on the ground floor of the 4th and William parking deck.	Feb 24, 2012 7:15 PM
763	Skip all of the "green Stuff" Man made Climate change is a Hoax! (Science not emotion)	Feb 24, 2012 7:14 PM
764	improve the pedestrian experience through the corridor	Feb 24, 2012 7:13 PM
765	Make the parking structures there affordable and safe -- especially in the evenings. Also stop allowing the knocking down of historic buildings for apartments.	Feb 24, 2012 7:12 PM
766	Make sure to hold multiple meetings for discussion of use of the space. The options listed do not provide enough context to give reliable responses. Will the sites be sold? It makes a big difference if one knows that status.	Feb 24, 2012 7:08 PM
767	Deal with flooding issues, Green Streets, Green Roofs	Feb 24, 2012 7:02 PM
768	ban the homeless	Feb 24, 2012 6:52 PM
769	Busnissess or space should be used for something 'different'... not the same old thing like more resturants, art galleries and candy shops. People are more likely to come to downtown and visit existing spaces if there are even more new and different things to see/do. i.e. Jazz (club/festival) or something else like 'Festifools'.	Feb 24, 2012 6:48 PM
770	increase building density and reduce square footage of surface parking	Feb 24, 2012 6:47 PM
771	retrain ALL existing single family homes -- the destruction of the historic houses on 5th Av has been the most short sighted and disheartening turn of events in my 20+ years living in downtown Ann Arbor -- NO more demolition just to build cheap student housing	Feb 24, 2012 6:46 PM
772	LOWER the cost of parking in downtwon. I no longer go downtown because of the cost of parking.	Feb 24, 2012 6:41 PM
773	Create more affordable & handicap accessible housing in the downtown area.	Feb 24, 2012 6:37 PM
774	Better public transportation. AATA is doing a good job but can you imagine what a light rail into this area would do?	Feb 24, 2012 6:37 PM

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775	Downtown social space as focal point for culture and civic activities.	Feb 24, 2012 6:33 PM
776	Servuces to support and foster downtown residents and their needs, such as a grocery store, etc.	Feb 24, 2012 6:25 PM
777	Create revenue for the City	Feb 24, 2012 6:20 PM
778	This survey is not that transparent. If I choose "attract/retain major employer" does that get spun into "conference center?"	Feb 24, 2012 6:15 PM
779	Keep the environment safe; only bring in reputable businesses.	Feb 24, 2012 6:12 PM
780	Sell the parcels. Let market take risk. Collect taxes.	Feb 24, 2012 6:07 PM
781	Bike lanes on william street. Cut on street parking.	Feb 24, 2012 6:04 PM
782	Thunder Dome	Feb 24, 2012 6:00 PM
783	More things to do downtown other than eating and art.	Feb 24, 2012 5:54 PM
784	more pedestrian/consumer friendly	Feb 24, 2012 5:50 PM
785	Address traffic flow in the area so it is less congested through out the day and does not become an area to be avoided.	Feb 24, 2012 5:49 PM
786	I work downtown and a lot of people complain about parking parking PARKING!!! I commute so I do not have to deal with this problem but that tends to be peoples complaint. Also the homeless population. Liberty street which I nicknamed bum alley because you can't go down it without getting asked for change by at least 2 people.	Feb 24, 2012 5:49 PM
787	indoor & outdoor interactions. The most vibrant areas of downtown are those that support a mix of cafes/restaurants & galleries. Those items surrounding a downtown park (perhaps on top of the new library parking lot) would be fantastic!	Feb 24, 2012 5:49 PM
788	The Kline lot is a bad match with the downtown. Finding a positive, green, "linking" use would be important. Same with the former y lot. There is a lot of uninviting surrounding space. It should be a more positive corner, for pedestrian traffic and welcome to the downtown.	Feb 24, 2012 5:47 PM
789	More creative plantings, using native trees and shrubs - perhaps a downtown natural area - also used for outdoor community events	Feb 24, 2012 5:47 PM
790	Maintain ON STREET parking, at AFFORDABLE rates. Parking in structures is the way to get mugged/robbed/ car damaged. On street rates, now, are extortionate.	Feb 24, 2012 5:46 PM
791	Increasing foot traffic is a priority for our business in this area.	Feb 24, 2012 5:44 PM
792	Rental properties for young professionals, or families that want to live downtown.	Feb 24, 2012 5:42 PM
793	first floor businesses to promote walkability	Feb 24, 2012 5:42 PM

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794	Retain some open lot parking! I do not feel comfortable using parking structures at night, and I will not come downtown if I do not feel safe.	Feb 24, 2012 5:41 PM
795	Maintain adequate parking -- especially since parking is already limited, and new development in this area will only increase demand for parking space.	Feb 24, 2012 5:38 PM
796	A market/grocery store downtown (normal not artisan/organic) would be useful	Feb 24, 2012 5:37 PM
797	I think it is important to think about how urban designs relates to public health. Specifically, if there is a lot of vehicle traffic through this area while pedestrians are walking along narrow sidewalks adjacent to heavy-traffic roads, then people will be breathing in significant amounts of harmful pollution. To address this problem, we need to implement road diets. Instead of 4-lane roads, we should have street trees, bicycle lanes, and on-street parking. All of these measure will increase the distance between vehicle traffic and pedestrian walkways.	Feb 24, 2012 5:37 PM
798	Central park public open space	Feb 24, 2012 5:32 PM
799	turn main st into a pedestrian street starting Friday evenings through sunday evenings from mid-april through mid-october.	Feb 24, 2012 5:31 PM
800	Independent, local investors for downtown and greater Ann Arbor, not community funded	Feb 24, 2012 5:28 PM
801	Create real green space type park.	Feb 24, 2012 5:27 PM
802	eliminate or at least greatly reduce vehicle traffic, allowing for a pedestrian friendly area, more enjoyable outdoor seating, fresh air, etc...	Feb 24, 2012 5:27 PM
803	Return local retail, big or small, to Downtown. Enough of chains	Feb 24, 2012 5:25 PM
804	We need a town square like Plymouth and Dexter. Library lot is perfect as it is the most centrally located.	Feb 24, 2012 5:23 PM
805	Make the area more welcoming by backing off on nickel/diming visitors through parking meters and tickets.	Feb 24, 2012 5:20 PM
806	If you're trying to ask the same questions over and over until you get the answers you want, it isn't working.	Feb 24, 2012 4:57 PM
807	Support convenient public transportation.	Feb 24, 2012 4:53 PM
808	Stop attempting to try to solve all the world's social problems and instead try to develop the downtown on a human scale, fostering private development within acceptable zoning (no more planned projects or planned-unit-developments).	Feb 24, 2012 4:47 PM
809	Reduce parking and increase connective public transit.	Feb 24, 2012 4:38 PM
810	Protection and support of historic districts and neighborhoods adjacent or within this area.	Feb 24, 2012 4:28 PM
811	when the DDA sponsors a survey, it should put it's name on it. Don't call yourselves "connecting william st." please	Feb 24, 2012 4:27 PM

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812	The Kline and Palio lots are, I think, should have fundamentally different goals from the others.	Feb 24, 2012 4:13 PM
813	If "supporting a diversity of housing options" is on the table, can apartments be built that those who work in Ann Arbor can afford? Can we not build another student high-rise?	Feb 24, 2012 3:50 PM
814	Be supportive of any future mass transit (rail, elevated transit, elevated tunnel, etc)	Feb 24, 2012 3:36 PM
815	Attract major employer	Feb 24, 2012 2:52 PM

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1	A downtown "green" space/park! What a great idea!	Mar 13, 2012 11:11 PM
2	Businesses, which will drive the need for other amenities	Mar 13, 2012 12:58 PM
3	public information spaces, Kisoks, free speech walls ect.	Mar 12, 2012 11:28 PM
4	MORE open, green space that permits people to gather and socialize at will. Not the concrete slabs that make Liberty Plaza so unappealing. The Library Lot could be a national showcase for making a welcoming, ecologically-sustainable 21th c. town square	Mar 12, 2012 11:12 PM
5	public park	Mar 12, 2012 10:53 PM
6	we need a park - you don' even list it.	Mar 12, 2012 9:57 PM
7	Green space please. Maybe some permanent outdoor chess tables?	Mar 12, 2012 8:54 PM
8	open community space with beauty like a park especially downtown.	Mar 12, 2012 7:35 PM
9	We need to make this into a REAL bikers town. That requires that we create the infrastructure to do so. We also need attractive public features for children.	Mar 12, 2012 7:30 PM
10	Conference Center	Mar 12, 2012 6:27 PM
11	No Ugly buildings like the new city hall/police building	Mar 12, 2012 6:24 PM
12	Casual open space that can be used by the public.	Mar 12, 2012 6:19 PM
13	Parks and greenery	Mar 12, 2012 5:56 PM
14	green space	Mar 12, 2012 5:15 PM
15	green space instead of parking lots	Mar 12, 2012 5:08 PM
16	I would like a park on the library lot	Mar 12, 2012 4:45 PM
17	public green space	Mar 12, 2012 4:22 PM
18	Outdoor space for interaction and leisure.	Mar 12, 2012 4:00 PM
19	Independent business spaces (i.e. Mark's carts, farmers' market)	Mar 12, 2012 3:42 PM
20	"a Town Square or central civic area"	Mar 12, 2012 3:39 PM
21	Green spaces with trees and plants	Mar 12, 2012 3:28 PM
22	mixed, varied housing	Mar 12, 2012 2:57 PM
23	A calm green resting place for downtown shoppers were folks can casually interact.	Mar 12, 2012 2:28 PM
24	parks	Mar 12, 2012 1:50 PM

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25	Green Space	Mar 12, 2012 1:45 PM
26	housing	Mar 12, 2012 1:09 PM
27	more streets clear of panhandlers	Mar 12, 2012 11:21 AM
28	Affordable Housing, within this study area or nearby	Mar 12, 2012 10:24 AM
29	AFFORDABLE HOUSING!!!	Mar 12, 2012 10:03 AM
30	Green space / park	Mar 11, 2012 11:40 PM
31	Support of non-student market rate housing w support amenities such as grocery store/ pharmacy/ Support natural market demand	Mar 11, 2012 10:16 PM
32	Common space open to all.	Mar 11, 2012 5:21 PM
33	develop a central green public plaza/park on library lot	Mar 11, 2012 4:28 PM
34	An activity plaza that includes grass and plants/gazebo or other	Mar 11, 2012 4:16 PM
35	Affordable housing	Mar 11, 2012 11:31 AM
36	parks, natural areas, green space	Mar 11, 2012 11:31 AM
37	Green space but could include sculpture or botanic gardens, water features, community activity spaces for festivals, performances, farm market etc.	Mar 11, 2012 12:27 AM
38	More business type diversity, less artsy	Mar 10, 2012 4:12 PM
39	Shelters for runaways or vulnerable people	Mar 10, 2012 11:50 AM
40	small playground in small central park	Mar 10, 2012 10:31 AM
41	public park spaces, trees, lawns, benches	Mar 9, 2012 7:55 PM
42	more retail clothing, (there are plenty of restaurants)	Mar 9, 2012 7:27 PM
43	affordable, supportive housing	Mar 9, 2012 4:25 PM
44	Affordable housing	Mar 9, 2012 3:52 PM
45	permanent supportive affordable housing	Mar 9, 2012 3:51 PM
46	more green space	Mar 9, 2012 3:49 PM
47	low-income housing. Not workforce, but really low-income housing	Mar 9, 2012 3:44 PM
48	See above comments in number 3	Mar 9, 2012 2:35 PM
49	Police presence, not more "art"	Mar 9, 2012 2:18 PM
50	More low-rent, affordable, apartment units to attract low wage, entry level,	Mar 9, 2012 2:00 PM

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	employees to downtown businesses.	
51	Public Park space	Mar 9, 2012 1:56 PM
52	affordable housing options	Mar 9, 2012 1:01 PM
53	A place to park for these added amenities	Mar 9, 2012 12:24 PM
54	urban park	Mar 9, 2012 11:23 AM
55	perhaps tie to a new Library that supports the above!	Mar 9, 2012 11:21 AM
56	playground / park space,	Mar 9, 2012 10:44 AM
57	grocery store!!	Mar 9, 2012 10:26 AM
58	outdoor park or green space	Mar 9, 2012 9:57 AM
59	Small green spaces / pocket parks / high quality landscaping	Mar 9, 2012 8:25 AM
60	architecture that is harmonious in style and scale with surroundings	Mar 8, 2012 10:21 PM
61	Independent retailers of any kind	Mar 8, 2012 9:58 PM
62	Encourage 2 wheel transportation for bikes & motor scooters by giving free parking	Mar 8, 2012 9:19 PM
63	Play centered skate park or trike, stroller area, hopscotch, rent a jump rope, chalk.	Mar 8, 2012 9:14 PM
64	make it more attractive for people to come downtown without using their car. Free parking for scooters, more bike parking. Plus smaller public transit vehicles. The Link was a good start and abandoned too early; without tweaking to make it work. Such as a stop by the Link out a parking lot outside the downtown where you could park your car and ride the Link into downtown.	Mar 8, 2012 8:32 PM
65	Motorcycle/scooter parking, bike racks, and bike lanes.	Mar 8, 2012 7:59 PM
66	Ann Arbor needs a downtown "Central Park" for its citizens	Mar 8, 2012 7:52 PM
67	Safer roads for cycling and walking /c kids.	Mar 8, 2012 6:29 PM
68	Lower rentals so that small businesses can afford to locate in the downtown area. Surface parking for the library. Retail businesses located in the former Border's space. More bookstores. The Nickels Arcade is a beautiful place to shop. Additional structures like these. No more multilevel student residences. Free parking like they have in Plymouth, MI	Mar 8, 2012 6:24 PM
69	open space; water quality/stormwater runoff management demo	Mar 8, 2012 6:09 PM
70	Lower rise apartments	Mar 8, 2012 6:00 PM
71	regular food without alcohol	Mar 8, 2012 5:38 PM

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72	Parking	Mar 8, 2012 3:26 PM
73	More support for independent businesses already downtown, such as Jerusalem Garden!	Mar 8, 2012 3:10 PM
74	park-like green space	Mar 8, 2012 2:26 PM
75	no new buildings - open community space only	Mar 8, 2012 1:55 PM
76	Pocket parks and garden spaces	Mar 8, 2012 1:45 PM
77	Don't even allow any new building if it looks like city hall!	Mar 8, 2012 1:05 PM
78	More parking that doesn't take 20 minutes to actually access on busy nights.	Mar 8, 2012 12:52 PM
79	green space, such as a small park with trees and benches	Mar 8, 2012 12:14 PM
80	green space to enjoy nature while in a downtown setting- central park	Mar 8, 2012 11:38 AM
81	more cheap parking	Mar 8, 2012 11:36 AM
82	close some streets to improve the outdoor dining process, create a walkway similar to other cities	Mar 8, 2012 11:35 AM
83	Out door bike parking. There are no outdoor racks that I'm aware of. Bikers have to bring a lock and wrap around a light pole.	Mar 8, 2012 11:35 AM
84	EASY accessible parking. ALL OF THE ABOVE IS ALREADY THERE OR NEAR BY.	Mar 8, 2012 11:28 AM
85	I would like to see an area for food trucks/carts with diverse styles of food.	Mar 8, 2012 11:16 AM
86	PARKING!	Mar 8, 2012 11:15 AM
87	parking better parkin	Mar 8, 2012 11:10 AM
88	Public social areas like parks where people can sit, relax, eat, etc.	Mar 8, 2012 12:35 AM
89	small scattered street level parking	Mar 7, 2012 11:38 PM
90	I would like to see a focal point for the city that has nothing to do with consumption, but that is about producing social interaction on both a personal and larger group level. I think the library lot is the best place for that.	Mar 7, 2012 9:41 PM
91	Commuter rail, street car, or elevated train	Mar 7, 2012 7:08 PM
92	maintain parking for visitors/spendors	Mar 7, 2012 5:10 PM
93	Newer, larger downtown library which could house cultural attractions	Mar 7, 2012 4:54 PM
94	more public space	Mar 7, 2012 4:41 PM
95	Increase amount of parking spaces downtown. Don't add more buildings.	Mar 7, 2012 3:41 PM

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96	National Retailers, Apple Store, J.Crew, etc.	Mar 7, 2012 3:02 PM
97	Parking	Mar 7, 2012 2:35 PM
98	Create a lively mix of residential, commercial and entertainment	Mar 7, 2012 12:56 PM
99	PARKING	Mar 7, 2012 12:29 PM
100	national gym chain like equinox	Mar 7, 2012 12:13 PM
101	parks	Mar 7, 2012 12:11 PM
102	It would be great to have a better grocery option in the downtown area.	Mar 7, 2012 11:49 AM
103	Pedestrian-only streets, at least for limited periods	Mar 7, 2012 10:51 AM
104	Successful, sustainable business models for buildings.	Mar 7, 2012 10:27 AM
105	An urban-format big-box supermarket. That would let so many people live downtown without a car.	Mar 6, 2012 9:57 PM
106	Food carts! I am so jealous when I go to cities like Portland, Oregon. I wish we could do that here in Ann Arbor.	Mar 6, 2012 7:17 PM
107	public green spaces	Mar 6, 2012 5:34 PM
108	parking	Mar 6, 2012 4:04 PM
109	conference center and hotel	Mar 6, 2012 3:32 PM
110	Public parks	Mar 6, 2012 3:03 PM
111	amenities for motor and non motor biking	Mar 6, 2012 2:45 PM
112	Motorcycle/scooter parking, bike racks, and bike lanes.	Mar 6, 2012 1:43 PM
113	Better transit: more efficient infrastructure (dedicated bus lanes on major thoroughfares, pedestrian crossings), increased frequency (every 10-15 minutes during peak periods), improved coverage	Mar 6, 2012 1:43 PM
114	parking for alternative vehicles	Mar 6, 2012 1:34 PM
115	motorcycle, scooter parking. bike racks and bike lanes	Mar 6, 2012 12:35 PM
116	Parking for sustainable vehicles like motorcycles and scooters	Mar 6, 2012 12:32 PM
117	Easier and cheaper parking	Mar 6, 2012 12:01 PM
118	parking	Mar 6, 2012 11:50 AM
119	parking	Mar 6, 2012 11:32 AM
120	Motorcycle/scooter parking and bike racks. Bike lanes.	Mar 6, 2012 10:54 AM

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121	More local businesses	Mar 6, 2012 10:50 AM
122	parking!	Mar 6, 2012 10:43 AM
123	innovative materials - risk taking architecture	Mar 6, 2012 10:26 AM
124	more parking	Mar 6, 2012 10:10 AM
125	parks and natural areas	Mar 6, 2012 9:57 AM
126	Access to parking for those who drive to Ann Arbor	Mar 6, 2012 9:53 AM
127	Quirkiness	Mar 6, 2012 9:30 AM
128	parking, non-food retail opportunities	Mar 6, 2012 9:29 AM
129	parking	Mar 6, 2012 9:22 AM
130	The Palio lot is the right size for a small park. Part of the Library surface lot could be used for a children's area, linking fun and reading.	Mar 6, 2012 9:19 AM
131	A bookstore.Green space.	Mar 6, 2012 8:57 AM
132	Affordable housing to replace 100 lost Y units	Mar 6, 2012 5:57 AM
133	more nature: plants, trees, flowers	Mar 6, 2012 12:40 AM
134	More green space	Mar 5, 2012 7:26 PM
135	movie theater that plays new releases	Mar 5, 2012 4:02 PM
136	outdoor sitting area, park space, trees	Mar 5, 2012 2:31 PM
137	vehicle/exhaust/noise-free spaces, times, and corridors	Mar 5, 2012 1:42 PM
138	indoor activity venues, such as bowling, skating, laser tag, etc.	Mar 5, 2012 1:28 PM
139	Grocery stores,if that is not encompassed in third item	Mar 5, 2012 1:16 PM
140	enough has been spent on bicycle related stuff	Mar 5, 2012 12:50 PM
141	Affordable, small, attractive rental housing	Mar 5, 2012 11:57 AM
142	MORE PARKING	Mar 5, 2012 11:37 AM
143	Parking!!!	Mar 5, 2012 11:32 AM
144	green space	Mar 5, 2012 10:28 AM
145	housing not geared towards students, not overpriced	Mar 5, 2012 9:44 AM
146	Less governmental and quasi governmental authority	Mar 4, 2012 11:24 PM

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147	meeting and lecture rooms	Mar 4, 2012 7:37 PM
148	item2: ATTRACTIVE, env-sustainable buildings; Item3:Groceries and pharmacies; Item6:a fountain, benches, trees, plantings, grass, tables	Mar 4, 2012 6:45 PM
149	Outdoor park/garden space.	Mar 4, 2012 1:20 PM
150	Whole Foods with residential above	Mar 4, 2012 12:23 PM
151	MORE PARKING FOR CARS@!2#\$#! More businesses.	Mar 4, 2012 2:36 AM
152	safe roads for cyclists	Mar 3, 2012 8:24 PM
153	less expensive parking	Mar 3, 2012 7:47 PM
154	More free parking lots	Mar 3, 2012 5:25 PM
155	1) Employment centers (office buildings) -- such as private business of U of MI, 2) High density residential	Mar 3, 2012 2:37 PM
156	Easy access to whatever is decided on	Mar 3, 2012 2:11 PM
157	Shut down Main Street to cars every Friday and Saturday night in the summer.	Mar 3, 2012 1:42 PM
158	4.) Housing or shelters for the population who are "without houses" or in precarious economic situations 5.) Conveniently located activity centers/workshops for the homeless and/or senior citizens	Mar 3, 2012 1:42 PM
159	Nightlife	Mar 3, 2012 12:52 PM
160	Parking	Mar 3, 2012 11:36 AM
161	A decent, non-chain bookstore, a la POWELL'S in Portland, OR	Mar 3, 2012 11:30 AM
162	Affordable housing	Mar 3, 2012 11:13 AM
163	green space	Mar 3, 2012 10:04 AM
164	a progressive park/creative space like the High Line in NYC	Mar 3, 2012 8:20 AM
165	'Attraction' type places - for dates, or children, or families, or college students (if not all!) - like the hands-on museum	Mar 3, 2012 2:18 AM
166	1. scooter parking. 2. look to Kalamazoo for inspiration. 3. free saturday parking. The poor don't care. The rich don't care. You're pushing out the working middle class. 4. moderate priced dining.	Mar 2, 2012 11:54 PM
167	surface lot parking maintained at current level	Mar 2, 2012 10:41 PM
168	we have a hotel that is seldom at capacity. There are plenty of hotels on periphery - run shuttle buses to town center.It is probably too late to save Ann Arbor's architecture. Dbut we can try.	Mar 2, 2012 8:06 PM

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169	More of Nature – large shade trees in a wide expanse of ground, flowers, raingardens, a flowing fountain, raingardens fresh fruit from a little cart	Mar 2, 2012 7:33 PM
170	Open space	Mar 2, 2012 7:25 PM
171	walking trails	Mar 2, 2012 6:20 PM
172	A park, an ice skating rink, a multi-modal transportation hub including rapid (bus) transit and train station.	Mar 2, 2012 5:53 PM
173	green space; reasonably priced parking	Mar 2, 2012 5:28 PM
174	Public meeting space, both indoor and outdoor	Mar 2, 2012 4:17 PM
175	medium range hotel accomodations	Mar 2, 2012 4:03 PM
176	LEED certified modern condominium complex	Mar 2, 2012 3:51 PM
177	a park with benches for relaxing	Mar 2, 2012 2:51 PM
178	handicapped parking	Mar 2, 2012 2:24 PM
179	An aggressive effort to clean up graffiti.	Mar 2, 2012 1:48 PM
180	PARKING	Mar 2, 2012 1:47 PM
181	open space for people to gather	Mar 2, 2012 1:11 PM
182	PARKING, PARKING, PARKING	Mar 2, 2012 12:46 PM
183	Bikeways	Mar 2, 2012 12:43 PM
184	More green space with seating.	Mar 2, 2012 12:23 PM
185	Public bathrooms.	Mar 2, 2012 12:23 PM
186	Parks	Mar 2, 2012 11:53 AM
187	Open indoor and outdoor community spaces.	Mar 2, 2012 11:36 AM
188	Better parking for residents!	Mar 2, 2012 11:16 AM
189	a park or some green space on top of the parking garage	Mar 2, 2012 10:58 AM
190	Outdoor, truly public spaces where people can hang out and interact.	Mar 2, 2012 10:30 AM
191	green space	Mar 2, 2012 6:47 AM
192	Urban park areas that are green and friendly	Mar 2, 2012 4:36 AM
193	Warming shelters and Commons space.	Mar 2, 2012 12:22 AM
194	Preserving historically and architecturally significant building should be the	Mar 2, 2012 12:13 AM

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	highest priority.	
195	park space	Mar 1, 2012 11:07 PM
196	Public space where people can meet	Mar 1, 2012 11:06 PM
197	MORE LOCAL BUISNESS, DECREASE FRANCHISES AND CORPORATIONS.	Mar 1, 2012 10:57 PM
198	seating areas and random picnic tables	Mar 1, 2012 10:29 PM
199	Reasonable priced clothing stores	Mar 1, 2012 10:18 PM
200	AFFORDABLE LIVING	Mar 1, 2012 9:18 PM
201	safe activities targeted to young adults/teens	Mar 1, 2012 7:05 PM
202	Conference center and hotel not at street level	Mar 1, 2012 6:45 PM
203	maintain and improve the main library with easy, inexpensive parking access AND maintain handicap parking spaces in Palio lot--don't have all parking in structures.	Mar 1, 2012 6:39 PM
204	Plazas/Open Spaces that integral with the above choices, i.e. if you have outdoor dining put it along a plaza walkway, instead of adjacent to a busy street.	Mar 1, 2012 6:08 PM
205	We need a heart for Ann Arbor, a place where all the communities of Ann Arbor can gather, and co-create over the years. That place of heart and creating together could be, should be the Library Lot. The other parcels, especially the Y Lot can be developed for residence, including affordable units, and offices and ground floor retail. The Library Lot park would be their front yard, as it would be for other down town residents and a front porch for the library, and resting place for shoppers and visitors	Mar 1, 2012 5:39 PM
206	Affordable housing	Mar 1, 2012 5:26 PM
207	No more high-rises, please; 4-5 stories high enough. This is not NYC.	Mar 1, 2012 4:58 PM
208	Parks, natural areas	Mar 1, 2012 4:37 PM
209	more CHEAPER parking	Mar 1, 2012 4:34 PM
210	Parks and outdoor venues for families and visitors!	Mar 1, 2012 4:21 PM
211	1) Green space - parks. 2) Pedestrian streets.	Mar 1, 2012 4:07 PM
212	Encourage the development of a hostel concept downtown	Mar 1, 2012 3:38 PM
213	Locally owned businesses	Mar 1, 2012 3:21 PM
214	No decrease in available parking for Main Street	Mar 1, 2012 3:14 PM
215	Parking	Mar 1, 2012 3:11 PM

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216	another outdoor location for a bazaar or second farmers market where people can set up booths and show their wares to the public	Mar 1, 2012 2:55 PM
217	More available parking	Mar 1, 2012 2:43 PM
218	more and better parking	Mar 1, 2012 1:56 PM
219	Green Space	Mar 1, 2012 1:55 PM
220	outdoor recreational space like the Diag	Mar 1, 2012 1:30 PM
221	Indoor sports (e.g. soccer, flag football, etc.)	Mar 1, 2012 1:06 PM
222	GREEN SPACE- areas for out door gathering, plants, benches, etc.	Mar 1, 2012 12:38 PM
223	Central green space area	Mar 1, 2012 12:22 PM
224	A Park...Green Space	Mar 1, 2012 11:52 AM
225	Outdoor opportunities that will bring people downtown, such as park, outdoor stage, skating rink.... (why was this not listed as a choice?)	Mar 1, 2012 11:45 AM
226	more and more affordable parking, so we could enjoy all the things above!	Mar 1, 2012 11:02 AM
227	green space	Mar 1, 2012 10:40 AM
228	parks/plazas	Mar 1, 2012 10:27 AM
229	a public square on the library lot	Mar 1, 2012 10:25 AM
230	open park space	Mar 1, 2012 10:07 AM
231	More trees downtown. We are Ann Arbor not Ann Parking.	Mar 1, 2012 10:01 AM
232	I wanted to use two of my top five to say NO to things I really dislike seeing too much of in cities: "amenities for children" like more fountains and sculptures, and retail opportunities for gifts and novelties. We have enough of each in downtown A2!	Mar 1, 2012 9:40 AM
233	A grocery store like Trader Joes or Whole Foods would be great and professionals live downtown.	Mar 1, 2012 9:07 AM
234	trees, greens, place to sit, beauty, fountains.	Mar 1, 2012 8:57 AM
235	GREEN GRASS AND TREES	Mar 1, 2012 8:49 AM
236	urban green space	Mar 1, 2012 8:45 AM
237	It seems the cost of doing business downtown, i.e. rents have left empty storefronts on just about every downtown street.	Mar 1, 2012 3:18 AM
238	Playground picnic area	Mar 1, 2012 3:10 AM

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239	betterparking!	Mar 1, 2012 1:54 AM
240	cheaper parking	Mar 1, 2012 12:09 AM
241	Parks	Mar 1, 2012 12:04 AM
242	Open spaces, green spaces where people can gather informally, open-air music/entertainment	Feb 29, 2012 11:39 PM
243	We already have many of the above things. More museums and galleries are really not needed. There are many restaurants, and many go out of business. Jobs need to be created, the cost of going downtown and finding parking needs to be reduced to make it easier for more people to go downtown.	Feb 29, 2012 11:17 PM
244	A park!	Feb 29, 2012 11:09 PM
245	Can't think about more things to do downtown unless there was more parking! Easy parking, without circling huge crowded lots.	Feb 29, 2012 10:30 PM
246	green space at library lot	Feb 29, 2012 9:44 PM
247	Green space!, Trees	Feb 29, 2012 9:43 PM
248	a park for everybody to enjoy a green downtown	Feb 29, 2012 9:34 PM
249	More parking	Feb 29, 2012 9:19 PM
250	Indoor/outdoor space available for free or low-cost reservations by the public.	Feb 29, 2012 9:19 PM
251	Green - lawns, gardens, trees, flowers	Feb 29, 2012 9:08 PM
252	Green Park Space	Feb 29, 2012 8:51 PM
253	Green space	Feb 29, 2012 7:40 PM
254	Park/green space	Feb 29, 2012 6:29 PM
255	parks	Feb 29, 2012 6:16 PM
256	A centralized outdoor park/gathering space to help 'centralize' the downtown region.	Feb 29, 2012 6:14 PM
257	Green Spaces	Feb 29, 2012 6:11 PM
258	Common park space in the center of the city - the Library Lot is a perfect space!	Feb 29, 2012 6:09 PM
259	these are too age specific and lack integrative thinking	Feb 29, 2012 5:56 PM
260	Public park on top of new parking structure.	Feb 29, 2012 5:41 PM
261	green space on the library lot	Feb 29, 2012 5:27 PM
262	outdoor space where people can relax and restore themselves	Feb 29, 2012 5:21 PM

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263	Green spaces! Parks! A small, more normal grocery store would be ideal. I would rather use the grocery stores downtown on my walk home from work than to get in the car to go to Kroger, but the small stores downtown are too specialty and expensive. The equivalent of the UK's 'Tesco Metro' would be perfect - it would have all of my business, and help me not use my car for errands.	Feb 29, 2012 5:15 PM
264	Motorcycle parking	Feb 29, 2012 4:52 PM
265	teen hangout spots	Feb 29, 2012 4:41 PM
266	Continued accommodation for the AATA	Feb 29, 2012 4:29 PM
267	A central park on the library lot.	Feb 29, 2012 3:49 PM
268	A bike share service and bike lanes.	Feb 29, 2012 3:38 PM
269	Amenities for pedestrians - perhaps covered walkways	Feb 29, 2012 3:11 PM
270	Park-type area	Feb 29, 2012 2:29 PM
271	Affordable housing & increased mass transit	Feb 29, 2012 2:17 PM
272	commons green space	Feb 29, 2012 2:11 PM
273	affordable housing	Feb 29, 2012 1:18 PM
274	human scale development rather than highrises and smaller venues such as clubs for music and small galleries for art. Museums are best if they are small and very specific.	Feb 29, 2012 12:11 PM
275	better, safer bike paths especially at intersections, more transit after hours so diners and visitors are encouraged to use the park and rides after work hours.	Feb 29, 2012 11:42 AM
276	keep 50% of the space OPEN for parks and fountains	Feb 29, 2012 11:39 AM
277	more green space for community to engage in multiple activities	Feb 29, 2012 11:38 AM
278	cleaner streets and sidewalks. More flowers,plants,trees.	Feb 29, 2012 11:15 AM
279	Pedestrian free main street from William to Huron (permanently OR after 5.30pm every day)	Feb 29, 2012 10:53 AM
280	More downtown housing options.	Feb 29, 2012 10:44 AM
281	affordable housing	Feb 29, 2012 10:42 AM
282	park space with grass, trees, places to sit, eat lunch.	Feb 29, 2012 10:41 AM
283	NO MORE PARKING STRUCTURES!!!!	Feb 29, 2012 10:41 AM
284	Affordable housing	Feb 29, 2012 10:40 AM
285	Overnight accomodations and amenities for bike commuters are equally important	Feb 29, 2012 10:25 AM

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286	See #3 comment	Feb 29, 2012 10:21 AM
287	maintain surface parking, do not raise parking rates, lower TIF to encourage local business instead of pad DDA pockets	Feb 29, 2012 9:57 AM
288	Officers actually walking a beat, not just writing parking tickets.	Feb 29, 2012 9:31 AM
289	return of the link bus, with service from the near neighborhoods (nw side, ows, burns park)	Feb 29, 2012 3:39 AM
290	Outdoor art and music space.	Feb 28, 2012 11:52 PM
291	It would be great to have a drugstore downtown, but one that fits in architecturally, like the CVS on State St.	Feb 28, 2012 10:31 PM
292	outstanding vegetarian restaurant	Feb 28, 2012 8:54 PM
293	Traffic markings that line-up correctly thru intersections	Feb 28, 2012 7:58 PM
294	parking	Feb 28, 2012 6:38 PM
295	Public Gather Space	Feb 28, 2012 6:30 PM
296	Green spaces	Feb 28, 2012 5:09 PM
297	more residential uses	Feb 28, 2012 4:07 PM
298	Dog friendly options	Feb 28, 2012 3:55 PM
299	More mom and pop businesses	Feb 28, 2012 3:28 PM
300	More affordable rents for local, independent businesses	Feb 28, 2012 3:23 PM
301	15-minute parking zones for running in and out of a store or coffee shop quickly	Feb 28, 2012 3:12 PM
302	sufficient parking	Feb 28, 2012 2:51 PM
303	Covered shelters for all the bus routes. Currently, if waiting inside the Blake for a bus you can miss it especially should it be running late as you can't see it arrive	Feb 28, 2012 2:37 PM
304	MORE FRICKING PARKING!!!	Feb 28, 2012 1:23 PM
305	Using these lots as parking lots!	Feb 28, 2012 1:11 PM
306	a park downtown!	Feb 28, 2012 12:57 PM
307	An urban park as described above.	Feb 28, 2012 12:49 PM
308	More Multi-Bike racks that don't impede pedestrians are more likely to be used than covered commuter bike parking ! Yes, an air stand or local bike shop would be great, too. But if you don't put Bike lanes on the roads, and keep ticketing bicyclists who ride on the crowded cafe-table-laden sidewalks, you won't have	Feb 28, 2012 12:48 PM

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	any reason to spend precious dollars on Covered Bike Parking! Give employers an incentive to provide Covered Bike Parking for any employees who wish to commute by Bike (and yes, I have a bike commuter in my household!).	
309	Food carts! And a greater infrastructure for them so they can function even in the winter for continued revenue.	Feb 28, 2012 12:32 PM
310	buses running later at night, so I can actually attend concerts and have an affordable way to get home!	Feb 28, 2012 12:07 PM
311	Please keep the building heights low in any zoning changes made! Ann Arbor downtown is becoming sun-less.	Feb 28, 2012 11:52 AM
312	Please maintain adequate public parking options	Feb 28, 2012 11:50 AM
313	Parking!!!	Feb 28, 2012 11:46 AM
314	See above. I would like USER FRIENDLY PARKING!	Feb 28, 2012 11:44 AM
315	more housing; maybe increasing supply would help make other downtown apartments more affordable.	Feb 28, 2012 11:37 AM
316	Locally owned retail opportunities to shop for everyday necessities	Feb 28, 2012 11:34 AM
317	Range of housing options, more of the upper floors residential.	Feb 28, 2012 11:22 AM
318	landscaping and/or gardening	Feb 28, 2012 11:10 AM
319	artist supply shop !	Feb 28, 2012 11:08 AM
320	More places to sit, meet, rest	Feb 28, 2012 11:08 AM
321	easy to use parking	Feb 28, 2012 11:04 AM
322	Wider variety of housing/living spaces at affordable prices.	Feb 28, 2012 10:56 AM
323	preservation of the existing buildings that contribute to the unique sense of place	Feb 28, 2012 10:55 AM
324	More street vendors; someplace to "hang out" -- where you can sit and do nothing for a while without having to buy something. Like the Union Terrace at University of Wisconsin in Madison	Feb 28, 2012 10:04 AM
325	#1: MORE PARKING	Feb 28, 2012 9:45 AM
326	clean, safe, area. Get a community officer downtown!!	Feb 28, 2012 9:32 AM
327	less expensive parking for out of town friends	Feb 28, 2012 9:21 AM
328	Walkableness	Feb 28, 2012 8:49 AM
329	A PARK	Feb 28, 2012 6:52 AM
330	Residential	Feb 28, 2012 6:38 AM

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331	Edible landscaping	Feb 27, 2012 11:14 PM
332	clean lines and small green spaces	Feb 27, 2012 10:26 PM
333	SECURE, covered bicycle parking	Feb 27, 2012 9:00 PM
334	Get people out of their cars and enjoying social interaction.	Feb 27, 2012 7:20 PM
335	better signage and directions for citizens to find bicycle/motorcycle parking, increased motorcycle parking.	Feb 27, 2012 6:38 PM
336	Housing for non-students	Feb 27, 2012 6:29 PM
337	Better bike paths to reach downtown from surrounding areas.	Feb 27, 2012 5:37 PM
338	clean and safe space!!!! Love Kerrytown, as it is a great, safe place to bring the family. What about another farmer's market area?	Feb 27, 2012 5:08 PM
339	outdoor wading and ice skating pond.	Feb 27, 2012 4:55 PM
340	High quality architecture that fits with AA downtown, unlike city hall.	Feb 27, 2012 4:44 PM
341	Condo (or other multi-unit owner-occupied) housing	Feb 27, 2012 4:28 PM
342	We have too many restaurants, not enough necessities.	Feb 27, 2012 4:09 PM
343	fabulous new public library	Feb 27, 2012 4:05 PM
344	Green spaces, public gardens, and parks	Feb 27, 2012 3:49 PM
345	Something balanced and sustainable	Feb 27, 2012 3:37 PM
346	Anything to support walkability- pedestrian malls for example	Feb 27, 2012 3:00 PM
347	High-Quality Streetscape that is Environmentally Sustainable	Feb 27, 2012 2:42 PM
348	more police, more clean up of garbage on sidewalks	Feb 27, 2012 1:20 PM
349	Presevation, restoration of current historic building stock.	Feb 27, 2012 1:01 PM
350	wider sidewalks and pedestrian walkways	Feb 27, 2012 12:39 PM
351	Open space that includes natural features, not pavement	Feb 27, 2012 12:17 PM
352	Green Space, parks, fresh air, no more coffee shops	Feb 27, 2012 10:53 AM
353	More Parking. A lot more PARKING!	Feb 27, 2012 9:16 AM
354	grocery store	Feb 27, 2012 9:11 AM
355	Public space	Feb 27, 2012 12:24 AM
356	produce market/grocery	Feb 26, 2012 7:22 PM

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357	More green spaces, and less concrete, parking lots, asphalt!	Feb 26, 2012 6:35 PM
358	No outdoor park options have been put forth and I would like to see a park or two created in this area of the city.	Feb 26, 2012 12:51 PM
359	Nature area	Feb 26, 2012 1:32 AM
360	a high-quality department store; pleasant open space; RETAIN SURFACE PARKING!!!! DDA is in denial about the number of people who will avoid downtown entirely if their only option is creepy underground parking garages and parking decks.	Feb 26, 2012 1:15 AM
361	and if you intend for this to be the least bit successful, maybe go with someone other than Susan Pollay...just saying she kinda bungled that whole parking structure thing and doesn't seem to care one bit.	Feb 26, 2012 12:27 AM
362	High density urban high-rise buildings	Feb 25, 2012 11:49 PM
363	Historic character maintained, height limits on new buildings.	Feb 25, 2012 7:40 PM
364	Make downtown car-friendly	Feb 25, 2012 7:10 PM
365	More Jobs, More Jobs, More Jobs	Feb 25, 2012 6:20 PM
366	Anything local and independent instead of a chain	Feb 25, 2012 5:34 PM
367	Police Officers	Feb 25, 2012 4:13 PM
368	independent or non-profit bookstore. gathering area for literary events.	Feb 25, 2012 3:09 PM
369	A vegetable garden	Feb 25, 2012 3:04 PM
370	more spaces for community use outside and inside	Feb 25, 2012 3:00 PM
371	Skatepark and ice rink!	Feb 25, 2012 2:36 PM
372	PARKING: as above, accessible, safe and affordable.	Feb 25, 2012 2:05 PM
373	Open space such as a public square or park.	Feb 25, 2012 2:04 PM
374	We need a very nice hotel downtown with a nice place for Sunday brunch. The parking structure is there already, so it should be easy to attract someone.	Feb 25, 2012 1:56 PM
375	A green park in the center of town.	Feb 25, 2012 1:29 PM
376	Housing	Feb 25, 2012 12:15 PM
377	Bus stop shelters	Feb 25, 2012 11:48 AM
378	Family oriented themes; an area that celebrates families.	Feb 25, 2012 11:40 AM
379	Combine first 2 above: A signature building...the A2 version of "Disney Opera House" on the Library lot space.	Feb 25, 2012 11:04 AM

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380	Free - yes - FREE parking and more safety. Foot patrols made a difference.	Feb 25, 2012 10:40 AM
381	more urban/inner city housing - more people living downtown	Feb 25, 2012 10:32 AM
382	none	Feb 25, 2012 10:00 AM
383	You didn't list the most important thing we need more of: Parking!!!	Feb 25, 2012 9:43 AM
384	I would like to see more independent retailers - but that ship seems to have sailed!	Feb 25, 2012 8:13 AM
385	Green space	Feb 25, 2012 6:23 AM
386	More Scooter Parking	Feb 25, 2012 1:53 AM
387	places where people work	Feb 25, 2012 12:22 AM
388	warming shelter + expanded homeless shelters + community/peace center	Feb 25, 2012 12:13 AM
389	less restraunts	Feb 24, 2012 11:36 PM
390	walking patrolmen (presence will hopefully limit the panhandlers)	Feb 24, 2012 10:53 PM
391	public spaces for walking, interaction; less concrete	Feb 24, 2012 10:41 PM
392	Green space.	Feb 24, 2012 10:37 PM
393	Pedestrian space for social interaction	Feb 24, 2012 10:23 PM
394	more pedestrians	Feb 24, 2012 10:06 PM
395	More concern for safety for women at night	Feb 24, 2012 9:47 PM
396	An open air park with benches and seating	Feb 24, 2012 9:26 PM
397	A safe and well groomed park	Feb 24, 2012 9:01 PM
398	Mass transit to reduce traffic, etc...think The Grove in LA.	Feb 24, 2012 8:40 PM
399	High quality landscaping using native plants, and clean pathways for walking	Feb 24, 2012 8:38 PM
400	clothing retail	Feb 24, 2012 8:00 PM
401	Pedestrian friendly and human scale downtown	Feb 24, 2012 7:15 PM
402	Military Veteran Events and less Homeless "Occupy Groups"	Feb 24, 2012 7:14 PM
403	comfortable "piazza" type spaces that get used - pie in the sky	Feb 24, 2012 7:13 PM
404	Bike lanes east west to support less car traffic more alt trans; Preservation of historic buildings and neighborhoods	Feb 24, 2012 7:02 PM
405	tall mixed-use buildings	Feb 24, 2012 6:47 PM

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406	parks for hanging out and having fun	Feb 24, 2012 6:46 PM
407	affordable & accessible housing	Feb 24, 2012 6:37 PM
408	light rail to connect downtown with other areas	Feb 24, 2012 6:37 PM
409	Downtown? Expand historic block grid, less sign posts	Feb 24, 2012 6:33 PM
410	more downtown residential buildings	Feb 24, 2012 6:20 PM
411	Return of customers to Herb David & Jerusalem Gdn.	Feb 24, 2012 6:07 PM
412	Thunder Dome	Feb 24, 2012 6:00 PM
413	More major retail stores for apparel instead of nitch shops	Feb 24, 2012 5:49 PM
414	local business, no more chains if possible. Tech stores like an Apple store.	Feb 24, 2012 5:47 PM
415	a community space for local performance art.	Feb 24, 2012 5:47 PM
416	Interactive kiosks that teach bikers how to obey traffic laws. Am sick of Hieftje's misguided/expensive "bike friendly" plans in cold snowy spread-out town.	Feb 24, 2012 5:46 PM
417	independent, non-chain retailers	Feb 24, 2012 5:44 PM
418	3 & 4 story mixed use buildings right on the sidewalk	Feb 24, 2012 5:42 PM
419	A grocery store, and keep some open parking please!	Feb 24, 2012 5:41 PM
420	Affordable, non-student housing opportunities, which will increase downtown population and thus grow foot traffic and consumer base for other merchants/services located downtown	Feb 24, 2012 5:38 PM
421	Sometimes walking through downtown can be a very unpleasant experience because of all the vehicle traffic and the smell of harmful vehicle fumes. Road diets, street trees, and on-street parking will help protect pedestrians from vehicle traffic.	Feb 24, 2012 5:37 PM
422	A large public gathering space with support for activities	Feb 24, 2012 5:32 PM
423	A central park	Feb 24, 2012 5:27 PM
424	pedestrian malls...close down some streets!	Feb 24, 2012 5:27 PM
425	Casual gathering places like lobbies, parks,public spaces	Feb 24, 2012 5:25 PM
426	Green Space. There is not a single blade of grass in that zone.	Feb 24, 2012 5:23 PM
427	more independent and diverse stores--not all restaurants	Feb 24, 2012 5:20 PM
428	Jobs, jobs, jobs.	Feb 24, 2012 5:19 PM
429	No more DDA	Feb 24, 2012 4:57 PM

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430	Affordable housing	Feb 24, 2012 4:53 PM
431	Large employee or retail spaces (e.g. anchors)	Feb 24, 2012 3:36 PM

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1	Creating a something that lends unique value to downtown, thereby enhancing Ann Arbors economic appeal.	Mar 13, 2012 11:18 PM
2	A highly desirable(liveable) downtown neighborhood, supported by viable near downtown neighborhoods with families and schools.	Mar 13, 2012 11:39 AM
3	Economic fairness	Mar 12, 2012 11:33 PM
4	I would most value development in this area that was devoted to the public good: maintaining public spaces, and promoting affordable housing downtown. Far too much attention has been paid to the short-term return of new tax revenues, and not enough to long-term benefits including quality of life for all Ann Arbor RESIDENTS.	Mar 12, 2012 11:18 PM
5	keep ann arbor a walker-friendly place	Mar 12, 2012 10:56 PM
6	a sustainable community, in the best sense of both words	Mar 12, 2012 8:56 PM
7	Parks and beautiful peaceful places downtown have many benefits attracting visitors, businesses, sustainability and strengthening community.	Mar 12, 2012 7:40 PM
8	Create amazing public space and people will come and spend!	Mar 12, 2012 7:33 PM
9	Create attractive spaces and the benefits listed will follow.	Mar 12, 2012 6:24 PM
10	Moderate priced cafes & stores to serve low-mod income	Mar 12, 2012 5:26 PM
11	Affordable housing to replace lost Y housing 100 units	Mar 12, 2012 5:11 PM
12	I would make main street from Washington to Williams a mall	Mar 12, 2012 4:50 PM
13	More public space will benefit everyone, make A2 more livable, and be economically benefical in the long run.	Mar 12, 2012 4:01 PM
14	Community event/festival/arts/performance venues that bring residents downtown, supporting businesses	Mar 12, 2012 4:00 PM
15	locally-owned job creation, build community and social capital	Mar 12, 2012 3:51 PM
16	"a Town Square or central civic area"	Mar 12, 2012 3:40 PM
17	Park at the library will attract people to live, eat, and walk downtown. Businesses will be able to attract workers to a beautiful and green city.	Mar 12, 2012 3:31 PM
18	Open and green space	Mar 12, 2012 3:09 PM
19	Conviviality:a sense of community and sustainability	Mar 12, 2012 2:32 PM
20	Keeping/enhancing residential property values by cultivating this area as attractive for Ann Arbor neighborhood residents	Mar 12, 2012 1:56 PM
21	lower parking costs and cleaner landscape	Mar 12, 2012 1:13 PM
22	housing	Mar 12, 2012 1:10 PM

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23	maintenance of library's ability to operate	Mar 12, 2012 11:24 AM
24	Retention of locally owned small businesses	Mar 11, 2012 11:42 PM
25	Downtown non-student Housing	Mar 11, 2012 10:17 PM
26	Available public resources for residents: library, transit, music, festival space	Mar 11, 2012 9:52 PM
27	Living Wage/Benefit jobs - independent & public opportunities not places like CVS or 7-11	Mar 11, 2012 6:28 PM
28	Cultural venues that are free or reasonably priced to showcase local artists and performers.	Mar 11, 2012 5:25 PM
29	downtown open space for pedestrians like UM diag	Mar 11, 2012 4:37 PM
30	Make a central attraction for citizens and visitors to contribute to above	Mar 11, 2012 4:20 PM
31	Luring visitors with beautiful city parks and grounds.	Mar 11, 2012 12:30 AM
32	park-like space for casual gathering and music events	Mar 10, 2012 6:20 PM
33	New business opportunities	Mar 10, 2012 5:40 PM
34	In the long run there needs to be green space to attract both businesses and buyers/	Mar 10, 2012 1:20 PM
35	Don't give the benefits to the corporations who keep wages low.	Mar 10, 2012 11:55 AM
36	Green park area to attract shoppers, unlike indoor mall	Mar 10, 2012 10:37 AM
37	don't sell them - make public parks	Mar 9, 2012 7:56 PM
38	livability and environmental soundness	Mar 9, 2012 7:29 PM
39	accessibility in terms of income	Mar 9, 2012 4:47 PM
40	affordable, supportive housing	Mar 9, 2012 4:26 PM
41	Affordable housing	Mar 9, 2012 3:53 PM
42	housing for those most in need in our community	Mar 9, 2012 3:45 PM
43	having more green space might increase the attractiveness of Ann Arbor and thereby draw people to rent or own the already built but currently unused spaces	Mar 9, 2012 2:37 PM
44	Walkability and aesthetic improvements (e.g. more trees and greenery, pleasant places to picnic, etc.) would lead to economic benefits (people -- including both residents and visitors -- spending more time and thus money in this area). Right now walking around this area is unappealing.	Mar 9, 2012 12:54 PM
45	Give independent businesses a chance. I'm sick of chains, upscale (i.e. only the rich can afford to shop there) boutiques.	Mar 9, 2012 11:25 AM

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46	green spaces and parks provide quality of life to attract new businesses	Mar 9, 2012 11:25 AM
47	I want the businesses to be locally owned and fit the needs of Ann Arbor residents, and the rest of these goals will be met automatically.	Mar 9, 2012 10:30 AM
48	Job opportunities for young people / start ups	Mar 9, 2012 8:29 AM
49	More non-student downtown housing options	Mar 8, 2012 10:32 PM
50	Attract regular use by local citizens and that of surrounding cities	Mar 8, 2012 10:08 PM
51	Create beautiful spaces that people want to be in for local retail.	Mar 8, 2012 10:02 PM
52	Get people downtown on 2 Motor scooters & bicycles because parking is easy & free	Mar 8, 2012 9:29 PM
53	Townie relaxation.	Mar 8, 2012 9:17 PM
54	Ann Arbor's image as a forward thinking vision of downtown; i.e. a park in the Library Lot. This could be very attractive to downtown businesses and employees.	Mar 8, 2012 8:34 PM
55	we must facilitate the development of these properties in such a way as to encourage more large employers to locate or expand their businesses downtown. E.g. Baracuda doesn't fit downtown, and Google will soon outgrow downtown. For Ann Arbor to be able to support funding the cool things like Parks, we must build our tax base and our job base.	Mar 8, 2012 8:16 PM
56	All of those are noble issues, but not necessarily good for Ann Arbor	Mar 8, 2012 7:56 PM
57	Safe surface parking at reduced rates. More independently owned retail stores.	Mar 8, 2012 6:28 PM
58	affordable rentals - possibly a city income tax or small tax for rentals	Mar 8, 2012 5:41 PM
59	more public space being kept attractive and public	Mar 8, 2012 1:56 PM
60	Let's get some green space downtown - with benches.	Mar 8, 2012 1:09 PM
61	THIS IS WAY TOO VAGUE, so, if I want a high return for the sale of city owned property, then WHO decides WHAT is going to be done WITH THAT SOLD PROPERTY ?!?!?!	Mar 8, 2012 11:41 AM
62	Better parking options. Bike parking, indoors and out.	Mar 8, 2012 11:36 AM
63	providing parking GIVES YOU high return ! duh	Mar 8, 2012 11:31 AM
64	Not making it so difficult to come downtown. Ann Arbor doesn't have a public transit system that makes it easy to come downtown without a car.	Mar 8, 2012 11:18 AM
65	wholesome culture	Mar 8, 2012 11:14 AM
66	Not just job creation, but creation of jobs that you can live on, not just get by on.	Mar 8, 2012 10:55 AM
67	grow the tax base	Mar 8, 2012 10:10 AM

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68	Retail	Mar 8, 2012 4:06 AM
69	Consolidation of services (shopping, dining, government, etc.)	Mar 8, 2012 12:38 AM
70	Public meeting space!!! (as in a park / rink ...)	Mar 7, 2012 10:52 PM
71	Having a public green space on the Library lot would enhance the sense of well-being which in turn enhances our economic health.	Mar 7, 2012 9:54 PM
72	Local businesses/stores & vegetarian/healthy restaurants succeeding	Mar 7, 2012 7:13 PM
73	support the everyday pedestrian townscape with appropriate activities	Mar 7, 2012 5:29 PM
74	The city should NOT BE the developer. Just sell the land.	Mar 7, 2012 4:56 PM
75	People friendly, fountains, seating, trees	Mar 7, 2012 4:10 PM
76	businesses that generate a lot of foot traffic throughout the day -- and also in the evening.	Mar 7, 2012 3:53 PM
77	Ability for A2 residents to park and visit existing businesses, library etc.	Mar 7, 2012 3:44 PM
78	affordable housing. good transit connections. community space. affordable parking.	Mar 7, 2012 3:20 PM
79	Improved housing quality with many more units downtown	Mar 7, 2012 2:50 PM
80	PARKING vehicle friendly will make for more out-of-town visitors	Mar 7, 2012 12:32 PM
81	Supporting independent workers & sole proprietor/micro-businesses	Mar 7, 2012 12:27 PM
82	i'm a student that doesn't venture off campus much	Mar 7, 2012 11:13 AM
83	Buildings that get built and filled with tenants.	Mar 7, 2012 10:28 AM
84	no big box stores!	Mar 7, 2012 10:15 AM
85	A landscape office tower, with large floorplates, for major employers.	Mar 6, 2012 10:01 PM
86	reinforcing an attractive, sustainable downtown environment	Mar 6, 2012 5:36 PM
87	hotel/conference ctr.	Mar 6, 2012 3:34 PM
88	green jobs	Mar 6, 2012 2:43 PM
89	Providing a living/working area attractive to younger people, i.e., stop the brain drain	Mar 6, 2012 1:46 PM
90	do not sell city owned sites	Mar 6, 2012 1:37 PM
91	low vacancy rates, do not over build	Mar 6, 2012 12:06 PM
92	Not selling city-owned sites since their future value far outweighs current price	Mar 6, 2012 11:33 AM

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93	affordable retirement	Mar 6, 2012 11:13 AM
94	Creation of meaningful jobs rather than low-paying service jobs	Mar 6, 2012 10:53 AM
95	Quality of life	Mar 6, 2012 10:34 AM
96	I don't know enough about economics to know what effect each of these really has independent of the others OR how exactly the city would plan to do each one of those things, so I don't feel qualified to respond	Mar 6, 2012 10:34 AM
97	Fostering an economically sustainable and active business community.	Mar 6, 2012 10:31 AM
98	social, cultural, and environmental/neighborhood enhancement.	Mar 6, 2012 10:31 AM
99	increasing pleasantness of downtown	Mar 6, 2012 9:31 AM
100	community based activity space	Mar 6, 2012 9:28 AM
101	Affordable multi-story housing	Mar 6, 2012 6:00 AM
102	Bringing in department stores which will attract more people away from the malls.	Mar 5, 2012 4:55 PM
103	Providing a space that people want to protect and give donations to support it.	Mar 5, 2012 2:55 PM
104	Decreased public debt; employment of those most likely to turn to crime out of desperation (single, male, young?)	Mar 5, 2012 2:01 PM
105	Sustainable	Mar 5, 2012 1:43 PM
106	Attract major anchor retailers that will benefit independent retailers via increased foot traffic	Mar 5, 2012 11:59 AM
107	MORE PARKING!	Mar 5, 2012 11:38 AM
108	availability of basic amenities (for example: groceries)	Mar 5, 2012 11:24 AM
109	green space	Mar 5, 2012 10:30 AM
110	Restful area for business people and shoppers	Mar 5, 2012 9:33 AM
111	Nurturing small, unique businesses in area already	Mar 5, 2012 1:32 AM
112	Increase density of people, build more sensible transit. Park and ride is the best, expand that!	Mar 4, 2012 11:28 PM
113	residents' active educ'l and culturall engagement	Mar 4, 2012 7:47 PM
114	I want an outdoor gathering place for communtiy events such as music, speakers, place to meet friends, and hang out. More things like "Mark's Carts"!!!	Mar 4, 2012 6:52 PM
115	maintain property values downtown	Mar 4, 2012 12:25 PM
116	The city does not need more tax revenue.	Mar 4, 2012 2:36 AM

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117	Attracting families to live downtown	Mar 3, 2012 10:00 PM
118	Living Wages for employees	Mar 3, 2012 8:27 PM
119	conference center	Mar 3, 2012 7:49 PM
120	Replace affordable "Y" housing	Mar 3, 2012 5:54 PM
121	Ease of parking to make people want to go downtown	Mar 3, 2012 5:29 PM
122	1.) That jobs (which are satisfying) are created for the homeless or those in precarious economic situations, or those who are 40 years old and over, in age 2.) That the local economy is encouraged and prospers for farmers and traders at the farmer's market, and local small businesses	Mar 3, 2012 2:02 PM
123	Sustainable local businesses that employ within the community	Mar 3, 2012 11:32 AM
124	I do not believe that the city should sell the library lot and perhaps not all of the others Short term profit for the city is not the answer.	Mar 2, 2012 8:13 PM
125	Making walking, biking and riding the bus to downtown more fun, and hence more likely, by creating nature spaces that are pleasant places to meet up with friends for dining/shopping/festivals or to have respite from traffic noise and the heat of summer	Mar 2, 2012 7:47 PM
126	Lower parking rates	Mar 2, 2012 5:55 PM
127	attract Ann Arborites downtown, attract more residents downtown	Mar 2, 2012 4:44 PM
128	Insist on quality design, construction and materials. Even if the city doesn't own the buildings, they will be collecting property taxes and other fees based on revenues for a long, long time. Require developers to build for the long term.	Mar 2, 2012 4:32 PM
129	Making the city accessible to citizen of all income levels and creating vibrant public spaces	Mar 2, 2012 4:20 PM
130	Tipped towards cultural enrichment rather than the destination restaurant.	Mar 2, 2012 1:51 PM
131	Donation funded events - raise money for different (A2) causes	Mar 2, 2012 1:31 PM
132	opportunities for people to meet and informally discuss these issues	Mar 2, 2012 1:12 PM
133	Business Creation/Incubation	Mar 2, 2012 12:55 PM
134	Businesses that support individuals without cars--groceries, drug stores	Mar 2, 2012 12:52 PM
135	environmental sustainability	Mar 2, 2012 12:32 PM
136	Green space amenities for Ann Arborites and visitors	Mar 2, 2012 12:25 PM
137	Spaces for community gathering (without buying anything)	Mar 2, 2012 11:38 AM
138	When I think of job creation and business attraction and retention I am specifically interested in LOCAL or REGIONAL job and business opportunities,	Mar 2, 2012 10:59 AM

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	not chain stores.	
139	Downtown that can support conferences	Mar 2, 2012 1:43 AM
140	local use for leisure/recreation	Mar 2, 2012 1:14 AM
141	Making the area more walkable and useful	Mar 2, 2012 12:01 AM
142	increasing traffic around small local businesses, NOT more chains	Mar 1, 2012 11:10 PM
143	opportunity for entrepreneurs to create for the community	Mar 1, 2012 11:05 PM
144	Affordable housing	Mar 1, 2012 10:33 PM
145	Bring more people downtown (visitors or residents) with enjoyable activities. Emphasize Mixed-Use.	Mar 1, 2012 6:09 PM
146	A park and green place on the Library Lot would generate economic benefit for the whole downtown, and businesses and properties nearby. The Library Lot should not be sold for city income. It is more valuable to be retained in public ownership and developed as a real and permanent public good.	Mar 1, 2012 5:42 PM
147	Get more people living downtown	Mar 1, 2012 5:19 PM
148	Leave the surface lots alone. Don't sell them. I'm not going underground alone to park, day or night.	Mar 1, 2012 5:07 PM
149	In attracting visitors to downtown with parks and natural areas, other businesses will see increased traffic and spending from those crowds.	Mar 1, 2012 4:25 PM
150	Pedestrian friendly	Mar 1, 2012 4:09 PM
151	City residents being able to park and dine, stroll, enjoy music and/or shop.	Mar 1, 2012 3:16 PM
152	Providing housing options for people who want to work/are working, but are struggling with working because of housing issues.	Mar 1, 2012 3:01 PM
153	Reasonable parking costs	Mar 1, 2012 2:45 PM
154	Green space attracts residents and gives back for high taxes & too much land owned by UM.	Mar 1, 2012 2:41 PM
155	parking parking parking!	Mar 1, 2012 1:57 PM
156	permanent affordable housing to house low-income service sector workers	Mar 1, 2012 1:33 PM
157	Affordable housing that will give more homeless a place to live rather than being on the streets	Mar 1, 2012 12:56 PM
158	low-income housing	Mar 1, 2012 12:54 PM
159	Green Space	Mar 1, 2012 11:53 AM
160	Make downtown a desirable destination for those who live here as well as out of	Mar 1, 2012 11:52 AM

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	town visitors. A green, town plaza will further that goal.	
161	Sustainable GREEN Economy	Mar 1, 2012 11:24 AM
162	RESIDENT attraction - we need regular A2 residents patronizing downtown, not just refugees from Birmingham	Mar 1, 2012 11:05 AM
163	food production on urban farm	Mar 1, 2012 10:42 AM
164	small locally owned non franchise businesses	Mar 1, 2012 10:28 AM
165	Increased density and diversity of land use to generate an interesting place with increased tax revenue	Mar 1, 2012 10:05 AM
166	a city we, as citizens, can enjoy	Mar 1, 2012 9:55 AM
167	Don't sell the land, we need more democratic control of our public and city-owned spaces, not trying to raise money by privatizing them. Also my main economic benefit isn't listed above: promoting higher sales and economic efficiency by promoting sustainable transportation options, allowing us to spend our dollars more on local businesses and their services and less exporting for fossil fuels. We could use a bike garage/shower/rest/storage facility downtown!	Mar 1, 2012 9:44 AM
168	Environmental "green" construction or improvement	Mar 1, 2012 9:09 AM
169	a beautiful green area to breathe in	Mar 1, 2012 9:02 AM
170	Property value growth through the investment in a park that increases the quality of life	Mar 1, 2012 8:54 AM
171	I feel increasing urban green space will ultimately improve the attractiveness to visitors and businesses	Mar 1, 2012 8:50 AM
172	long term benefits of keeping natural spaces	Mar 1, 2012 3:12 AM
173	help small local businesses	Mar 1, 2012 12:47 AM
174	environmentally, socially, and culturally sustainable and relevant developments (economic opportunity through those endeavors)	Mar 1, 2012 12:17 AM
175	Parks in down town Ann Arbor	Mar 1, 2012 12:06 AM
176	Making downtown a unique, attractive place will bring more people downtown and will increase revenue for existing businesses. Please look at the example of Santa Monica California.	Feb 29, 2012 11:39 PM
177	green space to create attractive environment for all uses	Feb 29, 2012 9:47 PM
178	to enhance the life of people who work and live downtown as well as for people who visit downtown	Feb 29, 2012 9:39 PM
179	Job creation for jobs at a living wage, not just minimum-wage service sector jobs.	Feb 29, 2012 9:20 PM

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180	Green Space down town	Feb 29, 2012 8:52 PM
181	Alternative economy supports such as timebanking or other cooperative based barter systems that can supplement existing economy and build a truly sustainable and healthy economic system.	Feb 29, 2012 6:18 PM
182	Parking	Feb 29, 2012 6:03 PM
183	economic benefits are effects, not goals, of good planning	Feb 29, 2012 6:02 PM
184	Park on top of the new parking structure next to the public library.	Feb 29, 2012 5:44 PM
185	keep downtown special with desirable features for residents such as the proposed library green	Feb 29, 2012 5:34 PM
186	Confession - I am an economic geographer and have led studies on the economic impact of Quality of Place in the UK. Creating great green spaces attracts knowledge workers and this rising tide has been known to lift all ships. In this downtown area, I believe the evidence suggests an indirect 'Quality of Place' approach will yield the most economic development bang for your buck	Feb 29, 2012 5:19 PM
187	Housing	Feb 29, 2012 4:38 PM
188	Sale of city property is a short-term fix for the budget. By properly using city land in ways that private developers cannot do, (such as a library lot park) the city can foster development in ways that no private developer can--except that the private development, growth, increased tax base, and other positive benefits will accrue if the public land is properly planned and used.	Feb 29, 2012 3:54 PM
189	a pedestrian-friendly place to be.	Feb 29, 2012 3:13 PM
190	Maintaining and increasing mass transit opportunities	Feb 29, 2012 2:18 PM
191	generating city/county specific businesses. This area is already a dead zone due to the institutions that present an unwelcoming face to pedestrians. If anything goes in here it should include incubator space for craftspeople and small startups--small biz condos.	Feb 29, 2012 12:23 PM
192	Local attractions and ease to visit downtown for those of us who live and pay taxes here.	Feb 29, 2012 11:47 AM
193	Development and attractions for Liberty street	Feb 29, 2012 11:46 AM
194	Park areas could offer small locations for vendors to serve visitors	Feb 29, 2012 11:45 AM
195	Diverse array of services offered	Feb 29, 2012 11:39 AM
196	need more beautification efforts downtown to attract visitors	Feb 29, 2012 11:19 AM
197	Provide small square which is a "green" space - has a fountain, flowers	Feb 29, 2012 10:57 AM
198	I don't believe this project should emphasize economic benefits	Feb 29, 2012 10:49 AM
199	Making A2 an interesting and vibrant city by having a vibrant center	Feb 29, 2012 10:49 AM

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200	Quality Jobs, please. And Quality architecture, with historic preservation. And did I say, DISBAND the DDA!	Feb 29, 2012 10:47 AM
201	Make downtown inviting and comfortable for workers and residents.	Feb 29, 2012 10:43 AM
202	As a small boutique owner, I am in desperate need of more shoppers to find my shop! The city does not provide walking maps, which many small communities tend to provide to visitors to encourage local shopping. The way-finder signs do not help small businesses in any way, shape, or form!	Feb 28, 2012 9:41 PM
203	get those top three and the tax revenues will come pouring in with out a need to raise taxes, or generate more revenue.	Feb 28, 2012 9:37 PM
204	attractive spaces mean good business to nearby stores	Feb 28, 2012 6:20 PM
205	Do not sell city property, landscape parking to be parklike, do not keep raising parking rates just because you can	Feb 28, 2012 6:18 PM
206	protect and support city services already in the area like the library	Feb 28, 2012 3:43 PM
207	Propotion of civil society - spaces for the community to meet, be active, hold rallies	Feb 28, 2012 2:07 PM
208	Green park area in downtown setting.	Feb 28, 2012 1:14 PM
209	Using these lots as street level parking lots for cars!!!!	Feb 28, 2012 1:13 PM
210	Increase of downtown residents due to high satisfaction with livability of the downtown.	Feb 28, 2012 1:01 PM
211	Businesses which compete with large box stores, drawing more shopping into downtown and away from strip malls.	Feb 28, 2012 12:29 PM
212	affordable housing	Feb 28, 2012 11:55 AM
213	Quality of life increase from outdoor gathering space = economic benefit of the right people staying in Ann Arbor	Feb 28, 2012 11:54 AM
214	support of small local businesses	Feb 28, 2012 11:48 AM
215	Longer term view of returns for city- short term decisions re: this project will cripple it	Feb 28, 2012 11:30 AM
216	Atraction of independant businesses that support the community as oposed to national chains.	Feb 28, 2012 11:24 AM
217	Not selling public land, but generating long-term revenue with them!	Feb 28, 2012 11:17 AM
218	downtown attractive for picnic or social interactions (like eating at the park across from Blimpy Burger)	Feb 28, 2012 11:13 AM
219	Increased Downtown housing	Feb 28, 2012 10:58 AM
220	attraction of non-student residents to the downtown area	Feb 28, 2012 10:58 AM

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221	Small Businesses! Small Businesses! Small Businesses!	Feb 28, 2012 9:35 AM
222	A GREEN PARK where people can meet, rest, interact	Feb 28, 2012 6:55 AM
223	While a fair price is important, maximizing profit isn't the return is long term.	Feb 27, 2012 11:33 PM
224	Contribution to quality of life for Ann Arbor's tax paying residents.	Feb 27, 2012 11:16 PM
225	High quality planned development	Feb 27, 2012 9:49 PM
226	No more sales to UOFM	Feb 27, 2012 9:29 PM
227	Visitor defined as anyone not living there.	Feb 27, 2012 8:22 PM
228	local and community promotions, PARKING or extended public transit hours/funding	Feb 27, 2012 8:09 PM
229	High energy, multigenerational attractive design	Feb 27, 2012 7:28 PM
230	Not to sell city-owned sites on a whim/short-term fantasy	Feb 27, 2012 6:42 PM
231	I believe making our city (and especially this crucial block) more livable-- ie more vital, unique and spirited-- a place of vision-- a place with a sense of place-- will lead to better economics/city revenue. I think we need to build an inspiring sustainable, diverse and attractive city and then the jobs, revenue and visitors will follow. It needs to be planned for living, not business. The economics will follow.	Feb 27, 2012 5:16 PM
232	improved public safety & surveillance via cameras	Feb 27, 2012 4:58 PM
233	Increased supply of housing in walkable areas	Feb 27, 2012 4:30 PM
234	Beauty/green spaces that increase quality of ilfe	Feb 27, 2012 3:55 PM
235	well lit (LED light only) park with an amphitheater would be amazing	Feb 27, 2012 3:55 PM
236	As an A2 homeowner Increased tax revenues and high return on sale of these properties is only important to me if their exploitation will allow my property taxes to go DOWN. If the City can get the \$ somewhere else I should pay less - or start adding back services that you've clipped - leaf collection etc.	Feb 27, 2012 3:31 PM
237	Retail expansion	Feb 27, 2012 2:45 PM
238	making the area around the Blake Transit Center less ugly and depressing	Feb 27, 2012 2:34 PM
239	economic vitalization through effective public areas (quality of life factor)	Feb 27, 2012 12:21 PM
240	Green space, walkability	Feb 27, 2012 10:56 AM
241	if it is beautiful, people will want to be here	Feb 26, 2012 10:58 PM
242	A central park, common space	Feb 26, 2012 6:45 PM
243	Making sure that whatever is developed in this area becomes a destination for	Feb 26, 2012 12:55 PM

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	Ann Arbor citizens and helps support existing downtown area businesses.	
244	Sell the old Y lot	Feb 26, 2012 9:54 AM
245	Benefits to the citizens of Ann Arbor in terms of an attractive, pleasant, and accessible down town	Feb 26, 2012 1:19 AM
246	making sure our unelected beaurocrats don't completely destroy our local businesses by grossly mismanaging development projects...yeah i'll go with that.	Feb 26, 2012 12:29 AM
247	Too much emphasis on economic aspects already	Feb 26, 2012 12:10 AM
248	helping decrease rents for small businesses.	Feb 25, 2012 9:39 PM
249	city income tax	Feb 25, 2012 8:54 PM
250	Not Gain, SUSTAIN! Do not overbuild! Empty/bankrupt space is BAD! A2's small-town character & feel.	Feb 25, 2012 8:02 PM
251	business, esp. for everyday essentials for living	Feb 25, 2012 6:13 PM
252	Tax the University of Michigan and Churches.	Feb 25, 2012 6:01 PM
253	This is really a combination of the above two goals. If a major employer wanted to pay a good price for one of the lots and develop at his own expense with no city subsidy, this would be allowable. Otherwise, wait until existing buildings are filled. 2. Government or other public buildings (not U. of M.)	Feb 25, 2012 3:05 PM
254	Focus on local and indie business - no more banal chains	Feb 25, 2012 2:39 PM
255	Public space.	Feb 25, 2012 2:06 PM
256	The place should look attractive; today is ugly!	Feb 25, 2012 1:58 PM
257	Enriching the cultural life of our community.	Feb 25, 2012 1:38 PM
258	A green park will make the downtown more livable and therefore attractive to residents and workers.	Feb 25, 2012 1:34 PM
259	encouraging residents to get downtown and support local businesses	Feb 25, 2012 12:56 PM
260	increased population downtown	Feb 25, 2012 12:25 PM
261	Incentives to come Downtown	Feb 25, 2012 11:44 AM
262	Immediate economics are less important than good design and long term plan...people will follow.	Feb 25, 2012 11:06 AM
263	bringing more patrons vs less to downtown to shop and dine. Downtown is becoming less and less a place to go.	Feb 25, 2012 10:45 AM
264	More downtown housing	Feb 25, 2012 10:35 AM
265	safety, lower property taxes, lower fees	Feb 25, 2012 10:30 AM

Page 3, Q5. What economic benefits are most important to you? (select all that apply)

266	Concentrate on the fundamentals (accessibility and diversity of locations). People will visit and economic benefits will follow.	Feb 25, 2012 8:51 AM
267	protecting any exhistng housing	Feb 25, 2012 8:15 AM
268	expanding weekend transportation (AATA) within Washtenaw County	Feb 24, 2012 10:59 PM
269	public services provided, police and fire services	Feb 24, 2012 10:42 PM
270	making downtown better for those of us who are already there	Feb 24, 2012 10:09 PM
271	green space	Feb 24, 2012 9:57 PM
272	Safety for women	Feb 24, 2012 9:49 PM
273	Supporting local businesses that are suffering during underground construction like Jerusalem Garden	Feb 24, 2012 9:27 PM
274	Quality of Life	Feb 24, 2012 8:40 PM
275	Let's start paying more attention to citizens of Ann Arbor and less concern about "tourism"	Feb 24, 2012 8:04 PM
276	long term quality and value of the urban fabric	Feb 24, 2012 7:21 PM
277	If a parcel is developed, it should be designed with high quality architecture, at medium densities (4-8 stories) (more like North Quad)	Feb 24, 2012 7:21 PM
278	Re: #6 below, answers could be different for each of the different pieces of property. As set up, responses to #6 apply to all properties under consideration...how will you make sense of answers to the question?	Feb 24, 2012 7:14 PM
279	A more sustainable downtown will bring in lots of money and business	Feb 24, 2012 7:04 PM
280	downtown residents	Feb 24, 2012 6:50 PM
281	tax credit for historic preservation of existing homes	Feb 24, 2012 6:48 PM
282	D2 max on Wm St, AADL as anchor institution	Feb 24, 2012 6:41 PM
283	Thunder Dome	Feb 24, 2012 6:02 PM
284	Restaurants that are viable and don't have long lines. Can Whole Foods locate downtown similar to downtown Evanston, IL	Feb 24, 2012 5:52 PM
285	focus on local sustainable businesses	Feb 24, 2012 5:50 PM
286	local businesses, innovative and "Ann Arbor" unique stores and spaces	Feb 24, 2012 5:49 PM
287	Opportunities for residents of all income levels	Feb 24, 2012 5:46 PM
288	vibrant walkable streets	Feb 24, 2012 5:46 PM
289	Open space - amenity for existing housing and business	Feb 24, 2012 5:35 PM

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290	A central park	Feb 24, 2012 5:29 PM
291	Park/Town Square on Library Lot	Feb 24, 2012 5:24 PM
292	Accessible everyday business	Feb 24, 2012 4:53 PM
293	Avoiding government subsidy for private business, avoiding sale or lease of public land, and avoiding major investments	Feb 24, 2012 4:11 PM

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1	"green space"	Mar 13, 2012 11:18 PM
2	While I am OK with increasing residential density downtown, I am not convinced that it automatically preserves farms and open space. People will not want to live downtown unless it is safe, affordable, and desirable--people in high-rises need the open space. Townships need to have their own laws regulating land use to keep people from building large houses on five acres..	Mar 13, 2012 11:39 AM
3	invisioning a diffirent type of city	Mar 12, 2012 11:33 PM
4	Green "building" practices can also be applied to well-designed public green spaces--which, of course, are human creations themselves.	Mar 12, 2012 11:18 PM
5	trees!	Mar 12, 2012 10:56 PM
6	We need to stress efficiency. Green buildings are great but they sure use a lot of resources!!	Mar 12, 2012 7:33 PM
7	Open space , particularly on the library lot.	Mar 12, 2012 6:24 PM
8	Meet "dark sky" goals to enhance night sky/star viewing	Mar 12, 2012 5:26 PM
9	More housing for 100 people not just housing for 600 cars	Mar 12, 2012 5:11 PM
10	Quit putting factory like buildings in our beautiful downtown	Mar 12, 2012 4:50 PM
11	preserving public human habitat, not private enclosure and exclusion	Mar 12, 2012 3:51 PM
12	"a Town Square or central civic area"	Mar 12, 2012 3:40 PM
13	I believe strongly in preserving natural open spaces surrounding our city but I believe that there exists many other sites for business and diversified housing to exist in aready under utilized buildings. We need some more green space in the downtown.	Mar 12, 2012 3:31 PM
14	Open and green spaces.	Mar 12, 2012 3:09 PM
15	Creation of downtown green space, re-purposing existing structures	Mar 12, 2012 1:56 PM
16	clean up the mess of salt all over the sidewalks!!!	Mar 12, 2012 1:13 PM
17	Downtown green spaces / parks	Mar 11, 2012 11:42 PM
18	While there are many parks, a vibrant central park would be kickass.	Mar 11, 2012 6:37 PM
19	Create parks and green spaces downtown as well	Mar 11, 2012 6:28 PM
20	Green space.	Mar 11, 2012 5:25 PM
21	central green plaza to attract families	Mar 11, 2012 4:37 PM
22	A central public place for the city	Mar 11, 2012 4:20 PM
23	green space	Mar 11, 2012 11:32 AM

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24	Maintaining green space within the downtown area.	Mar 11, 2012 12:30 AM
25	no more concrete - plantings to sit near	Mar 10, 2012 3:29 PM
26	To attract people downtown it's important to keep some open green spaces, large and small. Buildings right on the sidewalk are unfriendly.	Mar 10, 2012 1:20 PM
27	Encourage energy efficient transportation such as motorcycles, scooters, & bicycles	Mar 10, 2012 12:58 PM
28	Keep skyscrapers to a MINIMUM	Mar 10, 2012 11:55 AM
29	small outdoor play area/park	Mar 10, 2012 10:37 AM
30	more scooter parking	Mar 9, 2012 10:41 PM
31	capture stormwater and use it?	Mar 9, 2012 4:28 PM
32	maintain some green space within the city	Mar 9, 2012 2:37 PM
33	Living space for low wage earners who work downtown.	Mar 9, 2012 2:04 PM
34	I would select "focusing development downtown in order to preserve undeveloped farmland and natural open space" if I thought that the housing added downtown would be both affordable and aesthetically appealing. I walk by the ugly, expensive, failed building at the corner of 1st and Huron regularly...	Mar 9, 2012 12:54 PM
35	providing green spaces for people to gather	Mar 9, 2012 11:25 AM
36	locally owned.	Mar 9, 2012 10:30 AM
37	more parks	Mar 9, 2012 9:58 AM
38	Keeping attractive streetscapes with shade and landscaping	Mar 9, 2012 8:29 AM
39	promoting building that allows sun to reach pedestrians. Limit heights.	Mar 8, 2012 10:29 PM
40	Have clean restrooms; Having a generous variety of trees	Mar 8, 2012 10:08 PM
41	More downtown housing	Mar 8, 2012 10:02 PM
42	Foster energy efficient transportation such as Motor Scooters motorcycles & bicycles	Mar 8, 2012 9:29 PM
43	Highline	Mar 8, 2012 9:17 PM
44	Access to homes, jobs, retail shops for the senior citizens and the handicapped	Mar 8, 2012 6:28 PM
45	Ensure availability of mixed income housing for singles and families	Mar 8, 2012 2:19 PM
46	no new development	Mar 8, 2012 1:56 PM
47	Green space to sit and enjoy.	Mar 8, 2012 1:09 PM

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48	Improving bike access in a way that does not remove car access (such as removing traffic lanes)	Mar 8, 2012 1:05 PM
49	again, I can not answer this, as it's WAY TOO VAGUE -- WHAT ARE you thinking of doing??? How can I make choices about generalities?!?!?!	Mar 8, 2012 11:41 AM
50	Keep the parking lots available!	Mar 8, 2012 11:18 AM
51	parking better parking	Mar 8, 2012 11:12 AM
52	If homes, jobs and services are all within close proximity, environmental impact is dramatically reduced by the reduction in transport and the infrastructure required to maintain it.	Mar 7, 2012 9:54 PM
53	tree-lined streets, public gardens/spaces	Mar 7, 2012 6:10 PM
54	TRANSFORMATION OF PARKING STRUCTURES/LOTS INTO SOMETHING MORE USEFUL	Mar 7, 2012 5:11 PM
55	reduce VMT.	Mar 7, 2012 3:53 PM
56	More parking spots and less crowded traffic to enable ease of use and also reduce emissions instead of more buildings and greater carbon footprint.	Mar 7, 2012 3:44 PM
57	affordability - housing, entertainment and diversity.	Mar 7, 2012 3:20 PM
58	Mixed-use development	Mar 7, 2012 3:12 PM
59	Construction of a quality durable enough to last for generations, rather than something that will be torn down after a generation or two.	Mar 6, 2012 10:01 PM
60	We should be on the forefront of the environmental revolution, as I think it would make the city more attractive overall.	Mar 6, 2012 5:21 PM
61	Increasing foot traffic to reduce motor vehicles.	Mar 6, 2012 4:39 PM
62	tram system to reduce auto dependence	Mar 6, 2012 3:34 PM
63	Adding some green space and trees	Mar 6, 2012 3:04 PM
64	all of these are important, really	Mar 6, 2012 1:46 PM
65	Encourage energy efficient transportation such as motorcycles, scooters, & bicycles.	Mar 6, 2012 1:44 PM
66	reduce sprawl	Mar 6, 2012 12:45 PM
67	Encourage energy efficient transportation such as motorcycles, scooters, & bicycles.	Mar 6, 2012 12:37 PM
68	reuse/recycle - repurpose existing materials	Mar 6, 2012 11:22 AM
69	Encourage sustainable transportation such as motorcycles, scooters, & bicycles	Mar 6, 2012 10:56 AM

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70	downtown development doesn't have to mean cheap tall buildings with a short-term ROI. have some standards. people will make long-term investment in this town.	Mar 6, 2012 10:31 AM
71	The area doesn't have undeveloped farmland, but some natural open space should be preserved.	Mar 6, 2012 9:50 AM
72	Balance of building and non-building space.	Mar 6, 2012 9:49 AM
73	An open green space in the center of town	Mar 6, 2012 8:59 AM
74	I believe in being as environmentally friendly as is possible.	Mar 6, 2012 12:43 AM
75	preserving existing buildings/houses is equally environmentally beneficial	Mar 5, 2012 7:20 PM
76	Local and healthy food accessibility	Mar 5, 2012 3:33 PM
77	High density living space balanced with aesthetics and diversity	Mar 5, 2012 2:26 PM
78	recycling and encouragement of reusing stuff (bags, water bottles, etc.)	Mar 5, 2012 2:19 PM
79	Quiet enough to have a sidewalk conversation without shouting; requirement for green roof and/or solar (PV and/or water) on roofs of all new buildings; plantings that will reduce stress, add beauty, and clean the air and water; well-lit (NOTE: NOT over-lit) areas that don't pollute neighbors with light and glare while improving safety.	Mar 5, 2012 2:01 PM
80	MORE PARKING!	Mar 5, 2012 11:38 AM
81	hosting businesses that value the environment... not huge corporations	Mar 5, 2012 11:31 AM
82	public parks/green space	Mar 5, 2012 10:30 AM
83	Jobs are the priority, not the environment. If I cannot eat what good is clean air?	Mar 4, 2012 2:36 AM
84	make downtown more appealing - cleanit up	Mar 3, 2012 7:49 PM
85	energy efficiency and alternative energy	Mar 3, 2012 6:59 PM
86	1.) Stopping the development of additional new buildings, and instead preserving and renovating older, historical buildings.	Mar 3, 2012 2:02 PM
87	Retention of old neighborhoods is essential to the community. What happened in Germantown was disgusting!	Mar 3, 2012 11:32 AM
88	Adaptive use of historic buildings rather than building new ones	Mar 3, 2012 11:18 AM
89	Years ago A2 Tomorrow attempted to put in a height restriction - after the two monstrosities were built. Sadly it failed. sky scrapers are not user friendly. Nor are they attractive.	Mar 2, 2012 8:13 PM
90	Having more Nature space to help slow and clean stormwater runoff from the huge amount of impervious surfaces (e.g., roofs), moderate hot summer temperatures, and provide respite that encourages walking, biking, and riding the	Mar 2, 2012 7:47 PM

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	bus rather than driving	
91	innovation	Mar 2, 2012 6:09 PM
92	Creating more beautiful spaces within the city for people to head to.	Mar 2, 2012 4:20 PM
93	Ann Arbor is way behind in requiring green building	Mar 2, 2012 3:53 PM
94	this is a fad. there are many more important things like creating handicapped parking places	Mar 2, 2012 2:25 PM
95	Floodplain protection	Mar 2, 2012 1:51 PM
96	Be green by NOT BUILDING new structures.	Mar 2, 2012 12:25 PM
97	Increasing amount of plants/trees/greenery in downtown area	Mar 2, 2012 11:24 AM
98	just a green space on top of the parking garage so people see a park not more cars	Mar 2, 2012 10:59 AM
99	All of those I selected are interrelated, but access by transit, foot and bike is most important.	Mar 2, 2012 10:32 AM
100	interesting green space in downtown	Mar 2, 2012 1:14 AM
101	Sensitive use of open space	Mar 2, 2012 12:16 AM
102	selecting indigenous Michigan plants for the public space created	Mar 1, 2012 11:10 PM
103	As to your first choice here, one does not necessarily follow the other. Dumb choice.	Mar 1, 2012 7:57 PM
104	A park and green place downtown, on the Library lot, should be/ could be an educational place for a green way of living, rebalancing and transitioning to a sustainable post-fossil fuel future. Above 4 floors of underground parking is the perfect place for environmental education. /focusing development downtown is not necessary or required to preserve undeveloped farmland and natural open spaces. I am for more residential housing, business, non-profit office in the down town, and on the city properties, if, where and when it is economically feasible. But not on the Library Lot. .	Mar 1, 2012 5:42 PM
105	Not in favor of the downtown density as I see it being developed by the current administration.	Mar 1, 2012 5:07 PM
106	Bring some nature here!	Mar 1, 2012 4:01 PM
107	Green space downtown, NOT parking.	Mar 1, 2012 2:41 PM
108	parking	Mar 1, 2012 1:57 PM
109	a park	Mar 1, 2012 11:53 AM
110	focusing development downtown does not mean just a green light to building, though. Again, we need to use our space intelligently.	Mar 1, 2012 11:52 AM

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111	green space so the earth can "breathe"	Mar 1, 2012 10:42 AM
112	providing housing for all segments of the population.	Mar 1, 2012 10:05 AM
113	Preserve a green space in downtown so access to parks is available to all.	Mar 1, 2012 10:04 AM
114	While air and water are important, I only listed the three I think this development can best make sure of.	Mar 1, 2012 9:44 AM
115	Open Green space for all to enjoy	Mar 1, 2012 8:54 AM
116	showcasing environmental features so they're used as a public education tool	Mar 1, 2012 1:09 AM
117	pervious pavement, efficient use (and re-use) of water, green space	Mar 1, 2012 12:17 AM
118	end the war on people who drive	Mar 1, 2012 12:13 AM
119	Parks in Ann Arbor (library lot)	Mar 1, 2012 12:06 AM
120	car parking to support existing businesses	Feb 29, 2012 10:31 PM
121	preserve open public space by creating a park for everybody to use	Feb 29, 2012 9:39 PM
122	Visual relief from buildings, roads, and parking lots--parks that invite sitting and lingering.	Feb 29, 2012 9:10 PM
123	Outdoor central park	Feb 29, 2012 8:52 PM
124	Holistic environmental understanding cultivation of resilient communities and our interdependence with natural systems requiring respect and restoration for our survival.	Feb 29, 2012 6:18 PM
125	green infrastructure that benefits citizen well-being	Feb 29, 2012 6:02 PM
126	A public park on top of the new parking structure.	Feb 29, 2012 5:44 PM
127	Green roofs/urban farming	Feb 29, 2012 5:42 PM
128	historic preservation is an environmental benefit	Feb 29, 2012 5:40 PM
129	using existing buildings instead of tearing them down and building new ones	Feb 29, 2012 5:34 PM
130	The need for open space in cities to keep them vibrant and alive, not just concrete.	Feb 29, 2012 3:54 PM
131	Possibly closing off a street for foot and bus travel, similar to Boulder	Feb 29, 2012 3:39 PM
132	Increased walkability and a growing downtown (by growing i mean literally expanding the downtown so that more and more of Ann Arbor becomes walkable and bikeable)	Feb 29, 2012 3:05 PM
133	Offering living and working options downtown will automatically help the environment by reducing the necessity to drive everywhere.	Feb 29, 2012 2:30 PM

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134	green space downtown--trees clean the air. Grass for downtown residents and workers to sit on.	Feb 29, 2012 12:23 PM
135	question #6 - comment - downtown should be for locals with visitors welcome, areas for seniors and families, benches, trees, affordable enjoyable accessible atmosphere for all.	Feb 29, 2012 11:47 AM
136	easy access to pleasant outdoor, off the street environments	Feb 29, 2012 11:45 AM
137	Don't focus on building on every scrap of land downtown - we need a "park" type place to be able to relax in (fountain, flowers, grass)	Feb 29, 2012 10:57 AM
138	More green space: parks, etc.	Feb 29, 2012 10:49 AM
139	Fill in the hole!! Fix the roads!! More police presence downtown!!	Feb 29, 2012 10:47 AM
140	green park space is central to making a city center inviting to residents, workers, companies, and visitors.	Feb 29, 2012 10:43 AM
141	energy district and "net-zero"	Feb 29, 2012 10:26 AM
142	REUSE EXISTING BLDGS THAT ARE UNOCCUPIED!!!! STOP ALLOWING PERFECTLY HABITABLE BLDGS TO BE TORN DOWN TO CREATE NEW STRUCTURES THAT, IN THE PROCESS, WASTE RESOURCES!!!!	Feb 28, 2012 9:41 PM
143	Just about all the options are covered if you consider air & water quality.	Feb 28, 2012 9:36 PM
144	Reuse of existing buildings & preserving historic structures of all types	Feb 28, 2012 8:58 PM
145	Historic preservation: the greenest the building is the one you already have	Feb 28, 2012 7:59 PM
146	open green spaces - and small shops nearby	Feb 28, 2012 6:20 PM
147	More trees, better landscaping and care of those planted	Feb 28, 2012 6:18 PM
148	preservation of interesting local businesses	Feb 28, 2012 3:45 PM
149	creating and protecting green space downtown	Feb 28, 2012 3:15 PM
150	Increasing residential density of this area. this is one of the few areas of Ann Arbor that could be improved by the addition of 3-4 slender point towers. with little negative side effects. the key is to widen the base and plant trees at ground level. and then build slender towers above. You people have been focusing on the wrong issues regarding towers, taller and thinner is better than bulkier and wider. somewhere in the range of 35 -45 stories could actually work here and this would inject enough foot traffic to enliven the surrounding area.	Feb 28, 2012 1:25 PM
151	No tall buildings over four stories tall! And lots of street level parking lots!! Like these current parking lots!!!	Feb 28, 2012 1:13 PM
152	Our central "Library Green" could demonstrate green technologies including wind and solar generated lights, a garden demonstrating organic food culture.	Feb 28, 2012 1:01 PM
153	Green space in the downtown area, as well as surrounding it.	Feb 28, 2012 12:12 PM

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154	Green buildings should be a given; a dense population in green	Feb 28, 2012 11:50 AM
155	We need to PUT IN green space. Where is the "undeveloped farmland and natural open space" to PRESERVE?	Feb 28, 2012 11:49 AM
156	Public recycling receptacles downtown!	Feb 28, 2012 11:48 AM
157	green building practices that foster smart siting strategies, use of natural light and ventilation more than "decorating" buildings with green amenities, finishes and furniture	Feb 28, 2012 11:39 AM
158	maintain open spaces downtown for community interaction	Feb 28, 2012 11:38 AM
159	permeable surface	Feb 28, 2012 11:13 AM
160	Clean and safe environment for people to walk, dine & shop	Feb 28, 2012 9:35 AM
161	develop more modernized infrastructure	Feb 28, 2012 9:28 AM
162	A GREEN PARK	Feb 28, 2012 6:55 AM
163	stormwater management, energy efficiency. Other LEED "points" are suspect.	Feb 27, 2012 11:33 PM
164	An Ann Arbor Greenway	Feb 27, 2012 11:16 PM
165	go to area for multiple purposes entertainment, food, fun shopping. seeing people	Feb 27, 2012 7:28 PM
166	good design	Feb 27, 2012 4:36 PM
167	build sustainably and replace sustainably	Feb 27, 2012 4:06 PM
168	Habitat for birds, plants, and trees within urban environment	Feb 27, 2012 3:55 PM
169	LED lighting	Feb 27, 2012 3:55 PM
170	Water management techniques - stormwater and flooding prevention	Feb 27, 2012 2:44 PM
171	Plan built environment to preserve pedestrian quality (light, wind effects)	Feb 27, 2012 12:21 PM
172	Nore green space	Feb 27, 2012 10:56 AM
173	Please provide park development as an option. Why is this not listed?	Feb 26, 2012 12:55 PM
174	less impervious surfce area	Feb 26, 2012 9:54 AM
175	i'd avoid carving huge holes in the earth for this one...they are apparently dangerous per the parking structure project.	Feb 26, 2012 12:29 AM
176	Diminished emphasis on the automobile; traffic jams now.	Feb 26, 2012 12:10 AM
177	green space downtown	Feb 25, 2012 11:18 PM
178	a long term non motorized trans plan that connects walking, biking with	Feb 25, 2012 8:54 PM

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	motorized mass transit hubs	
179	Neighborhoods and Trees, Community and Families. A2's "small town" character!	Feb 25, 2012 8:02 PM
180	Energy-efficiency to save the city money long-term	Feb 25, 2012 7:11 PM
181	More Jobs	Feb 25, 2012 6:21 PM
182	Biking and Pedestrian safety to walk to venues	Feb 25, 2012 4:14 PM
183	Open, public, green space.	Feb 25, 2012 2:06 PM
184	A green park downtown could generate direct environmental benefits.	Feb 25, 2012 1:34 PM
185	I don't understand how to answer this question. It is rather leading.	Feb 25, 2012 1:05 PM
186	access to services and necessities downtown so downtown residents don't need to drive to get essentials (cat food, sewing supplies, decently priced toilet paper are all things i can't find downtown)	Feb 25, 2012 12:56 PM
187	increased downtown housing density	Feb 25, 2012 12:25 PM
188	Ease and affordability of parking, incentives for bicycle use	Feb 25, 2012 11:44 AM
189	An edifice complex is not "green."	Feb 25, 2012 10:30 AM
190	Improve traffic flow downtown so there aren't so many vehicles idling.	Feb 25, 2012 8:51 AM
191	Balancing new buildings with open space	Feb 25, 2012 6:26 AM
192	Id like to see some decent late night bus service on route 2A on the weekend evenings.	Feb 25, 2012 1:56 AM
193	creation of warming shelters outside of the downtown areas; use of VA opened auditorium for this.	Feb 24, 2012 10:59 PM
194	maintaining existing structures and trees	Feb 24, 2012 10:09 PM
195	Healthy and interesting landscaping will contribute to a feeling of health to the area	Feb 24, 2012 8:44 PM
196	Density does not necessarily mean 25 stories. Please retain the unique character of downtown.	Feb 24, 2012 7:21 PM
197	Science not Environmental Religion	Feb 24, 2012 7:16 PM
198	Downtown development does not automatically preserve farmland and natural open space.The actions are separate, and unrelated.	Feb 24, 2012 7:14 PM
199	runoff management, reduce flood hazard	Feb 24, 2012 7:04 PM
200	false implications here, especially the first	Feb 24, 2012 6:41 PM

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201	Maintain roads, markings, & sidewalks. Trim trees.	Feb 24, 2012 6:09 PM
202	To the DDA: Please Stop acting like Ann Arbor is like Berkeley when the population of Ann Arbor is smaller and we are not on a coast.	Feb 24, 2012 5:52 PM
203	minimize auto - gas vehicles in downtown area	Feb 24, 2012 5:50 PM
204	downtown charging stations, bike parking, pedestrian malls	Feb 24, 2012 5:49 PM
205	Focusing development downtown, efficient use of infrastructure, and multimodal access LEAD TO protection of air and water!	Feb 24, 2012 5:46 PM
206	We need more growing green, public and private.	Feb 24, 2012 5:38 PM
207	But a healthy downtown is not just about so-called dvpt.	Feb 24, 2012 5:35 PM
208	restoration and preservation of existing structures	Feb 24, 2012 5:29 PM
209	green spaces/comfortable benches located appropriately	Feb 24, 2012 5:21 PM
210	Historic preservation	Feb 24, 2012 4:31 PM
211	Downtown park space to make living and visiting downtown more attractive	Feb 24, 2012 4:11 PM

Page 3, Q8. What social benefits are most important to you? (select all that apply)

1	Those of us in the two mile or so radius of the center of the city and university needs safety, walkability, stores, basic services---this is our neighborhood.	Mar 13, 2012 11:39 AM
2	social space for free gatherings	Mar 12, 2012 11:33 PM
3	As I said above: Ann Arbor has no real town square downtown. It deserves one. The Library Lot is the best location for it. Such a space could be transformative for the whole city and beyond.	Mar 12, 2012 11:18 PM
4	sense of community and gravitation to downtown/campus	Mar 12, 2012 8:56 PM
5	Don't need retail. Cheap cafes and street food not a place for "shopping"	Mar 12, 2012 7:33 PM
6	Open space can be interesting. Don't assume only built space as the option .	Mar 12, 2012 6:24 PM
7	Fun viewing, as year-round ice rink, busker music, kids	Mar 12, 2012 5:26 PM
8	Replace former Y housing with affordable apartments	Mar 12, 2012 5:11 PM
9	Low rent housing options	Mar 12, 2012 4:51 PM
10	Once again, if you build keep it within the context of the existing buildings. Why can't we keep a sense of historical context in this town?	Mar 12, 2012 4:50 PM
11	safe and easy biking in and around town	Mar 12, 2012 4:26 PM
12	community entrepreneurship, localized social/economic synergy	Mar 12, 2012 3:51 PM
13	"a Town Square or central civic area"	Mar 12, 2012 3:40 PM
14	A park that will allow children to play, maybe some outdoor food carts, outdoor music area, places for people living in the downtown to relax, etc. We need more bike paths that run continuously through the downtown area and the roads that lead into town such as Huron Street.	Mar 12, 2012 3:31 PM
15	Social benefits come from friendly social spaces	Mar 12, 2012 3:09 PM
16	housing, which means people which means community	Mar 12, 2012 3:00 PM
17	A green space eg park to help us slow down the pace of life in the course of our busy day	Mar 12, 2012 2:32 PM
18	Retaining AND complementing the look-and-feel of of historic Ann Arbor while updating existing historic stretches, cultivating downtown as a "locals friendly" place	Mar 12, 2012 1:56 PM
19	green space	Mar 12, 2012 1:51 PM
20	parks, nature, NOT more high rise structures	Mar 12, 2012 1:47 PM
21	Opportunities for people of all income-levels to participate in downtown attractions/life. Affordable housing.	Mar 12, 2012 10:26 AM
22	Providing resources to those needing supportive housing	Mar 11, 2012 9:32 PM

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23	A meeting place where the dynamic and diverse elements of Ann Arbor can congregate and share ideas and fresh visions for Ann Arbor.	Mar 11, 2012 5:25 PM
24	focus downtown on a central plaza--green park	Mar 11, 2012 4:37 PM
25	An innovative green activity --can be a structure like Highline in NY or place for fairs and events	Mar 11, 2012 4:20 PM
26	Don't necessarily want to see a lot of retail but some would be ok if there remains a park-like feel to the area.	Mar 11, 2012 12:30 AM
27	I wasn't aware the city was planning to change the area	Mar 10, 2012 3:29 PM
28	park benches and playground for social gatherings	Mar 10, 2012 10:37 AM
29	parks!	Mar 9, 2012 7:56 PM
30	Safe, accessible, low cost parking, family atmosphere	Mar 9, 2012 4:26 PM
31	Safe affordable housing	Mar 9, 2012 3:53 PM
32	Diverse community. We need housing opportunities for low-income residents, and minlmu wage earners who will staff the businesses in the area.	Mar 9, 2012 3:53 PM
33	see above	Mar 9, 2012 2:37 PM
34	reducing the number of panhandlers on the streets	Mar 9, 2012 2:20 PM
35	Increased job opportunities for low wage earners to become productively employed, and be able to live locally.	Mar 9, 2012 2:04 PM
36	Public Park space for individuals to enjoy and interact with one another	Mar 9, 2012 1:58 PM
37	Pleasant places to spend time outdoors - more green. (And I value museums, music venues, and education highly, but they are well served already. What we need downtown to support them is better transit to the places they are happening.)	Mar 9, 2012 12:54 PM
38	implement best practices for universal design and accessibility	Mar 9, 2012 11:27 AM
39	Being able to buy a freaking bottle of aspirin downtown without having to go to CVS would be nice.	Mar 9, 2012 11:25 AM
40	place to see others in nature	Mar 9, 2012 11:25 AM
41	playground - park next to library,	Mar 9, 2012 10:46 AM
42	I want the businesses to be locally owned, which keeps money in our community.	Mar 9, 2012 10:30 AM
43	Better security and services to help homeless so they don't have to beg	Mar 9, 2012 8:29 AM
44	Green space next to the library would be ideal	Mar 9, 2012 8:24 AM

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45	Welcoming to diverse populations;not monopolized by homeless or gangs	Mar 8, 2012 10:08 PM
46	Please do not plan more ugly architectural styles like the new Justice Center on Huron St.	Mar 8, 2012 9:29 PM
47	Highline events: "Salsa night", for instance.	Mar 8, 2012 9:17 PM
48	This is a highly biased survey. I'm unlikely to bump in to friends and neighbors in downtown Ann Arbor. There isn't currently any reason to be there. Most museums are on campus except Hand On.	Mar 8, 2012 7:56 PM
49	more book stores	Mar 8, 2012 6:28 PM
50	open public spaces instead of buildings and concrete	Mar 8, 2012 1:56 PM
51	Green space	Mar 8, 2012 1:09 PM
52	I like coming downtown and being able to park my car with relative ease. I like spots that are near my destination so that I don't have to walk alone at night.	Mar 8, 2012 11:18 AM
53	pakring	Mar 8, 2012 11:12 AM
54	Safety and security	Mar 7, 2012 5:41 PM
55	green [trees -- grass] public space	Mar 7, 2012 4:04 PM
56	Easy and convenient parking.	Mar 7, 2012 3:44 PM
57	a SAFE place to walk, meet friends, etc.	Mar 7, 2012 3:25 PM
58	Emphasis on local food as part of a whole sustainable cycle	Mar 6, 2012 7:19 PM
59	a safe, comfortable downtown area that offers free spaces other than the library	Mar 6, 2012 5:36 PM
60	place to hold lectures, conferences, symposia	Mar 6, 2012 3:34 PM
61	More food carts.	Mar 6, 2012 10:56 AM
62	Local businesses	Mar 6, 2012 10:53 AM
63	Does anyone not select all of them?	Mar 6, 2012 10:34 AM
64	if i answered "bumping into friends and neighbors" what would that even mean to you? this survey is hilarious.	Mar 6, 2012 10:31 AM
65	parks and natural areas	Mar 6, 2012 9:59 AM
66	Provide an informal destination. A place to go when you don't know where you want to go, but is casual enough that you are confident you will find something appealing when you get there, unlike main street.	Mar 6, 2012 9:49 AM
67	A place to attract novel business for the benefit of Ann Arbor and Michigan	Mar 6, 2012 9:23 AM
68	family-friendly activities	Mar 6, 2012 9:01 AM

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69	Affordable housing	Mar 6, 2012 6:00 AM
70	Late night options. Only bars and quiet coffee shops exist after 11.	Mar 5, 2012 2:24 PM
71	Other versions of aesthetics and enrichment (i.e., diversity)	Mar 5, 2012 2:01 PM
72	Space that public/nonprofit groups can sign up for. Library is too booked up.	Mar 5, 2012 11:59 AM
73	MORE PARKING!!!!	Mar 5, 2012 11:38 AM
74	Some greenspace. I have always regretted city council's waving of the setback requirements for One North Main. That place is monolithic!	Mar 4, 2012 11:28 PM
75	Item1: sidewalk cafes are not interesting to walk past; trees, flowers, grasses, soft surfaces are pleasant and interesting to walk near.	Mar 4, 2012 6:52 PM
76	"Greenifying" the space as a garden or park-type atmosphere.	Mar 4, 2012 1:22 PM
77	recycling options throughout town- on street grabage & recycling bins next to each other.	Mar 4, 2012 10:15 AM
78	No more bums on the streets. Get rid of the bums and all of the people begging for my money.	Mar 4, 2012 2:36 AM
79	Safety	Mar 3, 2012 7:49 PM
80	everybody knows my name	Mar 3, 2012 6:59 PM
81	Cultural enrichment would be excellent in small packets - no large museums, art galleries, but small exhibits (changing ones mostly)	Mar 3, 2012 5:54 PM
82	Safety	Mar 3, 2012 4:50 PM
83	1.) Creating compassion and empathy with the homeless/or those in precarious economic situations, by having the community and these individuals work and be involved in the arts projects and performances together.	Mar 3, 2012 2:02 PM
84	Non-corporate development.	Mar 3, 2012 11:32 AM
85	Preservation of historic buildings	Mar 3, 2012 11:18 AM
86	an interesting place to walk, not necessarily with cafes and ground floor retail quiet spots fo sit and reflect might be appropriate..	Mar 2, 2012 8:13 PM
87	Pleasant Nature area focal points for meeting up with friends and refreshing respite while helping educate the public about ways they, too, can help improve the environment	Mar 2, 2012 7:47 PM
88	The quality of design will have a huge impact on our city's image over the 5 sites. Most recent buildings (new branch libraries excepted) have been dowdy, if not ugly and cheaply built. This is an economic issue in that it makes our city less attractive, esp. to younger creative class types. Enough boring red brick.	Mar 2, 2012 4:32 PM
89	the ability for the disabled to also enjoy ann arbor	Mar 2, 2012 2:25 PM

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90	Community Love!	Mar 2, 2012 1:31 PM
91	More Green Space with seating.	Mar 2, 2012 12:25 PM
92	knowing that my other neighbors, the homeless, are warm at night.	Mar 2, 2012 12:25 PM
93	Again, density kind of covers all of the above.	Mar 2, 2012 10:32 AM
94	Safety for pedestrians and bike riders - - reduce vehicle traffic	Mar 2, 2012 10:03 AM
95	children's activities	Mar 2, 2012 1:14 AM
96	Well designed open community space.	Mar 2, 2012 12:16 AM
97	A commons which can be enjoyed by all	Mar 1, 2012 11:10 PM
98	greenspace	Mar 1, 2012 11:09 PM
99	walkable	Mar 1, 2012 11:05 PM
100	A space that people don't have to pay to use	Mar 1, 2012 10:40 PM
101	Amenities for seniors and disabled, e.g., benches	Mar 1, 2012 7:32 PM
102	It would be a social benefit if the city made a positive, human based, community affirming decision to keep in the public ownership the "land" and space above the Library Lot public parking, and dedicate it to the community, for the creation of a culture of peace and non-violence, for the children of the world. It would uplift everyone in Ann Arbor, whatever decisions are made about the other lots.	Mar 1, 2012 5:42 PM
103	Increased opportunity for locally owned businesses	Mar 1, 2012 5:19 PM
104	Availability of decent proximity to parking, especially for those with children or the elderly.	Mar 1, 2012 3:16 PM
105	An interesting place to walk, such as spot with benches, fountain, etc, NOT TIED TO another cafe and more ground floor retail!	Mar 1, 2012 2:43 PM
106	Borders was the center of downtown activity; we need a low-cost, easily accessible alternative	Mar 1, 2012 2:02 PM
107	a place to park my car	Mar 1, 2012 1:57 PM
108	public open space	Mar 1, 2012 1:33 PM
109	Green Space	Mar 1, 2012 11:53 AM
110	Again, a Green plaza downtown would meet these needs	Mar 1, 2012 11:52 AM
111	Opportunities to use community infrastructure to educate citizens on sustainability and GREEN Economy	Mar 1, 2012 11:24 AM
112	a public square on he library lot to provide a center for A2	Mar 1, 2012 10:28 AM

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113	diversity including all members, economic strata, of our community	Mar 1, 2012 10:05 AM
114	Place to gather that does not involve commerce. A diag of sorts in downtown.	Mar 1, 2012 10:04 AM
115	interactive events and nature	Mar 1, 2012 9:02 AM
116	Public park to provide a retreat from the bustling city	Mar 1, 2012 8:54 AM
117	a place to get away from the hectic life of the city - and connect with nature for a bit	Mar 1, 2012 8:50 AM
118	More independent or locally owned business's	Mar 1, 2012 3:22 AM
119	A park environment with seating	Mar 1, 2012 3:12 AM
120	cafes and retail are NOT interesting	Mar 1, 2012 3:12 AM
121	Park in library lot	Mar 1, 2012 12:06 AM
122	the University provides great cultural enrichment, the city should focus on creating a compelling aesthetic environment to draw citizens and visitors to the core of our city.	Feb 29, 2012 9:54 PM
123	an open public space with outdoor stage, playgrounds, a garden, a park	Feb 29, 2012 9:39 PM
124	Places to picnic, sit under a tree, read a book on a bench, wait for the bus sitting on the grass or beside a fountain	Feb 29, 2012 7:46 PM
125	Public space and no more high rises, no more parking lots - pedestrian based restorative sustainable development and public participation at all levels of this process.	Feb 29, 2012 6:18 PM
126	prevention of 'Big City' mentality, anonimity and resultant crime	Feb 29, 2012 6:15 PM
127	Seriously, parking.	Feb 29, 2012 6:03 PM
128	These are all pretty much the same thing, often referred to as vibrancy, but not always responsive to quality of life. Aesthetics are subjective attributes. Try looking at sustainable infrastructure that is friendly to social interaction.	Feb 29, 2012 6:02 PM
129	A public park on top of the new parking structure.	Feb 29, 2012 5:44 PM
130	A community gathering place--a town square/green space	Feb 29, 2012 5:40 PM
131	keep downtown's historic character. City PR materials show the historic buildings but the policy appears to be to tear them down and replace them with large ugly structures	Feb 29, 2012 5:34 PM
132	Affordable Housing	Feb 29, 2012 4:38 PM
133	Having a downtown park as a meeting place, music venue, skating rink, pedestrian link, play area for families, an oasis that will attract people to downtown and foster more growth in the surrounding areas.	Feb 29, 2012 3:54 PM

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134	more affordable housing	Feb 29, 2012 1:20 PM
135	Your selection regarding "high quality aesthetics and architecture" could be construed as a leading question since many of the ugly buildings such as the new court facility appended to Larcom are thought to be aesthetically pleasing and of high quality. However, my main concern is with scale and presenting an open, welcoming face to passers-by. Williams St, in particular, should not allow any ground floor garage entries and offices should be sent to the second floor to favor retail on the ground floor. This last thing this area needs is a hotel/conference ctr a la javits creating an even deader zone.	Feb 29, 2012 12:23 PM
136	Emphasis on locals, accessibility and affordability for those of us that pay taxes.	Feb 29, 2012 11:47 AM
137	park areas would provide a touch of "urban nature"	Feb 29, 2012 11:45 AM
138	relaxing outdoor space with a fountain and flowers, possibly grass	Feb 29, 2012 10:57 AM
139	Let's encourage transportation OPTIONS that do not catrer to cars.	Feb 29, 2012 10:47 AM
140	Making downtown a place people want to be and spend time.	Feb 29, 2012 10:43 AM
141	Socio economic and cultural diversity of residents	Feb 29, 2012 10:42 AM
142	lower parking rates	Feb 29, 2012 9:59 AM
143	continued space for political demonstrations, interactions	Feb 29, 2012 3:42 AM
144	Remembering why ann arbor is special. The weekly closing of local small businesses is BAD for ann arbor. This needs to be addressed as a real problem to the city's image. Without the "cool" unique and locally-owned businesses we will become yet another community surrounded in town and the near-suburbs by corporate-owned chain stores. THAT IS NOT WHAT ANN ARBOR USED TO BE ABOUT, BUT THAT"S WHAT WE ARE BECOMING!!! A CVS and a 7-ELEVEN on State St!!!!!! What is happening to the culture here?!	Feb 28, 2012 9:41 PM
145	sense of safety	Feb 28, 2012 4:06 PM
146	a place for events that bring people out	Feb 28, 2012 3:15 PM
147	Increased opportunities to be politically active - meet and discuss important issues with other residents	Feb 28, 2012 2:07 PM
148	Street level parking lots for my car!!!	Feb 28, 2012 1:13 PM
149	A place where everybody knows to gather at times of crisis or celebration. The Diag is that place for the University. Our town needs its own place.	Feb 28, 2012 1:01 PM
150	This town is rich in culturea environment. No need for more in this small area of the study!	Feb 28, 2012 12:50 PM
151	It would be great to get a mix of uses so that the times during the day that they are active changes and the space can recreate itself throughout the day/night.	Feb 28, 2012 12:33 PM
152	Increased opportunities for families with young children	Feb 28, 2012 12:17 PM

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153	William & Liberty are a connector between State & Main and should be considered as a supportive structure	Feb 28, 2012 12:14 PM
154	Outdoor meeting spaces	Feb 28, 2012 12:12 PM
155	Character and sense of place. "High quality aesthetics and architecture" are in the eyes of the beholder. I find almost all of the public art to be pretty bad according to my aesthetid.	Feb 28, 2012 11:49 AM
156	opportunities for non-profit orgs to have space to utilize for events, etc	Feb 28, 2012 11:48 AM
157	Sense of places implies more unique shops, fewer chains that are common across the nation or region.	Feb 28, 2012 11:30 AM
158	Safer!!!	Feb 28, 2012 10:17 AM
159	Not feeling like I have to carry a weapon after 6pm	Feb 28, 2012 9:35 AM
160	A GREEN PARK	Feb 28, 2012 6:55 AM
161	opportunity to patronize responsible locally owned establishments	Feb 27, 2012 11:33 PM
162	An Ann Arbor Greenway	Feb 27, 2012 11:16 PM
163	Making it easy for individuals to decide NOT to drive a car and park it downtown.	Feb 27, 2012 6:42 PM
164	Feeling safe in this area (for the above).	Feb 27, 2012 6:28 PM
165	The ability to enjoy the area without being accosted by panhandlers every 15 minutes.	Feb 27, 2012 5:42 PM
166	SAFETY	Feb 27, 2012 4:16 PM
167	the Library???????	Feb 27, 2012 4:06 PM
168	Green space/parks for interaction with the natural environment	Feb 27, 2012 3:55 PM
169	a SAFE place to walk. stop spending on non essentials	Feb 27, 2012 1:22 PM
170	A greenway or a park : a green belt !	Feb 27, 2012 10:56 AM
171	architectural intergrity, as achieved with new UofM bldgs and not with the new City Hall	Feb 26, 2012 10:58 PM
172	A common space for public events, entertainment, art, aesthetics	Feb 26, 2012 6:45 PM
173	Outdoor parks	Feb 26, 2012 12:55 PM
174	offering housing to all economic classes	Feb 26, 2012 10:33 AM
175	putting people and small businesses before personal pride...you know, like admitting when you've totally failed at something...	Feb 26, 2012 12:29 AM
176	a physically welcoming place, esp for children	Feb 26, 2012 12:10 AM

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177	Urban living	Feb 25, 2012 11:50 PM
178	indoor community space. creative events reasons to go downtown beyond shopping.	Feb 25, 2012 9:39 PM
179	Historic character & sense of place. Neighborhoods (there is little 'neighbor-feel' in a high rise!)	Feb 25, 2012 8:02 PM
180	It's a parking lot. Make it easy and cheap to park, and make downtown car-friendly to attract more visitors and residents	Feb 25, 2012 7:11 PM
181	More Jobs	Feb 25, 2012 6:21 PM
182	reserve as much green space as possible for tourism	Feb 25, 2012 4:14 PM
183	a place for the literary community to gather that was lost with the demise of Shaman Drum and Borders.	Feb 25, 2012 3:14 PM
184	A commons for all	Feb 25, 2012 3:05 PM
185	Skatepark and ice rink	Feb 25, 2012 2:39 PM
186	A park.	Feb 25, 2012 2:06 PM
187	A green space for either meeting other people or having a nice place to sit and read or watch an outdoor performance.	Feb 25, 2012 1:34 PM
188	A park type setting for year round gathering and Festivals.	Feb 25, 2012 11:44 AM
189	SAFETY when walking downtown and enough with the constant begging	Feb 25, 2012 10:45 AM
190	more lively downtown due to residential uses above retail	Feb 25, 2012 10:35 AM
191	fewer threatening beggars	Feb 25, 2012 10:30 AM
192	parking	Feb 25, 2012 9:28 AM
193	Diversity of establishments to make downtown more attractive to more people. . No more brewpubs, please.	Feb 25, 2012 8:51 AM
194	Shopping and dining	Feb 24, 2012 11:47 PM
195	convention center an hotel on 5th ave lot	Feb 24, 2012 11:40 PM
196	feeling safe walking within downtown area walking patrolmen	Feb 24, 2012 10:59 PM
197	The library is a valuable asset for society and community-building in my opinion so, to increase social benefits, I would do as much as possible to support the libabry	Feb 24, 2012 8:44 PM
198	mass transit and non-motorized transport with physically segregated lanes (like LA or Brisbane, Australia)	Feb 24, 2012 8:40 PM
199	Fewer and fewer "Ann Arborites" go downtown. Do anything that will bring	Feb 24, 2012 8:04 PM

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	people who actually live in Ann Arbor back downtown.	
200	personal safety	Feb 24, 2012 7:46 PM
201	Green space, need more of this in the downtown to hot and paved over	Feb 24, 2012 7:04 PM
202	premier public square at 'library lot'	Feb 24, 2012 6:41 PM
203	All of the social benefits already exist	Feb 24, 2012 6:09 PM
204	I will never use the underground structure for parking.	Feb 24, 2012 5:52 PM
205	Easy access to homes, jobs and services -- by a variety of travel modes, and to people of all income levels.	Feb 24, 2012 5:46 PM
206	I use this area to park in open-air lots. This is how I like it.	Feb 24, 2012 5:43 PM
207	Maintaining current levels of services for the needy.	Feb 24, 2012 5:40 PM
208	A shared community space like Central Park in NYC.	Feb 24, 2012 5:35 PM
209	A central park	Feb 24, 2012 5:29 PM
210	Public gathering space at Library Lot. Liberty Square sucks.	Feb 24, 2012 5:24 PM
211	Places for weary travelers to SIT and socialize	Feb 24, 2012 5:21 PM
212	parks	Feb 24, 2012 4:28 PM
213	Affordable Housing	Feb 24, 2012 2:53 PM

Page 4, Q9. Envision a really great time you had in another downtown. Please briefly describe what you were doing, your surroundings, and why it was such a great experience.

1	I love the waterfront area of Wellington, New Zealand. There was a great mixture of public art, old/new building, restaurants need public information centers, mixed in with bike/kayak rentals. It was also great that there was easy access to the free museum and ample public transportation options.	Mar 13, 2012 3:10 PM
2	H2o feature in San Antonio	Mar 13, 2012 2:55 PM
3	Chicago: spending the day on foot walking between shops, museums, cafes, restaurants, walking along the lake front etc. I loved that I could take in all the city walking.	Mar 13, 2012 12:12 PM
4	If we want to learn about a new city, we visit the Library--it says a lot about how much people care about the city--and the staff can usually tell you where to eat. In smaller towns, we used to ride our bikes around to get to know the city. Some things stand out about New York City---the streets and subways are busy at night, keeping them safe, people were helpful and friendly, including the police and fire staff.	Mar 13, 2012 12:09 PM
5	The above ground parking structure now allows us to have a common grounds for of ann arbor right st kongregate	Mar 13, 2012 11:43 AM
6	Parked at a reasonable price and attended a show, had dinner and later a drink all in one area.	Mar 13, 2012 10:22 AM
7	Austin TX...great interaction between space/running/entertainment and water.	Mar 13, 2012 9:29 AM
8	usually, good times in other downtown areas involve a variety of experiences within close proximity to each other, eg. going to dinner, an event, and drinks after, all without having to get into a car	Mar 13, 2012 1:51 AM
9	There was an amasing urban Garden I once Visited in New York. unfortunately it was bulldosed http://www.earthcelebrations.com/gardens/eden.html	Mar 12, 2012 11:42 PM
10	I like going to other cities with a mix of activities. But many of my favorite memories of traveling in major cities of the world include spending time in vest pocket parks, sitting on benches, enjoying the world (people and other creatures) passing by.	Mar 12, 2012 11:25 PM
11	san francisco`area around the moscone center~ a low building with outdoor activities	Mar 12, 2012 10:58 PM
12	lively venues and pleasant natural surroundings	Mar 12, 2012 10:30 PM
13	The best downtown experiences I have are in Ann Arbor. I walk or bike or bus downtown. I meet friends at a cheap eats, good value, or fine dining restaurant. We walk & shop the stores, go to a concert, people watch, book shop, go to a sporting event at UM, and so on. Or just sit outside and soak it all up. Enjoy the independent businesses, their owners (now friends), and their pets. Thank God every day I live in a real community where people still value "wasting" time with each other and caring.	Mar 12, 2012 9:01 PM
14	I was in Detroit for a festival. It was multicultural,with music and families and food	Mar 12, 2012 8:58 PM

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15	Mostly Stratford Ont., theater trips; shopping in favorite stores on vacation, lots of book stores.	Mar 12, 2012 8:19 PM
16	Plymouth	Mar 12, 2012 8:17 PM
17	Cities that have the biggest impact on me are ones where nature is very much a part of the city and where there is more community interaction - walk ways, parks, bike ways, street cafes, etc.	Mar 12, 2012 7:42 PM
18	I've had a good time in almost any city in Italy I've been in. They are trully public spaces. No cars. Great physical features such as sculpture. But mostly places where neighbors go EVERY DAY of their lives to see each other and walk and catch up without having to spend money--or spend very little of it in snacking. I've also had a great time at the water sculpture in Chicago and Washington Square park in NYC--people playing chess, buskers performing, etc.	Mar 12, 2012 7:39 PM
19	I had a great visit to the Pike's Place area of Seattle. There was an eclectic mix of local merchants selling a variety of goods (food, toys, books, etc.), access to natural amenities such as the waterfront, and it was very pedestrian friendly.	Mar 12, 2012 7:28 PM
20	A day/evening in the old-city portion of Montreal. Historic architecture, alot of street activity - - food, bars, shops, entertainment - - and cultural interests (fountains, parks, etc.)	Mar 12, 2012 6:32 PM
21	Paris. Beautiful old buildings, parks, museums, restaurants.	Mar 12, 2012 6:31 PM
22	Eating dinner and strolling around a downtown that had something to d i.e. - retail and other interesting things and buildings to visit oe see	Mar 12, 2012 6:27 PM
23	Boulder's Pearl St. Mall -- kids' sculptures, sand pits, fountains; street sculptures, mall kiosks (just a few!), musicians, low-cost eateries, benches for the weary	Mar 12, 2012 5:29 PM
24	I like visiting a central city park with a farmers market located around the perimeter of the block with artists, farmers, local finger foods. No fast food or junk food.	Mar 12, 2012 5:26 PM
25	being able to walk through a public garden, mosey through an independent bookstore, listen to street music and then eat in an outdoor cafe... why shouldn't this happen in Ann Arbor?	Mar 12, 2012 5:22 PM
26	Boise Idaho.....Who would have thunk it!!! Pedestrian downtown, great restaurants and stores. A greenway (something that was voted in and never advanced here) a sense of history and understanding of the local culture	Mar 12, 2012 5:06 PM
27	non-motorized transpotation: Portland & Seattle Highline NYC	Mar 12, 2012 4:56 PM
28	Hanging out with friends in the Diag, relaxed, foot traffic, grass, shade. A natural good time.	Mar 12, 2012 4:55 PM
29	Santa Monica pedestrian mall - we should close off main street to traffic and make it a pedestrian mall and incentivize interesting consumer oriented tenants	Mar 12, 2012 4:31 PM
30	Eating, shopping and walking around in downtown Burlington, Vermont where	Mar 12, 2012 4:29 PM

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	the streets are shut down and no cars are allowed on the main strip.	
31	In Chicago - browsing the flea market, walking through beautiful parks people-watching, eating at excellent independent restaurants, visiting the stained glass museum for free, and enjoying improv theatre troupe "too much light makes the baby go blind" - all in one day without driving or parking	Mar 12, 2012 4:09 PM
32	Stratford Festival in Stratford, ON. Multiple performance venues within walking distance of each other and near a variety of restaurants and shops with local flavor. And, very important to my experience, access to a natural park area (along the river) for relaxation and reflection.	Mar 12, 2012 4:05 PM
33	Outside in a park, music playing with opportunity to watch but without taking over the space, food available but not the only focus. People getting to know each other.	Mar 12, 2012 4:03 PM
34	I was enjoying a large urban park. This was so great because it tied the whole area to the very diverse group of people using the park.	Mar 12, 2012 3:52 PM
35	Walking / bike riding in Chicago along Lake Michigan. Some Italian cities that close the main street traffic on Saturday for a pedestrian walkway. Lots of people come out to walk and shop, listen to music, ...	Mar 12, 2012 3:39 PM
36	hustle and bustle	Mar 12, 2012 3:38 PM
37	Hanging out in London parks	Mar 12, 2012 3:11 PM
38	working, in a crowded exciting city. It was in a place that had a diverse population, excellent public transportation, and it was walkable.	Mar 12, 2012 3:06 PM
39	Boulder colorado has a beautiful downtown where hundreds of people gather to walk and shop and socialize.	Mar 12, 2012 2:59 PM
40	People watching in downtown parks Dancing to spontaneous music in public places downtown such as at Beaubourg in Paris, the UM Diag. Having lunch in a small green park downtown anywhere but Ann Arbor. These experiences allow you to take a break from the daily grind and to be relaxed with humanity rather than just rushing by everyone.	Mar 12, 2012 2:50 PM
41	Dining/strolling/window shopping/people-watching in a dense yet human scale setting. The absence of stark-ness + sense of not-mostly-tourists + vague, undefinable sense of "genuineness" + mostly not-chain venues + entertainment venues.	Mar 12, 2012 2:15 PM
42	I was able to drive to a city, get some actual shopping done at a grocery store, Target, Home Depot, etc and then drive less than 5 minutes to a restaurant/entertainment district, PARK EASILY and enjoy a nice meal with friends or family at an independant restaurant.	Mar 12, 2012 2:13 PM
43	We went to dinner at a great Thai place and then walked around town. There were a good many shops open late enabling us to actually shop instead of just window browse. There were large sidewalk planters filled with flowers and many benches for stopping and sitting and a small community square with food carts.	Mar 12, 2012 2:02 PM

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44	I haven't travelled in a long time. Can't remember.	Mar 12, 2012 1:55 PM
45	Visiting art galleries Enjoying "high quality" public art Free music SMALL art fairs	Mar 12, 2012 1:50 PM
46	I think of larger cities than Ann Arbor that do a better job of mixing green space with housing/retail.	Mar 12, 2012 1:49 PM
47	Shopping, strolling, and exploring other downtowns, both large and small, were also much more satisfying when public greenspaces were available for resting,sitting,letting kids play, eating a sandwich, reading a book, etc.	Mar 12, 2012 1:38 PM
48	Other downtowns usually have really great free public parks with seating and food. It can provide a great afternoon for families without spending a lot of money.	Mar 12, 2012 1:27 PM
49	meeting and talking to friends in Milwaukee	Mar 12, 2012 1:14 PM
50	we need to develop more retail and office and housing we have plenty of restuarants at this point.	Mar 12, 2012 1:13 PM
51	A Always really enjoyed the public squares throughout Europe and South America. A public space (fountain, park, etc.) surrounded on all 4 sides by retail and dining with lots of sidewalk seating.	Mar 12, 2012 12:50 PM
52	Hanging out in downtown Holland. A few high-quality restaurant choices with outdoor seating, but SHOPPING opportunities too! not just food.	Mar 12, 2012 12:16 PM
53	Enjoyed visiting Millenium Park in Chicago. Enjoyed the fountain and walking through the park.	Mar 12, 2012 12:06 PM
54	Downtown Chicago. A weekend trip to enjoy shopping & cafe/restaurant eating while meeting with friends. Taking walks enjoying the architecture. Taking in a musical or theatrical performance.	Mar 12, 2012 11:26 AM
55	Comfortable sidewalk and park space; trees; interesting shops selling a mixture of art and necessities. Friendly people around.	Mar 12, 2012 11:11 AM
56	The best downtown experiences I've ever had were in towns where you could feel you were at the heart of things. Interesting and unique small locally owned businesses, galleries, activities, and be only steps from a park, river, body of water or other open natural area. Downtown should be an appealing place to explore and discover. Too many chain/franchise businesses, restaurants, bars, and crowds ruin it.	Mar 12, 2012 11:00 AM
57	Various European cities: easy transit, walking, museums, outdoor dining, all in one place.	Mar 12, 2012 10:44 AM
58	Busy downtown, with lots of pedestrians. Great restuarants and music/performance venues.	Mar 12, 2012 10:36 AM
59	Housing was really close by, everything was accessible by public transit (throughout the night!), food was available 24/7, people were out-and-about at all hours...	Mar 12, 2012 10:08 AM

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60	Visiting Bryant Park in NYC	Mar 11, 2012 11:58 PM
61	Unique small businesses (low penetration of chains). Integration of green spaces. Community arts venues.	Mar 11, 2012 11:50 PM
62	Downtown Chicago, The Magnificent Mile - always a wonderful, enriching experience to walk down Michigan Avenue and shop and enjoy class.	Mar 11, 2012 10:26 PM
63	Street Cars in Portland, OR...ease of getting around plus all the variety of housing in various neighborhoods	Mar 11, 2012 10:19 PM
64	Pittsburgh has such a great atmosphere with lots of neighborhoods, each with unique eateries and shops. I liked eating at Harris Grill, located in a residential area and shopping at the Strip with so many family-owned ethnic restaurants and stores.	Mar 11, 2012 10:00 PM
65	Boulder, CO-emphasis on bringing people downtown-green space/pedestrian walkway for a concert, unique shops, boutique hotels and building hi-end condos to attract and maintain those who are retiring to Boulder.	Mar 11, 2012 8:28 PM
66	Stuttgart, Germany: large pedestrian mall with low end and high end shops, lots of people, all types. It was amazing as a tourist to see so many people "hanging out." I'm sure having a (1) palace, and (2) such an expansive tract of land helped. It was great because you didn't have to sit *AT* a shop to experience the pedestrian mall.	Mar 11, 2012 6:48 PM
67	You could get almost anywhere by walking and mass transit system (subway, above ground). Not just buses that have bad schedules. Everything was interconnected and businesses were local without seeing businesses or restaurants you can see anywhere in the U.S. It was made for the locals not for outsiders which actually invited outsiders to want to experience what the locals were offered.	Mar 11, 2012 6:33 PM
68	Ann Arbor is a wonderful place with lots of opportunities meeting people from all different backgrounds and orientations. I think having a common space downtown for this to occur will be a very exciting and enriching experience for Ann Arbor residents and visitors alike.	Mar 11, 2012 5:30 PM
69	Lunch in Union Square, San Francisco--a great central open park on top of an underground garage with excellent shopping and restaurants facing the park and within easy walking distances	Mar 11, 2012 4:57 PM
70	Farmer's Markets in Seattle and Berkeley	Mar 11, 2012 4:23 PM
71	I immediately think of the Pearl District in Portland, OR and the fantastic public park that makes it a destination for many people in the city. I would love to see that come to Ann Arbor.	Mar 11, 2012 3:19 PM
72	Boulder. Parts of downtown were car free , enhancing the experience that pedestrians were more important than autos	Mar 11, 2012 2:11 PM
73	Pedestrian only areas, parks, beautiful things to look at.	Mar 11, 2012 1:48 PM

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74	Good affordable restaurants, sidewalk seating, play space for children, high quality friendly art shops, high quality friendly women's clothing stores. sidewalk music, botanicals, food carts, affordable easy parking Good bookstores	Mar 11, 2012 1:09 PM
75	Living in Porter Square in Somerville, MA, Porter Square was well connected by a variety of transit options to other parts of the Boston Metro area (Harvard Square, Davis Square and downtown Boston). Variety of land uses including a pharmacy, large affordable grocery store, hardware store, restaurants, laundromats, bookshops and coffee shops. It made it very easy to work/live/entertain.	Mar 11, 2012 1:08 PM
76	Portland, Oregon: Fantastic public transit; 'moveable parking fees from one space to another; interesting architecture; biking and walking trails and green everywhere.	Mar 11, 2012 11:39 AM
77	Generally has included spaces like the indoor outdoor market area in Vancouver.	Mar 11, 2012 12:36 AM
78	Exploring new Resturants	Mar 10, 2012 11:23 PM
79	Chicago, Magnificent Mile and immediate environs. I hardly need to describe it.	Mar 10, 2012 11:16 PM
80	A variety of businesses and eateries with street music and informal activities	Mar 10, 2012 10:32 PM
81	I was in New Orleans last summer and enjoyed the downtown, French quarter and surrounding areas immensely. the walkability of historic areas, cutural opportunities, restaurants, and bars was a delight. the public transportation to get to near-downtown areas was a breeze and the mix of entertainment, hospitality, hotel, convention center, river front amenities, etc. all combined to make for a delightful experience.	Mar 10, 2012 8:24 PM
82	I enjoyed being outdoors where there is a space to interact casually with others as well as a designated outdoor venue.	Mar 10, 2012 8:02 PM
83	The 16th street pedestrian mall in Denver is a great, safe-feeling place with room for music events and random meetings with friends. They also have a nice riverfront walking trail with outdoor art placed along the route.	Mar 10, 2012 6:23 PM
84	Walking in a vehicle-free downtown with lots of outdoor restaurant seating, local farmers markets and locally produced food as well as interesting boutiques made for a very pleasant late afternoon walk that led to a wonderful dinner at one of the restaurants. No hassles with parking led to more purchases and a leisurely dinner.	Mar 10, 2012 5:45 PM
85	Stayed in a nice affordable hotel, lots of dining opportunities, went to a nearby high quality museum, and shopped in high quality shops--all walkable (downtown Old Pasadena area)	Mar 10, 2012 4:16 PM
86	well, sorry it was in Europe.	Mar 10, 2012 3:32 PM
87	Enjoying the surroundings and supporting business by eating at restaurants and shopping at businesses. Meeting with friends.	Mar 10, 2012 2:58 PM
88	Ann Arbor used to be a pleasant place to shop because it had a variety of good	Mar 10, 2012 1:20 PM

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	independent stores -- Goodyear's, Muehlig's, Wilkinson's, Faber's, Fiegel's, Schlenderer's Hardware. and others -- but high taxes and big box stores have driven them out.	
89	shopping in bookstores and farmer's market	Mar 10, 2012 12:59 PM
90	I lived in New York City from 2004-2009 and, even in the winter, it was exciting to walk to restaurants, cultural events or a park. It felt vibrant, the environment invited you to walk to places and to hang out with friends. I felt like I had ownership of my neighborhood.	Mar 10, 2012 12:15 PM
91	Trees, space to skate/walk. Gardens. A respite.	Mar 10, 2012 12:00 PM
92	My favorite downtown is DC. I love that everywhere I go there is somewhere to relax and watch the bustle. I also love that there are alot of hidden places to explore.	Mar 10, 2012 10:49 AM
93	Birmingham downtown - visited 3-4 times a week when I lived there, because of easy shops to library to park for myself or my children. It made a lovely outing.	Mar 10, 2012 10:39 AM
94	Ground floor retail, less emphasis on visible parking (ie, Portland, Ore. where structures are built up, with first floor retail retaining a presence), social gathering spaces	Mar 10, 2012 8:59 AM
95	Detroit's Belle Isle. A open space in an urban area. Hart plaza in Detroit. A bit more concrete than Belle Isle, but still an open space with cultural events	Mar 10, 2012 12:15 AM
96	I visited Madison, WI last summer. It was my first time visiting this city. As I explored the entire downtown on foot, I had a wonderful time: I was not harassed by aggressive panhandlers; I walked along well-maintained streets, free from litter and graffiti. I was amazed by the design of the streets, which accommodated pedestrians, bicycles and cars comfortably. I felt safe as a pedestrian amongst so many cyclists, whom I did not encounter riding on sidewalks, zooming around me, with no warning; Instead, cyclists, motorists and pedestrians properly used the portion of the streets allotted for each. I encountered a mix of retail that ranged from everyday goods and services to specialty items; independent retailers coexisted with national chains. I enjoyed both window shopping and going in a range of stores. When it came time to eat, I was thrilled to find many restaurants and cafes from which to choose that were within my price range (I was on a budget). My wonderful experience in Madison was not a product of visiting one-of-a-kind attractions; instead, it was a product of the benefits of the fundamentals of good urbanism existing in a well-maintained, functional downtown.	Mar 9, 2012 11:58 PM
97	Burlington, VT on church street. That took one of the mainstreets of the town and turned it into a walkable pedestrian area. Has a great mix of shops, cafe's, restaurants all along its walk	Mar 9, 2012 11:27 PM
98	It was pedestrian friendly (drivers actually stopped for people in crosswalks) had wide range of shops and restaurants, beautiful trees, benches for sitting, bike racks, and ample parking a short walk away	Mar 9, 2012 9:19 PM

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99	a walk on a sunny warm day	Mar 9, 2012 7:57 PM
100	A mix of cafes, restaurants, shops, bars, and bookstores, and landscaping make for a great downtown.	Mar 9, 2012 7:27 PM
101	I was downtown, granted in California, but was so glad to be able to see sunshine over the buildings, and although sitting on the sidewalk, be able to see trees and nature. Also, the buildings are unique, quirky - and they did a good job preserving historic buildings. That's what gives a downtown charm.	Mar 9, 2012 5:56 PM
102	Easy transit! Select Streets with minimal traffic (buses & cabs), which made for easy walking. Wide sidewalks. Small markets for groceries.	Mar 9, 2012 5:46 PM
103	The neighborhoods of Brooklyn that are extremely dense always have interesting third places to spend time and fun activities for all members of the community, not just the young.	Mar 9, 2012 5:37 PM
104	Frankfurt, Germany has a couple great asian-influenced gardens where you can enjoy nature and sculpture as a detour from the typical city/concrete environment.	Mar 9, 2012 5:34 PM
105	Book signing (Minneapolis)	Mar 9, 2012 5:14 PM
106	In my grandmother's small town, the downtown has an open air Amish market. It made use of an existing parking lot, offered food and other items, and it was near a bookstore and cafe. The town only had one main street, but it was surrounded by neat houses with interesting architecture, had lots of city-planted flowers, and was very open and pedestrian friendly.	Mar 9, 2012 5:14 PM
107	Interesting dining at all price points, shops and street entertainments.	Mar 9, 2012 4:59 PM
108	I love visiting the open square in Plymouth whether it's for a summer meal or the ice fest in winter. I also love sitting in the sun in Central Park in NYC, have great eats and open space together is an especially decadent treat.	Mar 9, 2012 4:53 PM
109	Hanging out one evening in a public square in europe with many families sitting at tables listening to live music and enjoy beer, ice cream, etc	Mar 9, 2012 4:53 PM
110	The area was attractive, it appealed to people from all walks of life, it had a variety of place to eat in terms of cuisine and price.	Mar 9, 2012 4:51 PM
111	Enjoy drinks and dinner at a fine restaurant with close friends. Attend plays, concerts and movies. Street Fairs.	Mar 9, 2012 4:32 PM
112	Walking and sightseeing with a view of the river.	Mar 9, 2012 4:32 PM
113	easy walking, safe, no panhandlers following me, low cost parking	Mar 9, 2012 4:28 PM
114	Portland, Oregon -- great transit and many seating areas and market venues	Mar 9, 2012 4:23 PM
115	Boston, historical significance.	Mar 9, 2012 4:05 PM
116	The quality of the museums and parks in Chicago.	Mar 9, 2012 3:55 PM

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117	No traffic through the center of town. Ability to eat at a sidewalk cafe without choking on car exhaust	Mar 9, 2012 3:52 PM
118	a diversity of people are out and about feel safe and secure and knowing that they are valued by the community in which they live.	Mar 9, 2012 3:46 PM
119	Minneapolis. They had interesting public art along the sidewalks, nice buildings, pocket parks (rather than large parks), and good retail and restaurants.	Mar 9, 2012 3:43 PM
120	Attending the Thunder over Louisville Air show and Fireworks. Crowds are well behaved and streets are kept much cleaner.	Mar 9, 2012 2:26 PM
121	My favorites are all cities that have a waterfront.	Mar 9, 2012 2:08 PM
122	Sitting in a public park enjoying street performers	Mar 9, 2012 2:01 PM
123	Had a great time in downtown Midland, Michigan. The farmer's market was active, lots of people were using the park and skate park and the town looked well taken care of.	Mar 9, 2012 1:48 PM
124	public spaces clear of homeless and garbage.	Mar 9, 2012 1:32 PM
125	Walking around in the summer and being able to go in and out of unique stops and cafes/restaurants that you cannot find everywhere.	Mar 9, 2012 1:19 PM
126	I like being places where diverse spaces are used by diverse people.	Mar 9, 2012 1:11 PM
127	Performing traditional dancing in public plazas and parks (in nice weather). Passers-by stop to watch and learn about the traditions; sometimes they are inspired to join in on the audience-participation dances.	Mar 9, 2012 1:00 PM
128	Columbus Ohio has, like Ann Arbor, a number of disconnected "downtown" areas (and by the way some great neighborhoods). Short North, at the edge of The Ohio State University Campus is an active restauarnt / retail / arts area like our Main Street, but with the encouragement of higher density is far more active and well populated - a better urban experiance.	Mar 9, 2012 12:35 PM
129	In LA they have an event several times per year called CicLAvia (modeled after Bogota's Ciclovia) where they shut down several long stretches of road to cars and open them up to bikers, pedestrians, joggers, etc. It is really fun and attracts 1000s of people; it's a great way to get people outside and thinking about sustainability issues, while also encouraging shopping and spending at local businesses along the route. A William street location could serve as a hub for this type of event because of its close proximity to public transit.	Mar 9, 2012 12:31 PM
130	Vibrant, lots of people walking around, easy to find parking and not too expensive so I didn't feel rushed to leave.	Mar 9, 2012 12:28 PM
131	NYC Highline, Great use of former eyesore. Community focus.	Mar 9, 2012 12:07 PM
132	Centrally located farmer's market with adjacent park, fountain, play areas. Evening market hours with prepared foods for sale which gave community residents a place to gather, relax, have dinner in park, kids could play together.	Mar 9, 2012 12:03 PM

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	Musical performances, etc. Was a combination of our farmer's market and symphony in the park. Plus food carts.	
133	Living in Boston temporarily for work I have had some great dining experiences in their downtown. The New England architecture and collection of restaurants is fantastic!	Mar 9, 2012 11:59 AM
134	No snow on the sidewalk or curb cuts. No vehicles in the community space in the middle of the downtown area. Being able to take the bus to and from downtown activities at night on the weekend. A warm welcoming downrown atmosphere.	Mar 9, 2012 11:31 AM
135	Dinner downtown with friends followed by a concert at Miller Auditorium in Grand Rapids	Mar 9, 2012 11:30 AM
136	I was walking along the river and there were a series of parks connected to the river and lakes throughout the city. I could walk/bike all day without leaving the parks. (Twin Cities)	Mar 9, 2012 11:27 AM
137	Plymouth has a beautiful gazebo appropriate for band concerts and other civic gatherings (weddings, etc.)	Mar 9, 2012 11:25 AM
138	Green space, walking through beautiful pedestrian areas with use of brick more than concrete.	Mar 9, 2012 11:14 AM
139	Great outdoor experience in both dining and entertainment.	Mar 9, 2012 10:51 AM
140	Downtown Lima I could get everything I needed within a 4-block radius of my apartment. Pretty good for a city of 10 million people. All of it was locally owned except the grocery store, which was a chain, but I had a choice between three different grocery stores and one was locally owned for sure.	Mar 9, 2012 10:34 AM
141	Walking the high line to the Chelsea Market in Manhattan last winter. There were many other people of all ages doing the same thing and enjoying the day together, admiring the park's art exhibitions and the snowmen built on the benches. Then at the Chelsea Market, I ordered a delicious milkshake, people watched and bought some discounted items at Anthropologie. This was a great experience because there were so many interesting things to see, everyone was in a good mood to be where they were, and I was able to walk to where I wanted to go, avoiding all cars (with an awesome view).	Mar 9, 2012 10:17 AM
142	walking down streets with small businesses, cafes, galleries and green spaces or park-like spaces such as the High Line in NYC or the Chong gye stream in Seoul, Korea	Mar 9, 2012 10:02 AM
143	Portland,OR, Southhampton and Cambridge, MA and most towns with major universities....good shops, good vibes and in general, because they're like A2.	Mar 9, 2012 9:55 AM
144	Downtown Denver - 16th street pedestrian mall (free electric shuttle bus) with shops, food courtyards, street performers and vendors, cultural attractions, parks, benches, fountains all along the street and neighboring spaces	Mar 9, 2012 8:35 AM
145	Kalamazoo's downtown park and green space is near it's library; nothing like	Mar 9, 2012 8:26 AM

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	reading a book in the shade under under a park bench.	
146	Great shopping, both common chains plus boutiques, coupled with fun and interesting places to eat. Small areas where kids can have fun, such as with water features.	Mar 9, 2012 6:36 AM
147	playing in one of those fountains where the water squirts up from the ground (Detroit Riverwalk)	Mar 8, 2012 10:55 PM
148	In the Boston Common: I was traveling with a group of teens who 'Ma[d]e way for Ducklings'~ posing with brass ducks from the book, and other children whom they didn't know. We enjoyed the pond and fountain~ delightful because of the mixed age appeal.	Mar 8, 2012 10:43 PM
149	Lively downtowns with interesting historical and cultural features.	Mar 8, 2012 10:37 PM
150	Last summer, my family was able to walk around Millinium Park in dwntn Chicago. We waded in the pool,enjoyed the art, sat on a bench and visited, ran into friends, walked through beautiful gardens, ate a light dinner,listened to a free open-air orchestral concert while night fell and the stars came out.	Mar 8, 2012 10:27 PM
151	Going to a Broadway Show . . . I care more about - regular recreational time not a special occasion e.g. I like a good meal with good fiends - walking around - visiting with friends and meeting new people. Something that is comfortable that's low stress and you can do on repeat occasions.	Mar 8, 2012 10:12 PM
152	In other cities, amazing food can be had at any price point. I was recently in Chicago and LA, and you can get really incredible Mexican or Asian food, which is also inexpensive.	Mar 8, 2012 9:37 PM
153	It usually involves being in a remarkable public space, enjoying some activity such as dining or a music event, while a diversity of other activities (pedestrian, retail, and the like are also going on.	Mar 8, 2012 9:37 PM
154	We enjoyed downtown areas in towns along the River Rhine in Germany this year on a River Cruise. The consistently classic look of most of the buildings was a big factor. Also many people walked & rode bicycles & motor scooters in the cities which made you feel part of the throng rather than isolated inside your car.	Mar 8, 2012 9:37 PM
155	Weekend in Philadelphia. Great combination of bars, restaurants, retail, public spaces.	Mar 8, 2012 9:25 PM
156	Ice skating in the Galleria(TX) or 7th Ave. (NY). Wading pools. Interactive lighting. Highline.	Mar 8, 2012 9:21 PM
157	Walking in city park	Mar 8, 2012 9:14 PM
158	Florence, Italy: very walkable. Pedestrian scale.	Mar 8, 2012 8:36 PM
159	One of my best dates ever was in NYC. I had a great, affordable dinner and saw a show about Janis Joplin. Afterward we went up to the roof of the apartment building we were staying in and enjoyed the view.	Mar 8, 2012 8:35 PM

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160	fabulous shopping and window shopping. Great people watching at a sidewalk cafe. Incredible array of transportation choices. Great downtown hotel, convenient to everything.	Mar 8, 2012 8:23 PM
161	Being a tourist in NYC and Toronto, the massive amount of concrete was well balanced by great green space. These cities would be suffocating without these spaces.	Mar 8, 2012 8:12 PM
162	Walking through parks and museums.	Mar 8, 2012 8:04 PM
163	We sat in an outdoor cafe without noisy, stinky traffic running next to our table and people walking by, chatting without having to yell over the traffic.	Mar 8, 2012 8:03 PM
164	I attended last year's SXSW festival in Austin, TX. The experience was great because the streets were shut down to motorized vehicles and nearly every place of business, regardless of type, had live music going on all day. There was a great atmosphere through the pedestrian-only nature of the experience and also because of the sheer quantity of musical options. Lots of great street food too!	Mar 8, 2012 7:58 PM
165	City center for meeting	Mar 8, 2012 7:57 PM
166	The city of Boston offers history, green space, good dining, cultural and artistic offerings in a vibrant urban and academic setting.	Mar 8, 2012 6:44 PM
167	I have spent several afternoons shopping, visiting the art fair in Plymouth, Michigan. Parking was free and safe. It was a short walk to a great variety of retail stores and low priced restaurants. Store clerks were friendly and helpful. Seemed like a more relaxed and friendly environment. There was a park in the center of the town that provided a place for sitting, eating, and visiting. No panhandlers were hassling the citizens.	Mar 8, 2012 6:36 PM
168	Safe for walking and cycling /c kids. Much street level activity.	Mar 8, 2012 6:32 PM
169	Visiting a small town with a center that is only for pedestrian traffic and car traffic allowed around it. Similar to what happens at Art Fair. Much more of a positive feel and will make people want to go downtown versus stay at home	Mar 8, 2012 6:15 PM
170	I recently spent time in Grand Rapids. Had an opportunity to visit several 'low scale' business that survived on minimal rents. One was a to-order coffee roasting place, others included some quirky thrift shops.	Mar 8, 2012 6:08 PM
171	Toronto - you can walk for blocks and blocks and blocks and not loose the high energy vibe. indi shops did not seem desperate or as if they were about to be priced out of rent	Mar 8, 2012 6:06 PM
172	I have adult children who have lived (or are living) in Boulder, Madison and Austin - all college towns with similarites to Ann Arbor. They all have in place a form of a street converted to a pedestrian mall. We have had a "great time" at all three (As tourists, not townies. If I were a full-time resident, I think I would learn to avoid each). Michigan went through its own phase of pedestrian malls in the 60's, all of which failed and were removed (Lansing, Flint, Kalamazoo, Grand	Mar 8, 2012 6:02 PM

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Rapids, Jackson, etc.). We do a good job of occasionally closing Main Street to vehicles, which makes those occasions being special. So assuming pedestrian dominant zone can be fun but, keeping in mind Michigan didn't get it right the first time around, is there a hybrid version that would be unique? William is a legitimate connection between Main Street and the campus and a very low vehicular volume route. How could that entire stretch (Main to State) be re-considered to to make people go out of their way to experience (ala Nichols Arcade)? Something that will sustain our interest with broad sidewalks, extreme traffic calming, obvious safety that people will use as an enjoyable passage from campus to exciting new uses (anchors) you are contemplating for the William/Main hub. Face it - most of our downtown residents live to the east of Main Street and are in the 20 - 30 age group.

173	Other cities have river walks or hike/bike trails through downtown. The former is difficult w/o a river but AA could provide more walking or biking facilities. Why not close off Main Street on the weekends or in the evenings in the summer?	Mar 8, 2012 5:57 PM
174	High quality food and shopping that keep people downtown, provide interesting opportunities for retail, and keep people walking and meeting other people.	Mar 8, 2012 5:56 PM
175	A great mix of retail/ dining and entertainment. Attractive-timeless architecture adds to the positive experience	Mar 8, 2012 5:54 PM
176	Sitting at an outdoor cafe with friends, people watching and talking. The surroundings were pleasant, felt safe and I felt relaxed.	Mar 8, 2012 5:43 PM
177	Just walking and enjoying the surroundings. Beautiful buildings, trees and plantings, benches or low walls, places to grab a bite and sit, fun little unexpected areas--narrow alleys, steps leading up and down to mysterious places--things that make it interesting and fun to explore. Other people around.	Mar 8, 2012 5:40 PM
178	It was very vibrant, lots of choices for restaurants, shopping and things to do. no obvious surface lots that break up the urban experience and make you feel uncomfortable if you are from out of town.	Mar 8, 2012 5:35 PM
179	Mice on Main in Greenville, South Carolina.	Mar 8, 2012 5:27 PM
180	shopping downtown- we have a few great shops but lots have gone away for the overpricing of the parking downtown	Mar 8, 2012 5:18 PM
181	Exploring the sights and exhibits. Bumping into friends. Exploring the natural setting.	Mar 8, 2012 5:15 PM
182	Attended a special event and ate dinner nearby. Parking was available and well lighted, assuring safety in a not familiar place.	Mar 8, 2012 5:10 PM
183	cobble hill, brooklyn: good restaurants, pocket parks full of kids, dogs, and people of all ages, BOOK STORE, lots of independent stores chicago millennium park	Mar 8, 2012 4:19 PM
184	Shared outdoor community space in Amsterdam was great for creating a lively and diverse environment.	Mar 8, 2012 4:08 PM

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185	I love the Top of the Park event. That is more fun than anything in the world...the music, people, food, weather. This is in AA	Mar 8, 2012 3:52 PM
186	San Antonio's river walk - interesting, pleasant, other people enjoying themselves	Mar 8, 2012 3:51 PM
187	Spending a Sunday afternoon wandering downtown. There were plenty of fun, unique shops to wander in and out of, as well as some places to eat.	Mar 8, 2012 3:14 PM
188	There was a beautiful river walk lined with parks and shops and little points of interest. People could gather at cafes, stroll along the river and enjoy themselves. At night it was beautifully lit, safe and there were theatrical and musical productions over looking the water.	Mar 8, 2012 2:53 PM
189	We've enjoyed times in several American and European cities where you can walk or use public transportation to get around, see interesting sights and shop, all while feeling safe	Mar 8, 2012 2:28 PM
190	Walkability with high density mixed use	Mar 8, 2012 2:20 PM
191	walking around, pass shops, galleries, theaters, apts etc with different architectural styles, all well maintained, lots of green trees, planter boxes	Mar 8, 2012 2:19 PM
192	There was a town square with lots of open green space, mature trees (shaded areas), benches, fountains, a gazebo, and paths for walking.	Mar 8, 2012 1:59 PM
193	walking opportunities with urban walkways, ie NYC.	Mar 8, 2012 1:48 PM
194	Indianapolis, Minneapolis, St Paul -- nice wide, clean sidewalks and decent art, not what is projected by the likes of the City Hall "sculpture".	Mar 8, 2012 1:14 PM
195	I met up with a bunch of friends at a restaurant in San Francisco. We had a great time at dinner, and then walking around the city afterwards.	Mar 8, 2012 1:08 PM
196	Outdoor dining and seeing friends	Mar 8, 2012 1:07 PM
197	Walking around, block to block, diversity of retail, commercial, food service, galleries and performance venues, all coupled with an active engaged population doing the same thing. Access to efficient public transportation. Defined energetic neighborhoods	Mar 8, 2012 1:04 PM
198	shopping, eating - laid out in a way that makes sense	Mar 8, 2012 12:54 PM
199	visually appealing, safe, room to talk and move	Mar 8, 2012 12:54 PM
200	A multitude of businesses on the main street each used a simple common theme (3 round wooden posts joined together) to create an artistic expression celebrating the town / region. It was a delight to walk by and see the ideas created.	Mar 8, 2012 12:46 PM
201	Being able to park easily and cheaply. Being able to walk around go in and out of shops.	Mar 8, 2012 12:45 PM

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202	great variety of shops, restaurants.Lots of people walking the sidewalks, meeting in local restaurants and bars. Outdoor gathering areas within downtown, like parks or fountains.	Mar 8, 2012 12:45 PM
203	I lived in Montpellier, France for two months near the central plaza. It was fantastic! For social interaction, you just went to the plaza and bumped into people you knew. If you didn't see anyone you knew, you sat at a cafe and had a drink or a snack until you did, or perhaps struck up a conversation with someone new. Tourists all went there to see the architecture and sculpture, and the tourist office was located there. Theatres, venues, clubs and restaurants were located nearby.	Mar 8, 2012 12:42 PM
204	Paris, Amsterdam, Florence - what is nice is a mix of stores, places open late other than restaurants, way more pedestrians, bicyclists, & metro use than cars - pedestrians feeling safer. Being able to live downtown & have a grocery store, etc. changes the whole tenor of the place & makes you want to be right there, live right there, be in the middle of all these people going about their daily lives & being able to do everything in their daily lives within a 5-6 block radius. Street vendors may help that.	Mar 8, 2012 12:41 PM
205	Listening to music outside, sitting outdoors at a cafe, beautiful being outside people watching	Mar 8, 2012 12:00 PM
206	Downtown SanFrancisco has a fabulous building with a farmers market, organic foods, great restaurants that I have spent many hours with my husband.	Mar 8, 2012 11:55 AM
207	Busy sidewalks, music heard on the street from restaurants and bars, CLEAN, frequent seating and trash cans; wide range of restaurants and retail (in terms of cuisine, style and cost)	Mar 8, 2012 11:51 AM
208	i found parking, NOT in a structure, NOT way over priced	Mar 8, 2012 11:46 AM
209	Safe environment. Lots of activity and options for dining/entertainment.	Mar 8, 2012 11:43 AM
210	I was able to bike around the city and grab some food at an outdoor cafe to bring to a nearby park. This was a particularly great experience because the city is conducive to biking and just being in a pretty park, people watching, and just sitting outside is fun.	Mar 8, 2012 11:42 AM
211	Detroit, regardless of where I go, I know I will find a place to park my car	Mar 8, 2012 11:38 AM
212	can eat outside during the summer - fall without traffic right next to the curb, closed for walkway	Mar 8, 2012 11:37 AM
213	I went to see the King Tut exhibit, the Sears aquarium, and the water front, then had a great dinner, and listened to some wonderful blues. all in Chicago. There was such a wide range of things to do in one place.	Mar 8, 2012 11:35 AM
214	Walking on busy, but not crowded, streets. Lots of museums (not just art museums, but history and science museums), outdoor fountains, sculptures and memorials. Interesting architecture with a diverse group of shops and restaurants. Festivals on the mall.	Mar 8, 2012 11:29 AM

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215	strolling downtown, enjoying a meal outside without cars driving by, people watching, shopping	Mar 8, 2012 11:26 AM
216	Spent time in a similar college town that had a much wider selection of bars/restaurants in close proximity. Spent time at a great wine bar/upscale dining venue that was also equipped as a place to watch sports.	Mar 8, 2012 11:24 AM
217	Stayed downtown and was able to walk to events and food services.	Mar 8, 2012 11:24 AM
218	Boston, MA - there were historical landmarks all within walking distance, lots of beautiful parks with attractive trees and landscaping to relax in, an old-fashioned atmosphere with quaint businesses and restaurants to check out.	Mar 8, 2012 11:24 AM
219	Parking wasn't stressfull. The place wasn't trying to be something it's not. We aren't an urban metropolis here in A2, we need to maintain car accessibility.	Mar 8, 2012 11:20 AM
220	going to a free or inexpensive concert with friends, after a meal enjoyed at an outdoor cafe, with options for afterwards, dessert, coffee, bookshops, etc.	Mar 8, 2012 11:16 AM
221	Sit outside and enjoy a coffee or ice cream or lunch with friends and family - even little ones.	Mar 8, 2012 11:15 AM
222	it was full of life	Mar 8, 2012 11:13 AM
223	Affordable retail stores. Friendly atmosphere. No high rise apt buildings.	Mar 8, 2012 11:11 AM
224	Midnight Madness: being in open space, seeing others, having places to eat, shop, and have entertainment.	Mar 8, 2012 11:10 AM
225	energy, ease, option	Mar 8, 2012 11:06 AM
226	Ice festival with large open area and nearby,free parking	Mar 8, 2012 11:05 AM
227	I loved when everyone found a reason to walk around Ann Arbor, so you were always running into friends & acquaintences.	Mar 8, 2012 10:59 AM
228	The streets were clean, full of people, many venues to shop in, eat and choose from and it is environmentally friendly.	Mar 8, 2012 10:56 AM
229	San Diego. Lots of outdoor seating to engage in "people watching." Lots of nice restaurants and bars to frequent. Watched the bicycle parade.	Mar 8, 2012 10:56 AM
230	Going to a music performance, strolling in beautiful park areas, looking at great art/architecture.	Mar 8, 2012 10:52 AM
231	Downtown Chicago - street performers	Mar 8, 2012 10:52 AM
232	having dinner with family and friends, walking around a busy and lively street area	Mar 8, 2012 10:50 AM
233	great communities build on their strengths. for ann arbor this includes its reputation as a world class university town with a great quality of life, emphasis on sustainability ans local music and food. just came back from south beach.	Mar 8, 2012 10:28 AM

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	While we can't duplicate the weather, they have a walkable city with interesting historic architecture, great restaurants and shopping, cultural attractions and nightlife.	
234	levely street performance - sidewalk music and art	Mar 8, 2012 9:36 AM
235	San Francisco uses alley space for store frontage	Mar 8, 2012 7:11 AM
236	When I lived in Philadelphia, everything was walking distance - groceries, park, bus stop, train...	Mar 8, 2012 4:12 AM
237	Great architecture, interesting sculptures, and cafes/theatre/music venues	Mar 8, 2012 3:28 AM
238	I went to college at the University of Virginia, and Charlottesville has a great downtown pedestrian mall. On fall evenings, the mall would be bustling with people going out to eat at the many restaurants along the mall and side streets after a football game earlier in the day. Lots of street vendors would be out too, some with great inexpensive jewelry and accessories. There were so many different types of restaurants to choose from too. Some very high-end, written about in the NYTimes, while there was also a great cheap pizza joint and a dumpling place. That was the best part, because you could go downtown if you had money or didn't have money and still have a good time.	Mar 8, 2012 2:07 AM
239	I lived in Lima, Peru for a year and, like any big city, I could walk out of my apartment and within blocks either do my grocery shopping, go to any number of restaurants, see some attractions, or get on public transit to whatever else I needed. The consolidated availability of resources to everyone in the area was wonderful.	Mar 8, 2012 12:49 AM
240	enjoyed an outdoor labrynth, great scenery in San Francisco; museums and culture in Washington DC and New York	Mar 7, 2012 11:44 PM
241	It would have to be in Ann Arbor about 30 years ago. During the art fair, independent street vendors and performers did their thing, without being hassled. I miss the organ grinder with his monkey!	Mar 7, 2012 10:54 PM
242	I went ice skating in downtown Toronto when visiting there once. Though I didn't know anyone, I felt a sense of community and shared experience. We were expeincing a seasonal activity together in the middle of a huge city. We recently visited Chicago and felt such sense of freedom to be able to get anywhere, anytime even on New Year's Day using public transport. On New Year's Eve we attended the fireworks which were free for everyone. Then everyone headed back into town en mass covering the streets until it thinned as people hopped on the public transpot which was free for all as well. Again, a sense of connection and community without even knowing anyone, and of freedom to travel with out the encumberances of cars.	Mar 7, 2012 10:28 PM
243	My favorite experiences have been easy nights walking between a series of places in a compact downtown - meeting at a friend's house, walking to dinner, from there to a play or concert, from there to dessert or a bar, maybe stopping in a local park to enjoy the night and finally wandering back to the friend's house.	Mar 7, 2012 8:28 PM

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244	Dinner downtown Chicago; concert after. Taxi in/out; felt safe walking around at night. Lots of folks around, shops and restaurants open.	Mar 7, 2012 8:19 PM
245	Enjoying a holiday celebration downtown.	Mar 7, 2012 8:04 PM
246	Interesting restaurants and a corridor, rather than having to travel to far-off places	Mar 7, 2012 7:27 PM
247	Summer Stage outdoor concerts & films in New York Central Park! Also similar events in Brooklyn's Prospect Park.	Mar 7, 2012 7:20 PM
248	shopping, dining, walking, window shopping, people watching	Mar 7, 2012 7:19 PM
249	Pedestrian only streets, with large open space for concerts.	Mar 7, 2012 7:06 PM
250	Walking around, hopping into coffeeshops, working	Mar 7, 2012 6:59 PM
251	Green Space (gardens, footpaths) Cafes with outdoor seating that are affordable, with Vegan and Vegetarian offerings, children welcomed and encouraged to explore statues, etc	Mar 7, 2012 6:52 PM
252	I enjoy the annual car show in June, Taste of A2, and other street festivals. Used to love working and shopping on Main St.	Mar 7, 2012 6:30 PM
253	Have outdoor dining in garden setting, followed by nearby shops for small purchases followed by entertainment option and then a late night snack after a show.	Mar 7, 2012 6:16 PM
254	Good connection between districts keeping the walking around exciting	Mar 7, 2012 6:03 PM
255	Just walking around downtown in any city is interesting. The people, the stores, shopping, the restuarants, the nightlife is all part of being downtown.	Mar 7, 2012 5:57 PM
256	Opportunity to see things I have not seen before--interesting or unusual businesses of many different kinds (i.e. not all restaurants and gift shops)	Mar 7, 2012 5:55 PM
257	the french quarter in NewOrleans, lots to buy, smell, taste and see.	Mar 7, 2012 5:46 PM
258	Riding bikeshare in downtown DC changes the way I experience the city. It allows people to travel on a human scale while still covering enough ground to see much of the downtown.	Mar 7, 2012 5:33 PM
259	VISITS TO CHICGAO NEIGHBORHOODS CLOSE INTO DOWNTOWN- EASE OF WALKING TO SERVICES, RESTAURANTS, SCALE OF THE PLACE AND LIVING WITHIN THE ACTION	Mar 7, 2012 5:17 PM
260	Having an outdoor common area with seating and some cafès available makes for a very comfortable atmosphere is any downtown area. as well as job creation and tourism attraction.	Mar 7, 2012 5:14 PM
261	Toronto or Chicago: huge variety of types of stores and cultural institutions; excellent public transit to whole region; dense downtown and neighborhoods so that once there you can walk for hours if you choose. Absence of panhandlers	Mar 7, 2012 4:59 PM

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	and homeless (who come b/c of empty spaces such as little used open space)	
262	"Downtown"/center city spaces tend not to interest me too much, but I love neighborhoods *near* city centers. For example, Chicago's Wicker Park area offers a range of shopping, dining, walking, and socializing opportunities within a convenient train ride to the loop. It feels like a community within a city.	Mar 7, 2012 4:53 PM
263	"Eyes on the street;" mixed-use including housing; socially inclusive environment; pedestrian-friendly environment; connectivity/integration w/ the rest of the city through public-transit systems	Mar 7, 2012 4:32 PM
264	I was in Savanna, GA. We were able to eat, shop, and go on a historic tour. This was great because of the friends and the proximity of the desired locations as well the cleanliness.	Mar 7, 2012 4:23 PM
265	Sandy Springs Georgia	Mar 7, 2012 4:11 PM
266	Opportunity to see something different, learn something, eat good food without being ridiculously costly, places to sit outside where you don't need to spend money	Mar 7, 2012 4:07 PM
267	millenium park chicago, beautiful night, frisbee with friends	Mar 7, 2012 4:06 PM
268	Pike Place Market (seattle). like our farmer's market, but open everyday, a more diverse offering of goods/services, and convenient to transit.	Mar 7, 2012 3:57 PM
269	Everything was walkable.	Mar 7, 2012 3:39 PM
270	I love downtowns where the scale is not so large that you cannot feel part of your surroundings. My best experience in a downtown was in Palo Alto where we were able to bike, go to farmers markets, eat fabulous food and had options to stay at some great hotels and bed and breakfasts. They have fast transit to San Francisco, a great night life and Stanford is within walking distance. The architecture is interesting and the shops are diverse. There is some art on the streets. Austin, although larger and with its own problems is a similar downtown. I don't want Ann Arbor to have the scale of Austin or Evanston. I like Palo Alto.	Mar 7, 2012 3:27 PM
271	Variety, "newness"	Mar 7, 2012 3:27 PM
272	went shopping at a cheap retailer, went to a cultural site, and then went to a noodle bar and was surrounded by all sorts of people.	Mar 7, 2012 3:13 PM
273	Shopping in Chinatown in New York City. I bought crab legs, bubble tea, and vietnamese food all on the same block.	Mar 7, 2012 3:12 PM
274	It nice to be able to have everything your need in downtown. I enjoy being able to do everything in one place.	Mar 7, 2012 3:05 PM
275	Enjoying the Saturday night fires on the river in downtown Providence Rhode Island	Mar 7, 2012 3:03 PM
276	I went to a blues bar. It was located close to a lot of other entertainment, such as other blues bars and restaurants.	Mar 7, 2012 2:48 PM

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277	New Orleans / great walking in French Quarter, shops, restaurants, narrow streets, interesting architecture.	Mar 7, 2012 2:39 PM
278	It was a public fountain, where kids actually came to play in the water, with grassy area and built in seating (like large stacked, flat rocks). Right smack in the middle of downtown where you could walk a block and have many food choices	Mar 7, 2012 2:20 PM
279	Any great downtown experience for me involves having enough spaces to allow for someone to park their car and then linger for a while... downtowns aren't strictly in-and-out convenient places, they're places where you are welcome to linger, go from place to place, and keep running into people you know. Most of my favorite downtowns have a pedestrian-only area to them (Beirut City-Center in Lebanon, 3rd Street Promenade in Santa Monica)	Mar 7, 2012 1:49 PM
280	Downtown Chicago, Art Museum, Long Beach, CA walk to all attractions.	Mar 7, 2012 1:42 PM
281	i like the roof top dining at Palio's --get the outdoor experience without smelling gas fumes and having people in cars stopped at lights gawking at you like shopping in Chicago	Mar 7, 2012 1:36 PM
282	Can't narrow down to just one. Thinking of tourist experiences, all of which were very interesting just because they were new and different to me. Have enjoyed anything and everything from upscale areas through seedy backwaters.	Mar 7, 2012 1:33 PM
283	Paris-outdoor cafes, street entertainment, picnics are a common occurrence on the bridges	Mar 7, 2012 1:30 PM
284	Enjoying a summer evening with the kids, good food eaten outside along a pedestrian street, street music, many things to do/see that are not expensive.	Mar 7, 2012 1:28 PM
285	Walking between destinations and discovering new places to visit.	Mar 7, 2012 1:26 PM
286	Walking around New York, on Broadway, with the many kinds of people, businesses, cultural centers, buildings.	Mar 7, 2012 1:23 PM
287	Walking the neighborhoods of Toronto - with opportunity for mass transit when we got tired.	Mar 7, 2012 1:22 PM
288	critical mass bike event in Grand Rapids, MI. Late night biking group ride in Austin, TX. SXSW!	Mar 7, 2012 1:18 PM
289	Visiting the Toronto Festival of Lights at Toronto City Hall (November 2011); with large, diverse crowds in a dense urban environment, with live music and a spectacular fireworks display.	Mar 7, 2012 1:18 PM
290	street festival environment, streets downtown closed, music and food.	Mar 7, 2012 1:17 PM
291	a mix of things: shopping, restaurants, museums, outdoor parks/interactive sculpture	Mar 7, 2012 12:58 PM
292	Walking the River Walk in Austin.	Mar 7, 2012 12:55 PM

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293	I spend a lot of time in Plymouth. I love eating dinner in the various sidewalk cafes (Comparis & Penn Grill, especially). Plymouth holds many outdoor festivals and has live music in the park every Friday night. It's nice to have dinner outdoors and hear live music.	Mar 7, 2012 12:53 PM
294	New York City. Parks, art, people.	Mar 7, 2012 12:52 PM
295	Street performers were fun!	Mar 7, 2012 12:36 PM
296	able to park close to dining and cultural events	Mar 7, 2012 12:33 PM
297	What I like about visiting other towns is wandering around and stumbling upon new and interesting cafes/bars/shops/public art/architecture/etc.	Mar 7, 2012 12:31 PM
298	At a sporting event, stayed close to venue, had many eating options, safe to walk and shopping options.	Mar 7, 2012 12:20 PM
299	walking in pedestrian avenues with street-side shops and restaurants, e.g., Mont Martre in Paris	Mar 7, 2012 12:19 PM
300	Enjoying outside seating that wasn't 100% concrete.	Mar 7, 2012 12:14 PM
301	Eating walking	Mar 7, 2012 12:13 PM
302	Sydney, Australia has an amazing downtown - beautiful sense of architecture and place, it's extremely well planned, and there's lots of public transport.	Mar 7, 2012 12:10 PM
303	walking around looking at great architecture, public transit, lots of people and unique sculptures	Mar 7, 2012 12:08 PM
304	I lived in Philadelphia for a while, near Rittenhouse square. It was a great mix of amenities within a small area - old architecture, mixed housing, shopping, food (both casual and formal), grocery stores, and all centered around a beautiful park with plenty of benches. It's a great experience because it supported a mix of different people with different needs. Furthermore, the location was so central to the city, that it was a gateway to everything that was great about the area through public transportation/foot traffic.	Mar 7, 2012 11:57 AM
305	In my hometown, our downtown was connected to a large waterfront with an outdoor stage that ran musical events all summer. We could get take out and sit in the park and watch Grease and ships go by.	Mar 7, 2012 11:57 AM
306	ArtPrize in Grand Rapids afforded an easy-to- maneuver walk through downtown streets and venues to see art installations vying for prize money.	Mar 7, 2012 11:40 AM
307	lots of people, lots of food and shopping options, beautiful space	Mar 7, 2012 11:14 AM
308	Just spending the day strolling, getting meals in various shops, reading a book in a coffee shop, going into and out of the stores. And it was all easily accessible by public transportation	Mar 7, 2012 10:55 AM
309	Downtown Boulder. I was extremely impressed by their mall. It has no cars besides cross traffic which seems to work pretty well. Great shops, lots of people	Mar 7, 2012 10:46 AM

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	walking around, performers etc.	
310	I had a great time during a family vacation to Chicago. It was really easy to walk or take public transportation and there was a lot for children to do.	Mar 7, 2012 10:36 AM
311	Walking around Chicago looking for cool places to stop in to shop or eat or drink.	Mar 7, 2012 10:30 AM
312	pedestrians only. live music. local food.	Mar 7, 2012 10:17 AM
313	a myriad of resturants, museums, and shops in a pattern rather than group together. interesting outdoor art including use of fountains.	Mar 7, 2012 3:04 AM
314	summer, walking around, crowded, people enjoying themselves. eating lunch at a sidewalk cafe	Mar 7, 2012 1:24 AM
315	It is hard to compare downtown AA to Philadelphia. There is no comparison historically. Philly also has alot more excellent restaurants.	Mar 7, 2012 12:34 AM
316	Enjoying lunch in the park blocks and pioneer square in Portland, OR. A great experience because we were able to enjoy great cuisine in the midst of nature despite being in the middle of a bustling city.	Mar 7, 2012 12:26 AM
317	Portland, Oregon. Incredibly walker-friendly downtown, the streetscape is beautiful, lots of pedstrian level visual interest.	Mar 7, 2012 12:19 AM
318	Variety of people - different looks, accents, languages. Outdoor arts & sculpture. Independent business for practical needs as well as restaurants & galleries.	Mar 6, 2012 11:15 PM
319	Attending a (free) festival, watching a parade, later musicians and jugglers, hanging out with family.	Mar 6, 2012 11:02 PM
320	Wandering around from shop to shop, going with the flow of sidewalk traffic, and watching the world go by from outdoor bar/restaurant seating.	Mar 6, 2012 10:06 PM
321	In Eastown, Grand Rapids, the streets are full of lively culture and historical gems that really highlight the historical integrity and the newer cultural styles coming forward.	Mar 6, 2012 8:49 PM
322	Able to move between store without going outside in the cold/rain/snow because alleys were covered/enclosed and turned into protected pedestrians only streets	Mar 6, 2012 8:43 PM
323	Prague, Czech Republic. Lively - culture, shopping, dining, beautiful architecture, great public transit system. No need to drag a car around. More big squares for markets and people watching.	Mar 6, 2012 7:46 PM
324	San Francisco...easy anad accesible commuter options, great visuals, variety of cultural, social, food and retail, BUT mostly the options for social interaction...same for Austin downtown and Madison , Wi downtown	Mar 6, 2012 6:50 PM
325	my good experiences were as a tourist: museums and unique shopping experiences are at the top of the list, and a friendly, attractive, safe place to wander about is important	Mar 6, 2012 6:31 PM

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326	Festivals and events where you walk around are the best. Live entertainment and plenty of food choices are key.	Mar 6, 2012 5:57 PM
327	Millenium Park, Chgo but on a smaller scale appropriate to this site; Portland, Or. San Fran. Biking, walking along a waterfront, cafes, unique retail	Mar 6, 2012 5:51 PM
328	NYC: walking to/through central park, observing the green space right up next to the very developed space, and realizing how important they both were. It created places for people to be, socialize and recreate without having to buy anything, and it only increases the value of the businesses and residences nearby.	Mar 6, 2012 5:39 PM
329	Toronto/New York City/Chicago - All of these cities provide dense, walkable areas in which social interactions are easy to come by; easy to get from one place to another.	Mar 6, 2012 5:24 PM
330	I enjoy a place that has a lot of park-like, natural things, such as trees, plants, gardens, etc. I think Santa Cruz, CA had some of this.	Mar 6, 2012 5:23 PM
331	Tough to find a comparable downtown. Ithaca N.Y., while smaller, has a similar feel. The fact that there was a closed off street for pedestrians only, stages set up for music on Fridays and Saturdays (or festivals) and plenty of shops all in one enclosed area ("The Commons") was very nice.	Mar 6, 2012 5:22 PM
332	Outdoor pedestrian mall atmosphere e.g. Boulder, CO and other similar areas	Mar 6, 2012 5:13 PM
333	Encouraging people to go out and walk such as a pedestrian only zone would encourage development. In Europe, almost all cities have pedestrian only corridors.	Mar 6, 2012 4:46 PM
334	walking along a waterway with lots of greenery and friends	Mar 6, 2012 4:07 PM
335	Hanging out with friends in downtown Tempe Az at night when the city blocked off the main street for parties on weekends. There were small stages for bands at intersections, the coffee houses and stores were open, and we would accidentally run into other friends. The bars probably charged covers, but the outdoor music was free. Going a block off the main street was uncrowded if you wanted to talk quietly. It was a great experience because there was always something interesting going on to provide an excuse to get together, it didn't cost money, but food was available, and many people went without having to plan in advance.	Mar 6, 2012 4:01 PM
336	In downtown Holland they have fireplaces on the sidewalks where you can sit and warm up on a cold night and socialize/meet people. Large fountains where you can sit on the outer edge and dangle your feet are also great for socializing as well as aesthetically pleasing.	Mar 6, 2012 3:53 PM
337	Best towns for us offer pull in parking in front or back of boutique-like stores and galleries .	Mar 6, 2012 3:52 PM
338	Every town in countries like Italy and Spain, as well as Latin America, has a town piazza/square/plaza. To be successful it needs to have a sense of spatial	Mar 6, 2012 3:40 PM

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	enclosure from surrounding buildings, a bit of green, and flexible hardscape to accommodate various activities.	
339	I like downtowns that have 'malls'... i.e. no cars. I also like public parks, places to sit and eat food that one has either brought and purchased at a restaurant.	Mar 6, 2012 3:33 PM
340	Walking around the city and visiting small shops, the seeing a small venue concert.	Mar 6, 2012 3:30 PM
341	I was walking around a park on a sunny afternoon during the tulip festival in Holland, MI. Kids were playing with their parents in the park, and there were nice shops and affordable eating places around the perimeter.	Mar 6, 2012 3:08 PM
342	Eating at an outdoor cafe that was reasonable\$. Having parked my energy efficiency scooter for free near the cafe!;))	Mar 6, 2012 2:52 PM
343	Waling around where you get the sense of being in a neighborhood, homes/apartments, small shops for everyday needs, restaurants/entertainment. Love the North End of Boston, certain areas of Chicago.	Mar 6, 2012 2:42 PM
344	Walkability, bikeability, good architecture, landscape, mixed use	Mar 6, 2012 2:30 PM
345	Numerous restaurants of different cultures. Restaurants/Bars ALL with liquor licenses for meeting for social interaction. Unique shops to stop in and are open late.	Mar 6, 2012 2:08 PM
346	I once lived in a large European city (Hamburg Germany); although I lived in the suburbs, having a car was irrelevant, as downtown was readily accessible 24-hours a day by transit of all kinds.	Mar 6, 2012 1:54 PM
347	waliking by the water or other natural feature	Mar 6, 2012 1:38 PM
348	Lots of people, lots of great retail shops and plenty of restaurant options.	Mar 6, 2012 1:18 PM
349	People watching	Mar 6, 2012 1:05 PM
350	Old Naples, Florida- no throwup on side walk	Mar 6, 2012 1:04 PM
351	Dining with friends.	Mar 6, 2012 12:59 PM
352	Beautiful, inviting sidewalks and architecture that made me want to get out and walk. Businesses that were open after 6:00 p.m.	Mar 6, 2012 12:54 PM
353	beautiful walking areas	Mar 6, 2012 12:49 PM
354	Riding public transit to downtown, able to walk to restaurant, in view of public space with art, lots of people. Public festivals going on next to busy street.	Mar 6, 2012 12:47 PM
355	The diversity of unique retail and dining experiences in San Francisco comes to mind. Ann Arbor used to have that feel, but as more national chains have out competed local businesses, Ann Arbor has less of that feel.	Mar 6, 2012 12:38 PM
356	Not that Ann Arbor should emulate Chicago, but Chicago's State St. may be a	Mar 6, 2012 12:27 PM

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good model. Buildings have close setbacks with window displays that are interesting to look at. There are pieces of public art within the sidewalk landscaped areas with placards detailing the art and the artist. Transit is easily accessible with buses running every 15-20 minutes (wishful thinking!). There are corner stores to jump into that have everyday necessities.

357	shopping @ independent retail stores	Mar 6, 2012 12:10 PM
358	walking, window shopping and meeting friends -- a place to sit and talk, have coffee and listen to music	Mar 6, 2012 11:51 AM
359	Ascetically appealing sidewalks and buildings. Fun and moderate cost shops and eateries. Outdoor spaces like benches, parks, and tables/chairs.	Mar 6, 2012 11:49 AM
360	Combination of attractive, unique shops with outside dining, lots of people on the street, and interesting buildings. (shopping and eating and theatre)	Mar 6, 2012 11:45 AM
361	Dinner at a good restaurant, then to a movie, ballet, play, or a musical performance.	Mar 6, 2012 11:42 AM
362	Visiting family in Evanston, IL. Highlights included stepping outside of their apartment and having the option of several chain and local grocers within a 3 block radius (i.e. whole foods, trader joe's, food coops); locally-owned and reasonably priced restaurants, cafes, bake shops, bistros that offered culturally diverse cuisine & social interactions; ready access to other communities - including downtown Chicago - by rail, bike and walking.	Mar 6, 2012 11:42 AM
363	Walking among interesting historic buildings with happy people exploring the variety of casual shops & cafe's. Freedom to move - interesting activities to engage in spontaneously - safe space that draws the human spirit together - not too costly - still connected with the natural environment.	Mar 6, 2012 11:38 AM
364	Sitting in a city park one evening, close to midnight on a weekday, it was alive with people still out and about, finishing the day. There were some musicians in the park as well. All in all a chill environment.	Mar 6, 2012 11:35 AM
365	window shopping in Paris - wonderful interesting stores that were NOT franchises	Mar 6, 2012 11:34 AM
366	I like downtown Chicago a great deal. The architecture is beautiful, but also there is a sense of openness with the park right nearby. It was very easy to walk into restaurants, what with windows showcasing what they sell and such. There was a great mix of high end and cafe/grill style establishments, too, which meant no one really felt out of place regardless of whether they were there to spend a lot or a little bit of money.	Mar 6, 2012 11:32 AM
367	Ann Arbor has already provided better downtown experiences than I've had in any other city--except for parking. Last year I went to Lansing's old town area for an event, was able to pull up to a metered space on the street, and when I put in a quarter (I only needed 15 minutes until the meters didn't need to be fed any longer that evening), and was astounded to see that I'd just purchased a whole hour.	Mar 6, 2012 11:32 AM

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368	Sitting outside in the clean air, listening to great music and enjoying great food!	Mar 6, 2012 11:27 AM
369	I had a great time in Amsterdam because I could easily walk, ride a bike, or a scooter from location to location. There were lots of bike lanes and public transportation, the ability to rent bikes and scooters downtown, lots of outdoor cafes on sidewalks and plazas with on street parking for bikes and scooters. In this country cities like Portland and Seattle do a great job of encouraging a pedestrian and bicycle friendly culture. Portland's outdoor food carts are great too.	Mar 6, 2012 11:27 AM
370	I always enjoy downtown plazas such as Boulder CO, Santa Monica Pier, and Burlington VT. Pedestrian malls, people-watching, casual dining opportunities, a buzz of activity.	Mar 6, 2012 11:25 AM
371	I'm from Chicago, love it and miss it. The sense of place you get from the fabulous architecture in the individual buildings and the more 'macro' view of the lakefront can't be beat. Tons of people, tons of things to do. You can view 'downtown' as the loop or North Michigan Avenue.	Mar 6, 2012 11:23 AM
372	bagels a play beautiful walk	Mar 6, 2012 11:16 AM
373	pedestrian mall with a fountain plaza, quality food cart vendors (like the tamale lady) during a Friday night free concert series	Mar 6, 2012 11:15 AM
374	I walked along by the river, stopped to listen to a band playing, walked along the pedestrian mall while window shopping.	Mar 6, 2012 10:55 AM
375	walking around to different shops and cafes. being able to walk for 10 consecutive blocks and not running out of places to go or things to see.	Mar 6, 2012 10:48 AM
376	old buildings had character. some were restored. new buildings were either unique/striking - good examples of modern architecture OR tastefully influenced by the past. NOT boxes. Good restaurants, OK restaurants, and several music venues. Biking and pedestrian friendly - wide sidewalks, bike lanes on one-way streets.	Mar 6, 2012 10:44 AM
377	Downtown Philly is pretty great. There are some diverse areas that neighbor each other (ex. olde city, center city, south philly) so that in the same walk you can get different kinds of experiences. There are enough out of the way things and main focal points that you can find the big destinations but still serendipitously discover new things you hadn't expected. I don't recall lots of random sculptures, but nice squares/parks here and there, like Rittenhouse, decent landscaping, and pretty buildings endow it with a rich sense of place and culture that doesn't require stupid sculptures.	Mar 6, 2012 10:40 AM
378	The atmosphere is the key - the sort of delight that one finds in a garden, but with the culture and amenities of downtown businesses. The elegance and depth of the landscaping (both vegetation and hardscaping) surprisingly has a lot of effect on this sense of atmosphere.	Mar 6, 2012 10:40 AM
379	I was sitting in an outdoor cafe drinking espresso watching traffic/people go by and looking at the architecture of the buildings surrounding the area.	Mar 6, 2012 10:34 AM

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380	strolling Ocean Ave in Miami Beach - hard to replicate in AA, but a connected sequence of spaces would help	Mar 6, 2012 10:29 AM
381	Eating at a great restaurant. Being able to walk to that location from where we were staying	Mar 6, 2012 10:28 AM
382	In one day in Chicago, I was able to visit three museums, visit a world-class park, and shop in two of my favorite art-supply stores, and all without getting into a car/bus/taxi.	Mar 6, 2012 10:28 AM
383	Chicago - shopping/dining/baseball game/going to a play	Mar 6, 2012 10:24 AM
384	Easy to drive into and out of and to find parking. Went to eat and walk around.	Mar 6, 2012 10:23 AM
385	took the train from Irvine, California to San Diego. The downtown had tons of amenities. The trolley could take you almost anywhere. The ability to commute without driving allowed me to focus my attention on the place and the people.	Mar 6, 2012 10:23 AM
386	Evening Stroll through quaint little street with lovely shops and cafes. Browsing and admiring local fair.	Mar 6, 2012 10:11 AM
387	Lots of foot traffic on the street, attractive planters and a vibrancey. A variety of shopping opportunities. My best downtown experiences are in Chicago however, closer to home and scope Traverse City has it perfect! So does Holland lately; Ann arbor is falling behind.	Mar 6, 2012 10:08 AM
388	Enjoyed architecture, shops, cafes and park like areas to sit and enjoy. A sense of history.	Mar 6, 2012 10:08 AM
389	I hate to compare them... but Boulder, CO. You're able to walk on the pedestrian area with shops/cafes/art/hangouts/shops on either side, without fear of being run over.	Mar 6, 2012 10:06 AM
390	Events downtown almost every weekend where there is entertainment, art and music. enjoying space where the backdrop is not parked or moving cars. Lots of shade in the summer. Showcasing of fountains and sculpture. Food and drink close by.	Mar 6, 2012 10:00 AM
391	Went there for an event, stayed with friends and family for dinner, strolled around the shops afterwards; music for atmosphere is a bonus.	Mar 6, 2012 9:56 AM
392	Finding a park to sit in with refreshments nearby, with somewhere for kids to play is always wonderful (e.g. Paris). Lots of greenery	Mar 6, 2012 9:55 AM
393	A pedestrian-friendly space with lots of food and shopping options to poke in and out of. A large common space was always nearby where I could sit and people watch. Performances - planned or not - might happen in this space. It was downtown where I could linger opposed to a downtown with a single destination.	Mar 6, 2012 9:53 AM
394	Broad variety of shops and eateries surrounding open green space and no auto traffic. We need a pedestrian street!	Mar 6, 2012 9:52 AM
395	Most recently, we had a great time in downtown Pittsburgh. We went out to	Mar 6, 2012 9:49 AM

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dinner and found several good restaurant options. Parking was relatively easy to find and reasonably priced. There was a band playing music on a stage in an outdoor plaza area. We strolled through the area and found lots of great shopping, from moderate to high end clothing, and other unique shops. There were several bars in the area, ranging from local and casual to higher end. Police were present, frequently visible and providing a sense of safety.

396	I could easily walk from my affordable housing to a real grocery store, restaurants, shops, a movie theater, a children's park etc. Walk took about 7 minutes.	Mar 6, 2012 9:48 AM
397	Walking, windowshopping, and enjoying go to a patio.	Mar 6, 2012 9:47 AM
398	We were able to walk and browse a variety of unique businesses easily and had plenty of access to entertainment and new experiences. There were not large stretches of open or desolate space, or faceless buildings to be passed by.	Mar 6, 2012 9:43 AM
399	Went to a museum in the morning, then found a restaurant for lunch, browsed a bookstore and other stores in the afternoon, ate dinner, saw a show and returned to our hotel by transit late that night.	Mar 6, 2012 9:43 AM
400	Plenty of available, low-cost parking, good selection of non-chain restaurants, no litter or panhandlers	Mar 6, 2012 9:42 AM
401	Plenty of dining options, many young people out	Mar 6, 2012 9:41 AM
402	Petoskey & Harbor Springs (up north) shopping and dining, lots of activity on the street, views of water which obviously is not possible in Ann Arbor. I was really disappointed that people did not approve of shutting down a couple blocks on Main St during the summer to allow the streets to be available for uninterrupted walking and live music etc.	Mar 6, 2012 9:40 AM
403	Washington DC. Great public transportation (including metro, bike sharing rentals). Open access to some of the most powerful and interesting sights such as libraries, museums, parks, theaters. Night live was really great as well. Lots of unique and interesting bars and restaurants with great happy hour options.	Mar 6, 2012 9:39 AM
404	Shopping in Chicago on a weekday. stopping at the Russian Tea Room and the Art Museum. Lots of variety, many interesting things to see on the street.	Mar 6, 2012 9:35 AM
405	Downtown Detroit I loved to sit and read on the waterfront or on the lower levels in RenCen or Art Museum, with a Vernors float from Saunders!	Mar 6, 2012 9:34 AM
406	The surroundings should support the destination businesses, including easy access to parking.	Mar 6, 2012 9:34 AM
407	San Antonio, the Riverwalk, lovely, opportunity of social interaction	Mar 6, 2012 9:32 AM
408	Open air restaurant in Cambridge, Mass. Many Boston restaurants activate the streetscape by having windows/walls that roll up in warm weather so pedestrians can see into the business and see/hear/smell activity inside. I think Real Seafood in AA does something similar. Great atmosphere for diners and passers-by.	Mar 6, 2012 9:32 AM

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409	Being able to enjoy scenic areas. There is no restaurant or shopping venue that enjoys views of the Huron River.	Mar 6, 2012 9:30 AM
410	Interesting shops and buildings. Good food and different prices.	Mar 6, 2012 9:30 AM
411	many quality & relatable shops, boutiques, restaurants that bring people outside and walking around town, even in winter.	Mar 6, 2012 9:27 AM
412	Lots of shops, bars, and restaurants - places to get a 5-star dinner experience as well as lower-cost quick options. Lots of shops with a large range of items (a mix of well-known stores and boutiques).	Mar 6, 2012 9:27 AM
413	A lively downtown with people walking, shopping and attending to cultural events in downtown. Have the opportunity to park the car, walk to a restaurant, and then attend to a cultural event (cinema at the Michigan/State Theater, music at the Power House/Hill Auditorium, exhibition at one of the UM Museums).	Mar 6, 2012 9:27 AM
414	music in the park	Mar 6, 2012 9:25 AM
415	Walking around the harbour in Baltimore, so many things to see and do.	Mar 6, 2012 9:23 AM
416	Detroit's Greektown on a Red Wings game night	Mar 6, 2012 9:21 AM
417	I always have a lot of fun walking around downtown Ypsilanti because there are so many independently owned shops and restaurants to visit. There's a real sense of community and place.	Mar 6, 2012 9:20 AM
418	Walking from Water Tower Place to Millennium Park in Chicago, and then back toward Lake Michigan.	Mar 6, 2012 9:18 AM
419	browsing cute boutiques, visiting some type of nearby festival/farmers market etc	Mar 6, 2012 9:05 AM
420	Walking through another downtown in a European city, I was able to visit a botanical garden, museums, many bookstores, cafes. The public theatre space and the symphony hall were also there. This was all within a few blocks, and of course close to the railway station.	Mar 6, 2012 9:03 AM
421	Eating areas open to the streets. Some streets were only open to pedestrians.	Mar 6, 2012 8:53 AM
422	Feeling safe walking around downtown in evening after a nice dinner out with friends	Mar 6, 2012 8:46 AM
423	Walking is key. One of Ann Arbor's biggest weaknesses is that there are few places to stay within walking distance of downtown. The hotels on the periphery require people from out of town to drive to go to dinner -- walkers have more fun!	Mar 6, 2012 8:45 AM
424	Seattle: Good accommodations in close proximity to local attractions, shopping, dining and entertainment.	Mar 6, 2012 8:19 AM
425	Walking around & exploring	Mar 6, 2012 8:18 AM
426	Walking down a main street enjoying the varied architecture, with covered sidewalks.	Mar 6, 2012 12:50 AM

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427	In my hometown, I loved walking around the natural settings with my friends and taking pictures. In a larger city close to where I live, I enjoyed going around with my friends and admiring the art.	Mar 6, 2012 12:50 AM
428	Visiting Nantucket Island--easy pedestrian or bike access, limited scale of buildings, rich sense of history and local character (not facing sheets of reflective surfaces and boring stores or offices).	Mar 5, 2012 11:53 PM
429	Ann Arbor is probably the best time I had in a downtown!	Mar 5, 2012 11:45 PM
430	The Bean in Chicago, wonderful fun place to go and people watch.	Mar 5, 2012 11:32 PM
431	I was playing in the fountain at Millenium Park. It was a great experience because you could feel the Chicagoan community as people shrieked as the waterfall gushed on them.	Mar 5, 2012 10:53 PM
432	One obvious experience I had was when I was in downtown Chicago on Michigan ave, shopping with some friends. It was very lively	Mar 5, 2012 10:25 PM
433	I had a great time watching street performers in another downtown. The city charged them small fees to perform in the square for tips, and they attracted huge crowds. It was a great place to meet people, watch and support performers, and get a better sense of the city.	Mar 5, 2012 10:24 PM
434	It offered inexpensive places for young people to retreat to and relax. It also offered a variety of options for recreation.	Mar 5, 2012 10:00 PM
435	I participated in a flashmob pillow fight in Asheville, in a centralized park called pritchard park. I loved that all walks of life were involved because it was a centralized location, and the park is well set up for spectators (concerts, performances) as well as for group activities.	Mar 5, 2012 9:26 PM
436	Lots of window shopping, artistic events, and restaurants. There were also lots of parks to stop in.	Mar 5, 2012 8:12 PM
437	The town is Savannah. The experience is walking in the historic district, finding well preserved architecture (new and old), essential businesses within walking distance, beautiful plantings, plenty of street activity.	Mar 5, 2012 7:29 PM
438	Good food and drinks and then walking around in the evening that ended with sitting in a park and chatting.	Mar 5, 2012 7:28 PM
439	It was a place that had a lot of activities for me to do not just places for me to shop in and it had mini parks with benches to take a break in and rest and eat lunch.	Mar 5, 2012 6:57 PM
440	Downtown Burlington is really fun. The downtown area is filled with cafes, restaurants and stores and is very pedestrian friendly (in fact it's all cobblestone and no cars are permitted for a 3-4 block area).	Mar 5, 2012 6:50 PM
441	shopping at outdoor markets and being able to walk there from home. Being able to buy my groceries downtown, at a reasonably priced market.	Mar 5, 2012 5:58 PM

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442	I really enjoyed visiting Chicago and walking the streets. There are cheaper cafes, beautiful architecture, easy commute and plenty of entertainment.	Mar 5, 2012 5:55 PM
443	There were a lot of people and fun live music outside.	Mar 5, 2012 5:30 PM
444	Most of them have been in Ann Arbor...it's mostly the people and the food.	Mar 5, 2012 5:28 PM
445	Brooklyn, NY flea market, outside, lots of people, great opportunity for local vendors	Mar 5, 2012 5:19 PM
446	I love the many smaller neighborhoods in Seattle. Each are unique, serve their neighbors well, and even tho' the city is big, each neighborhood gives it a homey feel. There are specific shopping districts in downtown that have the very same feel.	Mar 5, 2012 5:05 PM
447	A large water park with fountains that you could walk around.	Mar 5, 2012 4:56 PM
448	The thing that was most attractive to me was the amount of green space, trees and art. The downtown area was very clean and full of interesting eye-pieces.	Mar 5, 2012 4:54 PM
449	Neat food, outside entertainment, people thronging.	Mar 5, 2012 3:40 PM
450	I attended an up-scale convention in a local art and history showcase at which an organization gave away money to a well-deserving, non-profit organization. Afterwards, the group through a dance party with salsa music as well as club music and good food in a club that was in the basement of the building. It was cool to have two very different experiences all within one building and one night, and it emphasized the uniqueness and tight-knit community of downtown.	Mar 5, 2012 3:40 PM
451	Its summer, the Art Fair is going on and I'm with friends and/or family. There is a lot of people and downtown is busy. There is good food to eat and music playing in the streets. Its just a happy, cultural and artistic environment all around.	Mar 5, 2012 3:28 PM
452	New York City-concert venue/vintage stores diverse peoples and cultural locations	Mar 5, 2012 3:24 PM
453	small shops i was interested in, displays of natural beauty and open space	Mar 5, 2012 3:23 PM
454	Went I went to Chicago, there was always lots of people walking around - in and out of shops, cafes - sitting on benches, etc. the best part was the variety of scenery, you could walk on the pier by the water, or walk through a park with dogs everywhere, or fully immerse yourself in the busy city.	Mar 5, 2012 3:04 PM
455	Street performers.	Mar 5, 2012 2:55 PM
456	The taste of Chicago in the Chicago downtown area. Tasting food, walking with friends and family, and interacting with other people in the community.	Mar 5, 2012 2:54 PM
457	I grew up in Seattle and one of the things I really liked was its strong sense of place. Music venues, free art galleries and independent stores (especially coffee and donut shops that you can spend a lot of time in) really contributed to its character.	Mar 5, 2012 2:47 PM

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458	I live in Portland now. There is a local place that serves beers and has 50+ arcade games- a barcade. People don't go there to get drunk; they instead go there to have fun; play with their friends. It's extremely popular, and even has occasional music groups playing there. The point is: Mixing it up and providing/encouraging new options can make the difference and give a whole different group (nerds like me) a place downtown that we can feel comfortable in.	Mar 5, 2012 2:33 PM
459	In Kalamazoo, MI, the first Friday of every month, local businesses display local art, showcase local music and offer free hors d'oeuvres to visitors. This is a great way to bring a broad and diverse community downtown, besides the regulars.	Mar 5, 2012 2:31 PM
460	Easy transportation, great cultural attractions, variety of good shopping and dining selections, good hotels, special events.	Mar 5, 2012 2:27 PM
461	walkability, openness/structure (center circle fountain with restaurants, businesses, etc. surrounding), greenery around	Mar 5, 2012 2:21 PM
462	Ease of access, ability to eat and walk around with friends, and access to places to sit down outside and talk to each other, run into other friends and have a relaxing day.	Mar 5, 2012 2:21 PM
463	Walked around, got ice cream, sat in the park, walked some more, did some shopping in small stores.	Mar 5, 2012 2:19 PM
464	I was wandering around, looking in various small shops	Mar 5, 2012 2:03 PM
465	walking the High Line in NYC. people enjoying the beauty of their city.	Mar 5, 2012 1:58 PM
466	walking and shopping in areas closed to traffic high density of interesting shops and small cafes	Mar 5, 2012 1:48 PM
467	Walking with my girlfriend downtown with the trees all lit up.	Mar 5, 2012 1:44 PM
468	lots of people, movement	Mar 5, 2012 1:33 PM
469	A place where I could get everything done without the need to use a car. This includes shopping, eating, enjoying recreational activities, and hanging out with friends.	Mar 5, 2012 1:32 PM
470	Interesting things to look at, to do, and everything is within easy walking distance.	Mar 5, 2012 1:30 PM
471	Visually interesting mix of architecture, safe and convenient pedestrian areas with minimal traffic, good public transportation (no car needed).	Mar 5, 2012 1:20 PM
472	A few years back I went to Boston to visit a friend. What struck me about the city was how walkable the place was -- he lived in Cambridge, but we were easily able to pop across the river and be right in downtown.	Mar 5, 2012 1:14 PM
473	Bar hopping in downtown Cleveland.	Mar 5, 2012 12:46 PM
474	I was walking around with friends, people-watching and going into little stores or	Mar 5, 2012 12:44 PM

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	cafes. The scenery was vibrant, lively, and inviting.	
475	Music event, dinner, club/bar	Mar 5, 2012 12:40 PM
476	I love it when a downtown area is clean and people are busy with cultural pursuits. The High Line in NYC is one of the best downtown/park areas I've ever seen.	Mar 5, 2012 12:39 PM
477	There was a great mixture of things to do (cultural activities, day-to-day top of shops, speciality shops) and there was a lot of inexpensive parking available, but traffic lights in place to make it pedestrian friendly.	Mar 5, 2012 12:38 PM
478	Variety of entertainment options all close together: pubs, restaurants, churches, museums, housing, shopping, etc	Mar 5, 2012 12:36 PM
479	Walking in downtown New Orleans with friends and a glass of wine in my hand. Very social atmosphere, lots of people, great architecture, music pouring into the street, everyone happy and civil, streets mostly clean, diversity of ages. (This was not during a festival.)	Mar 5, 2012 12:33 PM
480	Portland OR and Toronto, easily accessible transit to most amenities. Never needed a car.	Mar 5, 2012 12:29 PM
481	Not so cold!	Mar 5, 2012 12:22 PM
482	-Walking with a friend at the national mall in Washington DC -Seeing the historical monuments and museums -Surrounded by tourists taking pictures and locals going for a jog or walking with their kids- a nice mixture of people there for different purposes	Mar 5, 2012 12:20 PM
483	E. 4th st. in Cleveland. It's not really a street, in the sense that it is not accessable by motor vehicles, but is like a large sidewalk, with tons of restaurants and outdoor seating, and even a makeshift stage during certain evenings for live entertainment. High quality restaurants and shops, with a really great atmosphere. You would never know you were in the middle of downtown.	Mar 5, 2012 12:11 PM
484	lived in NYC, DC, and Minneapolis. I love going downtown to grab a bite to eat or coffee and connecting with people.	Mar 5, 2012 12:04 PM
485	Area near the Pike Place in Seattle. I was just hanging out with friends on the grass and having a great view after visiting the market which was equally interesting and visiting Starbucks.	Mar 5, 2012 12:00 PM
486	Walking around, window shopping, sitting on park benches, sitting at tables in a nice area (without having to buy anything to sit there).	Mar 5, 2012 11:51 AM
487	Relaxing, listening to music with friends. I don't like to spend a lot of money for a fun time. It would be nice to have a place where you can go to order a few drinks and just talk to friends while listening to music. Obviously, the music should not be loud music that you have to shout over to hear each other.	Mar 5, 2012 11:50 AM
488	The ability to spend the day there in warm months or a nice, cozy evening in the winter. Spend the day wandering through interesting boutiques, shops and	Mar 5, 2012 11:50 AM

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	bookstores. Have a nice but affordable dinner. Grab a drink at a small pub or brewery and then catch a show at a small venue (like The Ark).	
489	ability to smoothly combine food, leisure, art/music, and shopping in a walkable space.	Mar 5, 2012 11:48 AM
490	I have a great time when there are lots of shops, a huge variety of restaurants, and activities as well. I think that Ann Arbor could maybe use more of the activities side because the shops and food are already excellent.	Mar 5, 2012 11:45 AM
491	There was mass transit so there was no need for parking. Ann Arbor's mass transit sucks. This town/state is not committed to mass transit so WE NEED TO PARK OUR FRIGGIN CARS!!!	Mar 5, 2012 11:40 AM
492	Spent an entire day walking around Chicago with no plan and experienced so many different things: live music, art, good affordable food, museums.	Mar 5, 2012 11:39 AM
493	I really enjoyed Traverse City's downtown because there were places to eat, shop, and explore and it was near the lakefront area. We enjoyed lunch and a walk and did some errands but also were surprised by a great street festival that closed down a few blocks for performance and arts.	Mar 5, 2012 11:37 AM
494	a lively streetscape, greenways, more emphasis on the sidewalk than the street, opportunities to run into friends	Mar 5, 2012 11:31 AM
495	When I lived in Washington, DC, I was able to get pretty much anywhere I needed to go either on foot, on bike, or on the subway. Basic amenities (groceries), entertainment, work, and home were all within easy access, and I enjoyed this high level of accessibility and the ease with which I could see friends, get to work, enjoy cultural events, and take care of my necessary errands.	Mar 5, 2012 11:25 AM
496	The area was felt to be safe and accessible	Mar 5, 2012 11:15 AM
497	In my sister's neighborhood in Chicago, we were within 3 blocks of a coffe shop, ice cream, grocer store, movie theatre, day care, school, neighborhood parks - we never had to drive and always felt safe.	Mar 5, 2012 10:50 AM
498	Just returned from a wonderful week in NYC. We did everything, but the best times were on the High Line (elevated park) and in Central Park. Beautiful places to eat and drink in both places, and we did get thirsty/hungry.	Mar 5, 2012 10:34 AM
499	Browsing in interesting stores, nice lunch, maybe visiting an art or historical museum. Restful area, interesting, memorable.	Mar 5, 2012 9:35 AM
500	Sitting in a cafe, I could watch a street performer from both inside or outside perform some fascinating tricks.	Mar 5, 2012 1:38 AM
501	Exploring another city. I felt save and was not followed around by panhandlers	Mar 5, 2012 1:16 AM
502	Toronto. Enjoyed going to clubs there (they are small).	Mar 4, 2012 11:33 PM
503	Playing in public fountains with my kids in Chicago and enjoying the beautiful	Mar 4, 2012 10:39 PM

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	sculptures and gardens.	
504	Great variety of food, variety of drinking establishments, excellent aesthetics	Mar 4, 2012 10:38 PM
505	A lot of people out and about, fine dining, cafes, clean and safe.	Mar 4, 2012 8:58 PM
506	Time out on the town with friends, restaurants, bar hopping. Density of museums, shopping.	Mar 4, 2012 8:52 PM
507	I was walking around with my family and	Mar 4, 2012 8:26 PM
508	There was more to the downtown than simply restaurants, there was a diverse mix of shops, cultural places and restaurants.	Mar 4, 2012 8:20 PM
509	Sitting in sidewalk cafes in a pedestrian zone. Street performers and musicians abound.	Mar 4, 2012 7:42 PM
510	Walking the "RiverWalk" in downtown Minneapolis. The walk led along a major downtown street to a footbridge across the Mississippi, past a branch library and a historical sight, along the east bank lined with benches and outdoor restaurants, past several historical markers with interesting information (done by an Ann Arbor area resident!!), back across the river, and back to storefronts and businesses of downtown, and good coffee places. It was wonderful!!!	Mar 4, 2012 7:09 PM
511	Walking, wandering, meeting friends, reading, going to dinner	Mar 4, 2012 6:23 PM
512	Chicago - Pritzker It is a great place to walk with interesting buildings and sculpture	Mar 4, 2012 3:41 PM
513	in summer traffic was diverted from the main street so that outdoor dining was improved. People walked in street where musicians and artists performed.	Mar 4, 2012 2:41 PM
514	When I was in Chicago. There were a multitude of parks, gardens, green space, etc in addition to the businesses, shops, and high-rises.	Mar 4, 2012 1:25 PM
515	We need more green space and parks. This makes for a lot of people interaction	Mar 4, 2012 1:21 PM
516	Public space with a view, such as the St. Louis Arch, provides a thrill and satisfying sense of place.	Mar 4, 2012 12:28 PM
517	A vibrant feeling. A diversity of businesses - spanning use (everyday to boutique) and economics (low end to high end)	Mar 4, 2012 12:25 PM
518	Wandering around a busy area with lots of stores and restaurants. You could find a lot of interesting / entertaining things to do without having any pre-planning	Mar 4, 2012 12:05 PM
519	walking through the downtown- clean streets, place had a sense of character- shopping, eating, sitting in a park	Mar 4, 2012 10:17 AM
520	Attending a festival in downtown Portland, OR- lots of people out walking around, interesting stores and restaurants	Mar 4, 2012 5:04 AM
521	It was on a lake. There was no bums walking around asking for money. The city	Mar 4, 2012 2:36 AM

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	had strict pan handling laws and they were enforced. Plenty of spaces to park. Encouraged business and industry. Low taxes on businesses.	
522	Outdoor dining with the street either quieter or even slightly farther away. Main street should be narrower, one lane and one way, or a beautiful walking mall.	Mar 3, 2012 10:31 PM
523	Downtown Mall in Charlottesville, VA - great space for dining, social interaction, public events - always packed with people Millenium Park, Chicago - great examples of a successful public space with very little amenities, but interesting objects to interact with	Mar 3, 2012 10:05 PM
524	Ithaca, NY has a pedestrian mall ("The Commons") w/ shops, dining, etc. Great place to hang out when I was a college student and resident of Ithaca.	Mar 3, 2012 10:00 PM
525	Petoskey	Mar 3, 2012 8:45 PM
526	Walking, taking photos, finding coffee and lunch, looking at public spaces and architecture.	Mar 3, 2012 8:43 PM
527	Grand Rapids music conference, felt safe and enjoyed different restaurants, Art Walk	Mar 3, 2012 7:53 PM
528	walked out of train station in Lincoln, NE at 7 am in the morning, right off the train tracks and through the Amtrak station leads directly into a Main Street. WALKED to my hotel, two blocks up the hill. Sun was coming up, shop owners outside bustling about, getting ready for their day. Did I mention I WALKED directly from the train into Lincoln, NE's main street area? Great experience. At that moment, I knew what Ann Arbor is lacking.	Mar 3, 2012 7:04 PM
529	No traffic except one tram you could mount for free. People milling around and chatting in a relaxed, happy manner. We were on vacation, just spending the evening downtown.	Mar 3, 2012 6:00 PM
530	Biking and running into a friend on the sidewalk. Locking up my bike and heading into a cafe/restaurant/coffeeshop to hang out. Great experience because: 1. bike lanes 2. ample bike parking 3. cool places to hang out	Mar 3, 2012 5:33 PM
531	People out enjoying city at all hours.	Mar 3, 2012 5:33 PM
532	For me a Downtown area should have squares and green areas for people to get out and socialize without having to purposely do something. I am originally from Europe and Parks and main Squares are the heart of any downtown and the place for gathering.	Mar 3, 2012 5:33 PM
533	Cleveland Flats in the 1980s: near the water, mix of food, entertainment, commerce. Now it is run down and unsafe...	Mar 3, 2012 4:51 PM
534	Live music, outdoor eating space, festival atmosphere.	Mar 3, 2012 4:35 PM
535	walking through the streets such as main street, no cars especially while eating outside these wonderful restaurants.	Mar 3, 2012 4:02 PM
536	Visiting downtown Nashville and Gatlinburg TN. There just seems to have been	Mar 3, 2012 3:22 PM

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	more to see and do, with kids. Although I'm getting past the stage of having kids at home still. The sights just seem prettier	
537	Walking; seeing interesting neighborhoods with ethnic diversity; appealing natural scenery; interesting retail; lots of other people on the street	Mar 3, 2012 2:46 PM
538	Sit with a cup of cappucino and watch an interesting world go by.	Mar 3, 2012 2:21 PM
539	There were outdoor/indoor afternoon art workshops, or festivals/performance that those in economic precarious situations, both performed in and attended. This created compassion, acceptance and empathy amongst people. There were activity centers, and shelters for those to sleep in at night. There were many gardens and parks, that were beautifully maintained and used by the entire community.	Mar 3, 2012 2:20 PM
540	The Riverwalk in San Antonio. A magical combination of trees, lights, birds, and strolling along the various parts of the river. The thrill of discovering what was around the next bend. The many outdoor restaurants. Loved it!	Mar 3, 2012 1:56 PM
541	-High quality architecture (old buildings with unique details) -Museums -Unique shops -Parks (clean, safe, green space) Not a place where mostly homeless people hang out and beg for money (e.g., Liberty Plaza)	Mar 3, 2012 12:15 PM
542	outdoor community theater, music festivals, art festivals	Mar 3, 2012 12:08 PM
543	I enjoy cities where there are experiences at the street level, whether it's shops, restaurants, bars, parks or museums. Architecture is really important to creating a space that people actually want to be in. Protecting historic resources and building new buildings that are functional and visually appealing are important	Mar 3, 2012 12:03 PM
544	I walk downtown once or twice a week. I enjoy the whole experience. The idea of more students in the area is not appealing. I have lived in Ann Arbor a long time - since I was a student. The transient nature of the student community fosters an atmosphere of casual crime and an increase in dirt.(Sorry, but students are not neat.They have other more pressing and interesting demands on their time.) I don't think that increasing the population of downtown is a good idea. Where is everyone going to park? Where are they going to play? There is simply not enough green space in town. That pushes people into adjoining neighborhoods. The residents of Ann Arbor need to feel safe. If not they will move and Ann Arbor will not have a diverse community. It will have urban blight.	Mar 3, 2012 11:45 AM
545	Toronto and Portland both have a lot of local businesses and lovely park spaces (Portland even has an infrastructure to keep big-box/corporate stores out of downtown... they're only allowed to peddle their wares under rigorous regulation). They are clean, there's a lot going on culturally, they're high-minded without being snobbish. Bloomington, IN is nice, as well, because it is local-centric and homey.	Mar 3, 2012 11:39 AM
546	Wandering around Kalamazoo downtown free of cars.	Mar 3, 2012 11:38 AM
547	Madison, walking streets between capital and u. Boulder, pearl street. Paris street life and urban plazas. Similar in Florence. Emphasis on ped and bike.	Mar 3, 2012 11:38 AM

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548	In New Orleans a year ago. Just wandering around, there were so many interesting things to discover. The place had its own character. It wasn't polished up or overrun with chain businesses. I loved it.	Mar 3, 2012 11:19 AM
549	ferry plaza market san francisco, CA. f	Mar 3, 2012 10:07 AM
550	Shopping, people, history and attractions all together within walking distance	Mar 3, 2012 9:06 AM
551	Walking the NYC High Line in October after enjoying the galleries and atmosphere of the Chelsea neighborhood.	Mar 3, 2012 8:23 AM
552	Walking around with friends, looking at window displays and taking pictures with statues & sculptures.	Mar 3, 2012 2:24 AM
553	Walking about, enjoying scenery, maybe shopping/dining in laid back atmosphere, not worrying about the meter running out if I was 6 blocks away and facing a \$20-\$50 'city use tax' expired meter fine, not getting hassled by bums, feeling welcome.	Mar 3, 2012 1:00 AM
554	Kalamazoo.	Mar 3, 2012 12:00 AM
555	Clayton, MO Great public parks including tennis ans softball and easy access to restaurants.	Mar 2, 2012 11:13 PM
556	enjoying eating outdoors with friends, shopping in interesting local shops, and having interesting local transportation (cable cars)	Mar 2, 2012 10:44 PM
557	Wandering the town with friends, stopping into interesting shops and eventually eating at whichever of the many restaurant options caught our eyes.	Mar 2, 2012 9:23 PM
558	Well, the weather helps! Unhurried, outdoor seating. Public art & street performance	Mar 2, 2012 9:15 PM
559	Chicago or New York - many people engaged in all kinds of activities - visiting museums, simply waling about , many different vibrant businesses- Clean streets, flowers	Mar 2, 2012 8:36 PM
560	Chicago, of course, Millenium Park. Milwaukee/art museum overlooking lake, Seattle - the older section - .Columbus, Indiana - stunning architecture, interesting doqwn town with factory and mall in the center. (think King Seeley?) Architects were, of course, pair for privately.	Mar 2, 2012 8:22 PM
561	In the city center on a hot summer's day, I was walking through a large expanse of a park with large shade trees and bushes in bloom and beautiful flowers. The park was bordered by little shops selling fruits and vegetables or meats or books or other things. There was a beautiful fountain in the park, with flowing water that sparkled in the sunshine. It felt so good to be in the cool shade of the trees with the sound of the water in the fountain, so much easier on the ears than the traffic noise. It was fun to do the shopping after the welcome respite from heat and noise offered by a walk in the park.	Mar 2, 2012 8:02 PM
562	the one common denominator is activity. Activity in the shops, restaurants, sidewalk, etc. It has happened to me in many cities.	Mar 2, 2012 6:12 PM

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563	Grant Park in Chicago...going out to dinner, walking through the park, seeing the sculptures in Millennium Park and attending a cultural event (theater, dance, Art Institute, and/or the Symphony)	Mar 2, 2012 6:01 PM
564	Drinks with friends in a beer garden. There was lots of seating and a band playing. There were lots of other entertainment and dining options between the venue and where we parked, no dead/dark areas.	Mar 2, 2012 5:48 PM
565	Pedestrian plazas -- they're very calming and relaxing places to enjoy and attract many people. I strongly feel Ann Arbor should consider closure of Main Street for weekends during the summer and also strongly consider an urban park/plaza.	Mar 2, 2012 5:39 PM
566	walking, dining, walking, seeing friends, farmers' market	Mar 2, 2012 5:32 PM
567	taking photos, walking and having food	Mar 2, 2012 5:10 PM
568	East GR is easier to get around on foot.	Mar 2, 2012 5:04 PM
569	I used to live in Reston, VA, the US's first intentionally planned community. I loved downtown because it was very convenient to get to by bus or by car, since there was an enormous parking structure in the middle of downtown. The downtown area was pedestrian-only, but everything was within a short walking distance of the parking lot and bus transfer station: shopping, groceries, pharmacy, cafes, restaurants, community center, library.	Mar 2, 2012 4:59 PM
570	We went there for a specific purpose (to see a play), but found that there were a lot of other interesting places around where we could explore and pass time for little to no cost while we were waiting.	Mar 2, 2012 4:49 PM
571	I lived In Delft Netherlands for a summer--a town the size of A2 w/ a big university and lots of tourists. The Beesten Markt square is their living room, for the townies--a simple shady public square full of moveable furniture, surrounded by pubs and restaurants, sculptures that kids play on, farmer's market on weekdays, festivals and hangout on weekends. It is converted to an ice rink in winter.	Mar 2, 2012 4:35 PM
572	Portland - entire city was walkable, and included parks, public plazas, coffeshops, street food, unique food outlets, art, music, sculpture, demonstration space for unique theatre and athletic performances, soapbox areas for public speaking and community meetings, shops representing a broad diversity of income access (brand name stores as well as goodwill, etc.), and most of all, all types of different people mixing, meeting, chatting, seeing each other.	Mar 2, 2012 4:28 PM
573	It was very walkable with lots of activity and lots of retail shops. It also felt very open (e.g. no wind tunnel effect from tall buildings crowding out the sun and streets)	Mar 2, 2012 4:11 PM
574	This is like asking me to describe cheating on my spouse. I've never had a really great time in another downtown. And if I did, I was thinking of Ann Arbor the whole time.	Mar 2, 2012 4:11 PM

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575	Reston Virginia: lots of beautiful architecture with community spaces, commercial, residential mixture...beautiful	Mar 2, 2012 3:57 PM
576	Art museums and outdoor sculptures and concerts in Chicago come to mine. Art Prize and downtown activities in Grand Rapids, also.	Mar 2, 2012 3:21 PM
577	Walking on main street, browsing in shops, eating dinner.	Mar 2, 2012 2:56 PM
578	Variety of shops and art galleries.	Mar 2, 2012 2:54 PM
579	I was able to find a parking place. That was nice. I didn't feel like a gimp.	Mar 2, 2012 2:27 PM
580	We attended an outdoor Shakespeare play in Vancouver- it was amazing! Would love to see something like this in A2	Mar 2, 2012 2:21 PM
581	I grew up in NYC. The best things in life were free, like window shopping---stores had windows facing the street, and window dressers to make them interesting; or wandering into a museum---they were all free---and school kids like me would visit a museum in the afternoon for fun; or wandering around in a department store, most of which carried a lot more than just clothes and makeup. Big shade trees, benches, and parks. Even pocket parks. There was a great one next to the main branch of the NY Public library which took up the footprint of the old narrow building that had been there. It had a waterfall wall at the back, trees, some plantings, and tables and chairs. Buildings had planter outside with walls a convenient height for sitting on. Other things were inexpensive. Woolworth's lunch counter for grilled cheese. Nedicks for a hot dog or coffee. A local lunch counter for a slice of pie and a cup of tea. Most importantly, sidewalks and traffic that paid attention to pedestrians. You can't go home again.	Mar 2, 2012 2:18 PM
582	Staying in Grand Rapids downtown. Walked to restaurant from downtown hotel. Sidewalks were in good repair, clean and no panhandlers!	Mar 2, 2012 2:17 PM
583	Shopping and dining	Mar 2, 2012 1:57 PM
584	Walking from Te Papa museum to Civic Square which led to the main library and stopping to eat in a cafe along the way.	Mar 2, 2012 1:45 PM
585	Walking around with plenty of shops/ boutiques, specialty items from the area, unique art sold in shops or based in the community, easy transportation (including walking, biking, busing, cabs, etc.), markets (farm or artisan) , local attraction signs, events held in the area	Mar 2, 2012 1:35 PM
586	Had a really run time hanging out in the Castro in SF. Ran into people that I knew all the way out there, simply because people were hopping around and there were so many different places to go/opportunities for paths to cross	Mar 2, 2012 1:33 PM
587	Munich had the entire center of the city with lovely old architecture buildings and open air pedestrian squares which had casual dining facilities throughout. Same with Ottawa Canada.	Mar 2, 2012 1:24 PM
588	strolling down a street with more bikers and walkers than cars, bumping into people i knew and having a pleasant outdoor place to sit down and talk.	Mar 2, 2012 1:15 PM

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589	San Francisco's Street Food Festival was an amazing food and cultural opportunity wherein a variety of (often ethnic) food vendors (from street carts to restaurants to small start up food brands) set up space in the middle of Market street - Six blocks of a major street were blocked off from vehicle traffic - and thousands of people came to try different types of food, support local food entrepreneurs, and to enjoy the arts (There was ethnic dancing and music). It was a fun, tasty experience in which I ran into several old acquaintances I had not seen in years and really was a community-strengthening experience.	Mar 2, 2012 1:11 PM
590	Working on Mackinac Island was a really great time - in the peak of summer, getting around downtown was an eyefull and earful of bustle, and in the autumn, it was a pleasurable quiet bicycle ride with hardly any competing traffic. I felt a kinship with other commuters that I don't often feel in Ann Arbor.	Mar 2, 2012 1:08 PM
591	In London I walked through the neighborhoods by the Barbican. The walkways, fountains and varied architecture provided a safe place to walk and were beautiful to meander through.	Mar 2, 2012 1:00 PM
592	Easy access to public transit that allowed an evening of eating drinking and entertainment without worry of how to get there.	Mar 2, 2012 12:56 PM
593	randomly exploring Chicagoneighborhoods, finding unexpected quirky shops and people	Mar 2, 2012 12:56 PM
594	Hanging out with friends; ample parking, walkable sidewalks, well thought out traffic patterns.	Mar 2, 2012 12:55 PM
595	I love Atlanta's underground. Shopping and dinning is great. Parking was not an issue and there was so much to see and do.	Mar 2, 2012 12:52 PM
596	Eating ice cream and watching people roller blade, and ride their bikes in Central Park.	Mar 2, 2012 12:29 PM
597	Dublin, Ireland, is great because there aren't skyscrapers, there's enough original architecture that it feels like its own place, rather than a clone, and you can find a great variety of shops, pubs, and houses within a very short distance. You can also live downtown and walk to a grocery store.	Mar 2, 2012 12:18 PM
598	Walking through a downtown and parks throughout Austin, a very pleasant experience.	Mar 2, 2012 12:04 PM
599	I had a really great time at Occupy Wall Street in NYC. I was chatting with people, listening to street performances, dancing, hanging with my family. It felt like I was part of a community. It felt spontaneous. People were warm and impassioned and creative and silly.	Mar 2, 2012 12:03 PM
600	Walking from my home to town, seeing people I know along the way...hearing music wafting from the streets, eating good, locally produced and not too expensive food...	Mar 2, 2012 11:59 AM
601	Toronto - extremely walkable, great food options, beautiful architecture, friendly people.	Mar 2, 2012 11:55 AM

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602	Great public transportation gives you options to get to the places you want to go and get more people going here, thus increasing traffic.	Mar 2, 2012 11:51 AM
603	attended live theater with friends and family, then went for food.	Mar 2, 2012 11:48 AM
604	Lively downtown. People out and about. Attractive surroundings. Independent businesses. Clean.	Mar 2, 2012 11:35 AM
605	Easy access to chain stores and restaurants; plenty of downtown parking; pedestrian-friendly sidewalks; user-friendly public transit terminals	Mar 2, 2012 11:30 AM
606	A sense of intensity, vitality. The "snap" as a friend called it.	Mar 2, 2012 11:22 AM
607	Walking in San Francisco and looking at all of the amazing architecture and interesting people.	Mar 2, 2012 11:12 AM
608	I love the feel of larger cities, like New York, because I feel like I can always get where I am going on public transit.	Mar 2, 2012 11:10 AM
609	The outdoor mall in Kansas City, KS. There were fountains, live music in the streets and outdoor restaurant seating/retail. The downtown area is located right next to a park with hotels close by and walking access to the museums in the area.	Mar 2, 2012 11:02 AM
610	here a live band while sitting on the grass	Mar 2, 2012 11:00 AM
611	had a great dinner downtown and walking along Main street	Mar 2, 2012 10:45 AM
612	NYE in Detroit. It was really easy to get from our hotel, to our venue, and back. Plus, the prices were affordable and at no time did I feel unsafe or like my experience suffered due to outside factors.	Mar 2, 2012 10:24 AM
613	Walking in Madrid! Pedestrian-safe boulevards: families with pets strolling, friends sitting on benches chatting, everyone munching street food, with lots of buskers playing music, juggling, giving puppet shows. It was lively, lovely, safe and memorable.	Mar 2, 2012 10:22 AM
614	Walking around Manhattan, window shopping, museum, great cafe. It was great to have all those experiences within easy walking distance, and to be able to see great architecture, too.	Mar 2, 2012 9:58 AM
615	My family stumbled upon a park in downtown Detroit. Plenty of places to sit, umbrella tables, space for kids to skateboard, walk, play hop scotch, area restaurants with take out to eat in park, a couple of street musicians. It would be lovely if Ann arbor had a gathering place like this. The children were awed. There was an older group of kids riding skateboards, and our children watched them for at least an hour. The park was mostly cement and brick pavers with some trees.	Mar 2, 2012 9:43 AM
616	Store owners/employers who were nice.	Mar 2, 2012 9:41 AM
617	Interacting with outdoor sculpture in Chicago--made art exciting to my children.	Mar 2, 2012 9:09 AM

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618	the Atlanta Underground comes to mind, shops and entertainment	Mar 2, 2012 9:04 AM
619	I used to work in Boston and had lunch many days in Post Office Square. They took an ugly parking structure, built a new one underground, and put a park with a fountain on top. The park was in constant use and the parking was profitable.	Mar 2, 2012 6:53 AM
620	Seattle. Listening to street music. Attended an event at the library. Went to a downtown flower market. Enjoyed the view.	Mar 2, 2012 4:39 AM
621	sitting at cafes	Mar 2, 2012 2:43 AM
622	Melbourne Australia. Amazing very modern architecture, transit, lots of pedestrian amenities, density!	Mar 2, 2012 1:46 AM
623	Haven't enjoyed another downtown as much recently as Ann Arbor.	Mar 2, 2012 1:25 AM
624	Building community, spending time talking to people, and not feeling like I had to purchase something/have money to feel accepted into said community.	Mar 2, 2012 12:42 AM
625	Wandering through downtowns that have interesting historic buildings, a variety of small shops and cafes. We have much of this but lack quality public space.	Mar 2, 2012 12:20 AM
626	Passing by some great sidewalk chalk art in Manchester, VT, some friends and I got into a great conversation with some strangers. We were walking from one restaurant option to another to scope out the wait times.	Mar 2, 2012 12:07 AM
627	Charleston, SC. Beautiful riverfronts, beautiful streets with mix of shops and restaurants, heavy cultural presence, and all built for a pedestrian scale (hidden gardens, alleyways with restaurants/stores, beautiful architecture).	Mar 2, 2012 12:05 AM
628	Millennium Park sculpture, sharing space with diverse community members and visitors	Mar 2, 2012 12:04 AM
629	The downtown I have in mind is Vancouver, BC. The qualities of the downtown included great public transportation, a sense of place, well-preserved historic buildings, and good restaurants & unique shopping. It is in close proximity to fabulous parks and the bay so even though you're in a big city you can easily connect to nature.	Mar 1, 2012 11:42 PM
630	Street dances with inexpensive snacks available. Summertime, byo folding chairs, stuff for kids to do while adults visit.	Mar 1, 2012 11:28 PM
631	Downtown Detroit. Utilizing the new riverwalk, we had a nice casual walk along the river, through a couple of parks. We stopped along the way for coffee and later for ice cream. We sat on a bench and just enjoyed the fresh air and looked at the water and people.	Mar 1, 2012 11:24 PM
632	Central Park: green public space in the middle of downtown. You can see indigenous plants, have a picnic at a free outdoor opera, gather with friends. Pushkin Square in Moscow, though lacking in the greenness, still provides a wonderful meeting place by its open, central nature- and is very good for surrounding businesses.	Mar 1, 2012 11:17 PM

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633	Beautiful view, music, food, green space	Mar 1, 2012 11:10 PM
634	Pittsburgh 2011. Old historic buildings with tons of visible history. Well-established must-have restaurants. Street musicians. Vibrant people and friendly atmosphere.	Mar 1, 2012 11:09 PM
635	dinner, Michigan Theater; wandering Main Street in the evening	Mar 1, 2012 11:06 PM
636	A lot of places where musicians or street vendors can hang out and play. Cheap transit that is easily accessible. a lot of art.	Mar 1, 2012 11:03 PM
637	The architecture was charming and had a mixture of old restored buildings. New buildings were made with quality materials and referenced the past. There was a LOT of outdoor seating and cafes and it was easy to walk everywhere. There were flowers and manicured garden areas.	Mar 1, 2012 11:00 PM
638	I took a long walk on a path that ranged all over town, crossing the river in town twice, with space on either side with plants. It wasn't a completely neat and organized path, but it was wonderful, a little piece of nature in the city.	Mar 1, 2012 10:59 PM
639	I was meeting friends for a meal, walking around, looking at buildings, and going to a museum.	Mar 1, 2012 10:50 PM
640	lots of street cafe with some restriction of motor vehicle access. Small parks. i like to sit back and do people/dog watch!	Mar 1, 2012 10:39 PM
641	A "walking street" in Amsterdam, Netherlands. This street had mostly restaurants, cafes, art galleries, a small park. No vehicles (including no bicycles) but had a tram that moved down the middle of the street so slowly that you could just step on and off as it was moving. The street was about 8-10 blocks long.	Mar 1, 2012 10:38 PM
642	Easy to park, walk around with an abundance of places to shop, eat and relax.	Mar 1, 2012 9:43 PM
643	I went to the Art Prize in Grand Rapids. Unlike the Art Prize, it was only art. Everywhere. In little nooks and corners of the city, even. There were affordable artist lofts and art was supported.	Mar 1, 2012 9:21 PM
644	walking and listening to street performers..eating "pick up food"	Mar 1, 2012 9:20 PM
645	Walking around Cologne, Germany, hopping on and off the city's light rail to get around easily, stopping off at outdoor cafes with ample seating for a quick beer, not dealing with traffic or parking issues.	Mar 1, 2012 9:14 PM
646	I spent several years living in downtown Madison, WI. A great Saturday morning would entail walking along the lake to the amazing farmers market, sipping coffee on my way down State Street, enjoying breakfast at an outdoor cafe, and browsing a variety of interesting shops. The community is vibrant, there is a strong connection between the city and the University, and there are no cars allowed on State Street (buses only)!	Mar 1, 2012 9:05 PM
647	New York HighLine and Chicago Millenium Park-people enjoying a great space with interesting attractions--locals & tourists alike.	Mar 1, 2012 8:19 PM

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648	Went to museums, followed by dinner with friends. Busy city, easy parking (surface).	Mar 1, 2012 8:02 PM
649	Lots of different businesses, lots of activity on the street, stores offering everyday living needs -- hardware, shoe repair, grocery, drug store.	Mar 1, 2012 7:35 PM
650	See Pasadena CA	Mar 1, 2012 6:48 PM
651	Portland, OR has great public transit so that the downtown streets are not always clogged with polluting vehicles. Intersted and Varied retail, restaurnats, etc. Attractive landscaping. I was a tourist. Many European cities have maintained their central squares, providing a focus for the town and a pleasant place to meet or linger.	Mar 1, 2012 6:48 PM
652	The "downtowns" that I like to visit are New York, Chicago, and other big places like that which are not a fair comparison. Things that I've enjoyed in smaller downtowns that Ann Arbor doesn't have are more streets that are pleasant for walking like our main street is (shops, eateries, attractive buildings, trees, nice lighting. It would be great to see more streets looking like our main street.	Mar 1, 2012 6:38 PM
653	New York City--the High Line; inspiring, delightful, creative and vibrant	Mar 1, 2012 6:21 PM
654	Being able to walk and enjoy places without being cramped on a sidewalk on top of a road. Consider wider sidewalks and sidewalks that don't necessarily run along a road, but instead run between shops/restaurants.	Mar 1, 2012 6:13 PM
655	Millenium fountain and "the bean" sculpture in Chicago - people, beauty, vibrancy, and fun with kids and adults.	Mar 1, 2012 6:12 PM
656	Downtown Boulder, minus the pedestrian mall which wouldn't work here. A lot of wandering and browsing in shops and places to sit outside and people watch	Mar 1, 2012 6:08 PM
657	Dining and drinking with friends outdoors in the summertime.	Mar 1, 2012 5:58 PM
658	I envision sitting with my wife, talking, reading the paper, and an old friend walked by, whom i hadn't seen in a long time, and sees us and stops to talk.	Mar 1, 2012 5:44 PM
659	Staying in a hotel in downtown Chicago, shopping and visiting Millennium Park during the day, having a great dinner, and attending a dance concert in the evening - and being able to do all of this via public transportation or walking.	Mar 1, 2012 5:31 PM
660	Walking, people watching, looking at buildings, having a nice place to pause and take a break.	Mar 1, 2012 5:11 PM
661	Sydney Australia, the bars the people mainly the fact every block you went was almost like being in a different place. not just from the USA but also from where you just walked from.	Mar 1, 2012 5:10 PM
662	Going out to dinner and then walking around and window shopping.	Mar 1, 2012 5:09 PM
663	Public green spaces for picnics, easy to get to by public transport, live music and laid back atmosphere.	Mar 1, 2012 5:06 PM

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664	I was at an outdoor market, where the food/groceries were reasonably priced and the market was part of the town's culture.	Mar 1, 2012 5:03 PM
665	Dinner with friends in Harvard Square. Walkable from the hotel, air of vibrancy in the location and a lot going on in terms of the mix of retail and restaurant and entertainment in one small area.	Mar 1, 2012 4:52 PM
666	Business trip to Austin. Walked around and people watched, had dinner, listened to music, enjoyed the atmosphere.	Mar 1, 2012 4:48 PM
667	Downtown Austin, we where on vacation plenty of free things to do and interesting stuff to look at. The business where nice and where not pushed out by larger business.	Mar 1, 2012 4:46 PM
668	Madison, WI - great use of permanently closed-off street for retail, dining,meeting friends, walking from location to location with no concern for traffic.	Mar 1, 2012 4:43 PM
669	Walking outside in a quaint area filled with interesting vintage buildings, green areas, outdoor cafes, and large pedestrian walkways.	Mar 1, 2012 4:27 PM
670	Walking along a street closed to traffic with outdoor seating and green spaces where I can meet friends, eat some food, listen to some music.	Mar 1, 2012 4:10 PM
671	I love the pedestrian boulevards with no cars. People feel free to meander around the shops with their children, without worrying about the cars in the road. Burlington, VT; Munich, Germany; Covington, MD.	Mar 1, 2012 4:05 PM
672	I was there for a performance. It was full of little local shops and restaurants, (not just for tourists), lovely fountains and park space with local performers near by and a wealth of different kinds of people, of all classes, including children	Mar 1, 2012 4:05 PM
673	outdoor dining. street music	Mar 1, 2012 3:52 PM
674	During international travel there are so many opportunities for inexpensive overnight stays in hostel type settings. Often these hostels are located downtown that are in walking distance to all kinds of sights. Traveling internationally, I have stayed in nice hostels in cities much smaller than Ann Arbor and even had choices of multiple different hostels.	Mar 1, 2012 3:45 PM
675	On a working vacation. Spent time walking & dining through nice greenspaces on a paved walkway.	Mar 1, 2012 3:37 PM
676	People on foot with things to do and places to be	Mar 1, 2012 3:35 PM
677	Going to hear Judy Collins at the Ark, and finding a place to park relatively close, to dine and then walk to the Ark. It was a very cold night, so not having to walk a long distance was much appreciated. We felt incredibly lucky to find the spot....we'd all like to feel positive we'll find one, rather than lucky that we did.	Mar 1, 2012 3:19 PM
678	Having lunch with friends	Mar 1, 2012 3:15 PM
679	I was walking through downtown Plymouth and all the retails had booths set up	Mar 1, 2012 3:02 PM

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	in front of their stores (like an outdoor sidewalk sale). So many people were out leisurly walking and I ran into friends that I knew and we were able to chat. There was also some food vendors out selling various burgers and foods.	
680	Met freinds out for a show and then dinner and drinks.	Mar 1, 2012 2:54 PM
681	Staying downtown, enjoying a fine dinner, live entertainment, on a weekday night while being able to walk every where we went. Also, there was grocery store, drug store, and fine retail shops all within walking distance. Museums and other cultural experiences also within walking distance or a short cab or bus ride away.	Mar 1, 2012 2:54 PM
682	We loved how clean it was. Noticed that they had quiet electric buses that took people everywhere. There were great family attractions and parks. Interactive fountains that were designed for children to play in with benches surrounding the area for adults to watch and listen. Chattanooga, TN	Mar 1, 2012 2:53 PM
683	no panhandlers. nice meal w/family. walking around, stumbling upon a free outdoor performance.	Mar 1, 2012 2:45 PM
684	Sitting on Lake MI in Chicago.	Mar 1, 2012 2:42 PM
685	Walking and sightseeing, where gardens, outdoor public art, shops, and small events were plentiful beyond the "main street."	Mar 1, 2012 2:33 PM
686	Grand Rapids, Mlichigan Festival (art, music and food) held in June annually.	Mar 1, 2012 2:31 PM
687	Philadelphia has a very walkable, activity heavy area in their South Street corridor. B.Y.O.B. Restaraunts made getting a pizza a more interesting and personal experience.	Mar 1, 2012 2:22 PM
688	I went to dinner with friends, then met up with other friends for drinks, and jumped from place to place all night long (being able to walk safely).	Mar 1, 2012 2:14 PM
689	Interesting businesses that I can't find elsewhere that really give a sense of what the area is all about. Accessible sidewalks, convenient public transportation, and laden with arts and culture.	Mar 1, 2012 2:12 PM
690	Love Plymouth's Fountain Park and the many events the hold there.	Mar 1, 2012 2:08 PM
691	Portland, OR, lots of distinct neighborhoods with small businesses, restaurants, and inexpensive entertainment and green spaces.	Mar 1, 2012 2:07 PM
692	Krakow Poland - an outdoor area with eating and performance venues - accessible to drivers	Mar 1, 2012 2:00 PM
693	In Detroit, there are dining opportunities and sporting events that you can do all year. Really make an evening of it and be able to walk to a hotel.	Mar 1, 2012 1:58 PM
694	Walking around the streets enjoying the unique shops and restuarants available.	Mar 1, 2012 1:53 PM
695	Summer, people out and about. felt like a small community.	Mar 1, 2012 1:51 PM
696	Hanging out in a public place reading and writing while people watching.	Mar 1, 2012 1:40 PM

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697	MORE SHOPS....WE HAVE ENOUGH RESTAURANTS...	Mar 1, 2012 1:32 PM
698	When I visit other towns I like to go local places to eat and shop.	Mar 1, 2012 1:30 PM
699	downtown Birmingham, MI is fun too. It is safe, clean and many shops, boutiques, movie theater and restuarants	Mar 1, 2012 1:26 PM
700	Nice housing extremely close to downtown area. Convenience stores mixed in with bars/restaurants or varying sizes.	Mar 1, 2012 1:11 PM
701	Liveliness and energy of people in the downtown area, general cleanliness, good urban planning, nice architecture, diversity of people and businesses.	Mar 1, 2012 12:58 PM
702	I was in downtown Plymouth and I was simply walking around and taking in the sights. There was a real sense of community and warmth.	Mar 1, 2012 12:45 PM
703	In Austin, although a bigger city, I could take light rail downtown, walk to great food, walk to a top-notch art gallery, see the state capitol while doing so, and then choose from a variety of places for a spontaneous cocktail. Then take light rail back home. It was walkable, included affordable, worry-free transportation, and allowed for spontaneous experiences.	Mar 1, 2012 12:29 PM
704	Kalamazoo. Dinner, walking around, drinks at different venues and the greek festival. All within walking distance.	Mar 1, 2012 12:28 PM
705	biking along riverfront	Mar 1, 2012 12:24 PM
706	I have the ability to stroll, window shop, grab a beer outside and then go watch my children play in an interactive fountain at a central park	Mar 1, 2012 12:15 PM
707	Downtown Papeete, eating at the Roulottes (van-based movable restaurants). These were set up every nighth after 6:00, with tables and chairs at each, on a public square. Similar to, but more temporary than, Mark's Carts.	Mar 1, 2012 12:03 PM
708	Ice skating in Chicago; Millenium park in general Walking streets. Washington Street Park (SF)	Mar 1, 2012 11:54 AM
709	Green Space	Mar 1, 2012 11:53 AM
710	Royal Oak, in the evening, going into a restaurant, bumping into friends, talking, eating outdoors, and enjoying music / friends / conversation. It was clean, there were lots of flowers, it was ACTIVE, but it wasn't too crowded, either.	Mar 1, 2012 11:45 AM
711	Friday night outdoor concerts in Plymouth, MI.	Mar 1, 2012 11:25 AM
712	Sitting in Courthouse Square in Oxford Mississippi - another college town - just watching the people go by.	Mar 1, 2012 11:11 AM
713	Chicago Millenium place! such a great space to hang out with kids and friends.	Mar 1, 2012 11:01 AM
714	I have enjoyed walking around other downtowns in places like Geneva, Switzerland, because everything is very well connected centrally by train/bus, and there are lots of open spaces in the downtown area for small parks and	Mar 1, 2012 11:01 AM

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places to sit. You could easily buy something at a local market or restaurant/food cart, and walk around the city with it or sit in a nearby park. Ann Arbor doesn't have much in the way of public seating, just sidewalk seating for restaurants where you have to have bought something from them to sit there.

715	Paris ... the public gardens in the city	Mar 1, 2012 10:43 AM
716	easy transit to downtown, large public park/square where you can sit, read, eat and meet and greet people, watch music event. A2 has no public center. The quad doesn't count and Sat Farmer's Market too crowded and not the same experience.	Mar 1, 2012 10:33 AM
717	Walking/people-watching	Mar 1, 2012 10:30 AM
718	Pedestrian-only zones draw people to downtowns all over Europe. Also open squares for sitting, talking, watching kids play. Works best if cafes, restaurants surround square. More public transit and fewer cars.	Mar 1, 2012 10:27 AM
719	In Asheville, NC I have spent a lot of time walking through the downtown area. There are many commercial places to visit, but also a well balanced amount of open space, trees, and nature.	Mar 1, 2012 10:15 AM
720	sitting overlooking a waterfront. Serenity tranquility connection to nature	Mar 1, 2012 10:08 AM
721	Drinking Rivoire's hot chocolate on the Piazza della Signoria in Florence, watching people and light shifting on the buildings. No cars.	Mar 1, 2012 10:08 AM
722	Sitting in the park in the middle of busy downtown bustling San Francisco. So nice to find a quiet place in the midst of the chaos. Spontaneous music playing, theatrics, etc.	Mar 1, 2012 10:02 AM
723	Walking and cycling, viewing sites, eating at independent restaurants	Mar 1, 2012 10:01 AM
724	Seeing water fountains and art, street cart vendors for lunch. Walking around and having a greenspace to rest.	Mar 1, 2012 9:59 AM
725	bicycle rentals, low traffic streets with lots of small businesses, less distinction as "downtown" (small retail, food, bars into neighborhoods).	Mar 1, 2012 9:57 AM
726	Biking from square to square in Cambridge, MA. Each cluster had its own unique group of businesses, services, friends to meet, but they were all very easily accessible to one another because of bikeability.	Mar 1, 2012 9:46 AM
727	Could easily get there by transit or walk, no need to drive and park, lots of outdoor activity including eating, shopping, resting spaces, theater.	Mar 1, 2012 9:29 AM
728	I could easily walk around and not worry about parking. Streets were lit up nicely and you felt comfortable walking and meeting up with friends. It was easy to find and duck into a quiet bar to talk. Music playing in the background.	Mar 1, 2012 9:20 AM
729	Nature interfacing with urban environment (water, trees, outdoor seating); outdoor water fountains for kids to run through and play in; places to gather and hang out	Mar 1, 2012 9:13 AM

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730	After shopping it is nice to rest on a bench and see children play, sit in a green environment, meet your friends, then go have some food, eat outside.	Mar 1, 2012 9:08 AM
731	Enjoying the people and events in the old riverbed park that rings Valencia Spain. The city had a choice with a dried river bed - commercialize it or give it to the people as a place to enjoy life. They wisely chose to make a huge park all along the old city borders. Check it out - it is an amazing thing. Very beautiful, peaceful, and lush. It is an escape in the heart of a very busy city.	Mar 1, 2012 9:03 AM
732	I've enjoyed walking along a riverside park, or sculpture park with grass, and scenery.	Mar 1, 2012 8:54 AM
733	We visited Portland OR and stayed in a downtown hotel. from there we walked to restaurants, coffee shops, book stores, multiple cultural sites, etc. Best part was WALKING everywhere	Mar 1, 2012 8:47 AM
734	Would love move opportunities like Main Street with shops and restaurants (places to eat on sidewalks during the warm weather)	Mar 1, 2012 8:26 AM
735	New York - Central Park, MOMA, all the shopping & restaurants, walking just about everywhere.	Mar 1, 2012 8:02 AM
736	I enjoy visiting Chicago where my business has a downtown office. The walk from hotel to office contains breathtaking buildings that just can't be built anymore (railroad baron era).	Mar 1, 2012 7:52 AM
737	sitting outside	Mar 1, 2012 7:41 AM
738	We went on a river walk, then junk and used record stores small shops some barbecue then home then out for dancing to live music.	Mar 1, 2012 4:16 AM
739	Diverse shopping opportunities	Mar 1, 2012 3:29 AM
740	In new Baltimore in their boardwalk and park area in their downtown. It was a nice get away from all the retail and surrounding buildings	Mar 1, 2012 3:15 AM
741	Helping a friend sell her jewelry at an art fair in Petosky. It had a GREAT small downtown. We had a really nice dinner off the sidewalk; the lake is nearby; the town is little but had a great sized downtown.	Mar 1, 2012 1:28 AM
742	Any town where there is a lot of foot traffic turns out to be an interesting place. People make the place.	Mar 1, 2012 1:05 AM
743	easy to get around, safe	Mar 1, 2012 12:48 AM
744	locally relevant art and culture pieces, highlighting different aspects of the town, places for people of all socio-economic statuses, efficient use of space (including green space)	Mar 1, 2012 12:20 AM
745	I left home and didn't get in a car, I could hop on a metro and ride across town in 10 minutes while texting, talking on the phone or with friends. The sidewalks were wide and had a different brick layout nearer to the road for bike users. It was well-lit at night and felt safe. Stores on the ground floor had windows and	Mar 1, 2012 12:16 AM

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	were never banks with tinted windows or solid walls--there were eyes on the street during the day.	
746	Admiring architecture, eating good food, being able to park and enjoy the visit.	Mar 1, 2012 12:16 AM
747	It would be in a park in downtown Ann Arbor. Not a small park but one that could be realized at the library lot.	Mar 1, 2012 12:08 AM
748	Walking around, hanging out, sitting at one of the outdoor cafes, watching street musicians and performers (without the noise and exhaust fumes of cars).	Feb 29, 2012 11:46 PM
749	A walking tour of Over-The-Rhine, Cincinnati. Learned about how an organization was revitalizing the neighborhood. Great because it's all historic buildings and they are restored with style and integrity.	Feb 29, 2012 11:42 PM
750	Could access Different neighborhoods, & see diversity. Portland, Ore., is one of these unique urban playgrounds of high-end culture, green living and DIY arts scenes. There's independent live theater, beautiful parks, the largest independent and used bookstore in the country and some of the best doughnut shops. See why this would be a fun experience.	Feb 29, 2012 11:42 PM
751	Easy to get to, affordable food.,	Feb 29, 2012 11:35 PM
752	Lunch with friends, listening to music downtown	Feb 29, 2012 11:34 PM
753	Visiting my mother who lived in as assisted living space. I was able to take public transportation from the airport (50 mi away) to within a block of her place. We could walk on friendly sidewalks to local grocery and drug stores, as well as her doctors' offices. There was also a system of bike/walking/jogging paths through the town, easily accessed from many areas for recreation. Downtown had shops, restaurants and banking facilities as well as a theatre for the arts and office spaces. A friendly atmosphere for her living there, and for me to visit.	Feb 29, 2012 11:33 PM
754	Enjoying a film festival and listening to jazz	Feb 29, 2012 11:32 PM
755	I'm thinking of small cities in Europe that have a city square and easy walking to many every day needs and businesses. While Ann Arbor cannot create a city-square in the traditional sense, it should strive to preserve its unique small-city feel with beautiful architecture and buildings.	Feb 29, 2012 11:28 PM
756	A lot of outdoor sitting areas for dinning/bars. Areas to mingle with people and shop.	Feb 29, 2012 11:16 PM
757	Wandering through Golden Gate Park in SF and moving through a variety of distinct spaces and social groups.	Feb 29, 2012 11:12 PM
758	Outdoor festival, time spent sitting visiting around an outdoor fountain, then dinner at a sidewalk cafe.	Feb 29, 2012 11:02 PM
759	When I lived in Germany, I attended multiple fantastic festivals in the pedestrian zones (no cars allowed most of the time), that were lined with businesses. The festivals packed the places, and all the businesses were open and busy.	Feb 29, 2012 10:54 PM

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760	Lots if interesting stores, historic buildings and a lake.	Feb 29, 2012 10:42 PM
761	Walking around and visiting bookstores, independent shops, and unique restaurants,	Feb 29, 2012 10:34 PM
762	Detroit. Comerica Park and walking to a restaurant. A little scary. Not exactly easy or able to meet others. Found the ambiance to be very good and we had great fun.	Feb 29, 2012 10:33 PM
763	Great dinner outside with a lot of people walking around going to other restaurants and attractions.	Feb 29, 2012 10:08 PM
764	Casual walking around, sit at a sidewalk table to have a snack and perhaps meet friends. This will have to be "monitored" to keep teenagers from boistrous behavior.	Feb 29, 2012 10:04 PM
765	In Krakow, Prague, Nuremberg we enjoyed a vibrant downtowns filled with joyful citizens enjoying multiple activites from sportive, musical to cultural. It was invigorating to sit in an open air restaurant to watch people passing by. There were active shops and street vendors and jubilance in the air.	Feb 29, 2012 10:00 PM
766	Spending time outdoors, eating lunch outside	Feb 29, 2012 9:45 PM
767	The diversity of downtown retail business has suffered greatly in the last years. I miss a great bookstore! I love the Michigan Theater, I lover the summer festivals, I love to have my lunch outside on a bench (in a park:)	Feb 29, 2012 9:43 PM
768	A downtown that is more than restaurants. I like locally owned shops that are affordable. I like venues for local artists to sell.	Feb 29, 2012 9:24 PM
769	Portland, or has a great city center at Pioneer square. It is a great place to have events and just hang out.	Feb 29, 2012 9:19 PM
770	Paris. Lots of little parks that encourage one to linger. Outdoor cafes but also free public parks where you don't have to shop or eat to just sit.	Feb 29, 2012 9:18 PM
771	Costal town in florida. Summer time, large pier to walk on, lots of people, very enjoyable atmosphere. Very authentic, not a single corporate conglomerate around, concert was playing at the end of the walkway.	Feb 29, 2012 9:06 PM
772	A mix of great restaurant scene and outdoor green spaces promoting a social enviornment	Feb 29, 2012 8:53 PM
773	A comfortable pan handle free area with food and entertainment not far from parking	Feb 29, 2012 8:34 PM
774	Walked to concert, had picnic dinner beside a lake, walked back to hotel!	Feb 29, 2012 7:50 PM
775	San Antonio's River Walk. Shopping, Dining. Creative use of small spaces in downtown area including a water themed feature near the Alamo. City convenience with nature, arts and social interaction all in one place.	Feb 29, 2012 7:01 PM
776	Downtown Minneapolis at night with sidewalk dinners sharing the street with	Feb 29, 2012 6:55 PM

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	theater goers. It made me feel I was where the action was. Crowded sidewalks bustling with people going places and others sitting. People laughing, clinking dishes and enjoying the evening.	
777	I have experienced the outdoor concerts in Dexter's central square, often times when the band plays in the gazebo. It's a very popular meeting area for families and friends in the summer, and draws large crowds to the central area of the town.	Feb 29, 2012 6:41 PM
778	High quality restaurants . Other than Mani Osteria A2 does not have any.	Feb 29, 2012 6:38 PM
779	Walking, cultural events, dining	Feb 29, 2012 6:37 PM
780	Pedestrian squares in many cities, such as Bellingham Washington, in the USA or across all non-USA nations that are focused on facilitating space for citizens to gather and share resources, skills, and experiences.	Feb 29, 2012 6:32 PM
781	Well, I like downtown New York, downtown Amsterdam, downtown Istanbul...crowded, busy, lots to look at, exotic, etc.	Feb 29, 2012 6:28 PM
782	lots of shopping options; lots of people on the sidewalk; lots of great architecture; lots of energy, sound, and activity	Feb 29, 2012 6:20 PM
783	No matter what the activity, it is the ability to interact with friends and visitors. It only matters what works in Ann Arbor.	Feb 29, 2012 6:09 PM
784	I really enjoy downtown Royal Oak. I love walking around the interesting, independent shops. I enjoy all the outdoor seating at both the casual and upscale restaurants. I really like how pedestrian friendly it is.	Feb 29, 2012 6:04 PM
785	I San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, a choral performance by some teen-age choirs, with band accompanying them.	Feb 29, 2012 5:56 PM
786	Pedestrian only arcades lined with shops, street vendors, coffee shops and restaurants. It provided a great place to walk up and down freely, see friends and not have to worry about crosswalks and cars.	Feb 29, 2012 5:54 PM
787	visiting a friend in Chicago, driving to a french bakery for pastries and then going to the lakeshore park to eat them. It was very peaceful after doing all the tourist things like visiting museums	Feb 29, 2012 5:48 PM
788	A night on the town - dinner, movie and drinks.	Feb 29, 2012 5:45 PM
789	A bluegrass music concert in Asheville, NC., located on a public green in front of the courthouse.	Feb 29, 2012 5:44 PM
790	I walked around downtown Detroit with a friend and visited historic buildings like the Guardian building and looked at the fantastic architecture. I got a great sense of Detroit's history and aesthetics.	Feb 29, 2012 5:43 PM
791	Lovely, attractive gardens busy with diverse people. Easily accessible within public transport, and easily on the way to accomplishing practical tasks, like normal grocery shopping, so that this space was not an out of the way	Feb 29, 2012 5:29 PM

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	destination, it was an easy space to access in between a diverse, interesting offering of shops and resources and amenities. All housed within interesting architecture is a bonus.	
792	Knoxville, TN, huge park area with interesting places to visit nearby	Feb 29, 2012 5:26 PM
793	Boulder, Colorado -- the pedestrian mall is always vibrant and full of people. Lots of stores and restaurants, both local and chains, and lots of outdoor musicians, seating and strolling areas. Every night is like a party there and it's all-ages fun.	Feb 29, 2012 5:12 PM
794	Went to lunch with friends in Harvard Square in Cambridge, MA. The underground public transit and broad sidewalks with a huge variety of retail businesses and startup/hardware/software-based offices made the area highly appealing. The sheer volume of foot traffic attracted street musicians and artists, and the emphasis on DENSE mixed-used space imparted a sense of huge opportunity that engenders a desire for return visits.	Feb 29, 2012 5:05 PM
795	One of the best times I've ever had was in a public courtyard in Europe sitting outside of a cafe with friends sipping coffee and people-watching in the crowded cafes and walkways around us. There was live music playing as a small jazz band performed on an open-air stage. The experience appealed to all of the senses and was stimulating but serene all at the same time. There was a constant flow of things happening around us that provided topics of conversation and we sat and talked for hours because the setting was clean, comfortable, and welcoming.	Feb 29, 2012 5:04 PM
796	I can't think of any such experience.	Feb 29, 2012 4:58 PM
797	Chicago: Grant Park Music festival. You can take a picnic (including alcohol) to the Great Lawn at Pritzger pavilion (designed by Frank Gehry) to enjoy world-class, free concerts with friends, family, and other music lovers!	Feb 29, 2012 4:57 PM
798	Lots of small businesses/bars/restaurants with extended hours on fridays and saturdays. Limited parking within downtown (many cities have large parking structures just outside the area). This frees up space for additional businesses.	Feb 29, 2012 4:55 PM
799	shopping in antique shops, galleries, & Thorne's Marketplace (akin to Kerrytown but a little bigger with more businesses, each smaller) then eating at a great restaurant, then going to hear great music in Northampton, MA.	Feb 29, 2012 4:53 PM
800	Visited Downtown (Vieux) Montreal on foot dining at unique restaurants, walking the riverfront, admiring architecture, and local shopping	Feb 29, 2012 4:51 PM
801	I love downtowns with little niches/neighborhoods downtown - many accessible coffee shops and outdoor areas to sit under a tree. A space near the library for kids to play outdoors would be amazing to bring this slow-pace feeling to this area.	Feb 29, 2012 4:49 PM
802	It was great to see the ice sculptures and rink, etc. during Midtown Winter Blast - refreshing to actually see people gathering downtown to convene and utilize the city space (other than for sporting events), with event that is attractive to adults	Feb 29, 2012 4:48 PM

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	and children alike.	
803	I didnt need a car, I walked or took public transit, I enjoyed street fairs and there was nice scenery	Feb 29, 2012 4:44 PM
804	Independent, locally owned shops, restaurants, and small retailers (like kiosks or tables), farmer's market, and street food.	Feb 29, 2012 4:39 PM
805	High foot traffic numbers. More people attract more people and businesses.	Feb 29, 2012 4:29 PM
806	Active, places to congregate, reasonably priced places to eat and hang out, walkable, bikeable, outdoor activities like cafes. Promote shop owners who provide opportunities to interact with the community downtown, both indoors and out.	Feb 29, 2012 4:28 PM
807	I've always had a good time in the downtown areas where the street is closed to car traffic and has only foot traffic - like Burlington, VT or Boulder, CO. More gathering space. Performance artists, etc.	Feb 29, 2012 4:26 PM
808	Monthly 'gallery hops' (similar to Midnight Madness, but on a monthly basis) where shops were open into the evening to support local arts (e.g., restaurants, bars, salons would make their walls available to local artists to showcase their work) with lots of live music. It was great because the whole town came together -- people often ran into old friends -- and people were more likely to buy artwork/other items from local artisans, rather than big box stores	Feb 29, 2012 4:12 PM
809	Being in San Francisco. The public areas surrounded by a vibrant city. Coit Tower, Union Square, Golden Gate Park.	Feb 29, 2012 4:09 PM
810	I was able to walk easily from residential neighborhoods to the main street area. The main street area had a great variety of retail (radio shack, art galleries, grocery stores, camera stores, furniture stores - not just specialty high-end things), food (spectacular french bakery with *reasonable* prices, nice-looking non-chain restaurants, and bar options	Feb 29, 2012 3:57 PM
811	Walking around Denver going from Boutique to Boutique with no Bums harassing me every block.	Feb 29, 2012 3:50 PM
812	Love being able to ditch the car and have lots of things to do/see on-foot. The surroundings need trees, nice architecture, places to stop.	Feb 29, 2012 3:47 PM
813	I love cities that seem to integrate business utility with natural beauty. I'd love to see more green spaces (i.e. urban parks, gardens) that help Ann Arbor do this better.	Feb 29, 2012 3:46 PM
814	Almost any western European city. Pedestrian zones, good mix of retail restaurant and other uses, easy to use transit.	Feb 29, 2012 3:45 PM
815	I had a great time in another downtown area when I went to see a show in Detroit. The Opera House is beautiful, and the entertainment (a show with Antony Bourdain and Eric Ripert) was fantastic. The bars after were also really nice.	Feb 29, 2012 3:44 PM

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816	more off the beaten path experiences. more "divey" places. more authenticity.	Feb 29, 2012 3:41 PM
817	I consider Toronto to be a great city. What I like about it is that each of it's different sections have unique cultural appeal. Shopping, food, and cultural activities are diverse and abundant.	Feb 29, 2012 3:39 PM
818	Lunch in Royal Oak. Awesome cafe type place with small, unique feel. Also reasonable prices. Afterwards, could walk around an expansive downtown area with a diversity of shops, from high end to mid-line, business to retail.	Feb 29, 2012 3:28 PM
819	At a meeting of folks in my profession. Rooftop dinner with a view of denver and mountains.	Feb 29, 2012 3:27 PM
820	NYC ... Chicago -- are you really sure you want to ask this?	Feb 29, 2012 3:21 PM
821	I was in downtown Chicago walking down the magnificent mile, window shopping, enjoying the weather. I ended up at the new park (millenium park, I think) and I really enjoyed the atmosphere. I like attractive outdoor spaces with plenty of room to stroll without feeling rushed.	Feb 29, 2012 3:15 PM
822	I was having a fantastic brunch before spending the afternoon in a large urban park (that I could walk to). It was so great because everything was so close and I could seamlessly flow from one activity to the next.	Feb 29, 2012 3:14 PM
823	I once spent quite some time in a down town that had a variety of multi-generation resaturants, quirky independant retailer, high quality imported goods, a half dozen new and used bookstores, a hobby store and even an army surplus store. Yes, I'll even spell it out for you: Ann Arbor circa 1995.	Feb 29, 2012 3:09 PM
824	Downtown Dallas. Not that it's the world's best downtown, but it was a great time. We used public transportation (avoid costly parking) and a trolley to visit museums, and also walked around looking at the nice buildings. I recall resting in various cool plazas, which were just public spaces where I didn't feel compelled to buy anything. We had lunch and visited some shops as well. Enjoyed the various non-abstract sidewalk sculptures (mostly bronzes) while walking around.	Feb 29, 2012 2:53 PM
825	Chicago, Berlin: great public transport, variety of businesses, lots of things to do outside	Feb 29, 2012 2:45 PM
826	I grew up in a large city where pretty much everything was accessible a short walk away. There were great places to eat or just hang out, entertainment, and always something interesting happening in the street. We really need good mixed-use zoning around our cities so that people can live and hang out and interact with one another.	Feb 29, 2012 2:38 PM
827	Walking in downtown Ludington and discovering the murals painted on walls of downtown buildings. There was excitement in deciding to turn left or turn right and where the next mural would be. The sense of discovery was unique and fun.	Feb 29, 2012 2:27 PM
828	I really like the ability to check out an area easily by haveing easy and regular access to mass transit.	Feb 29, 2012 2:20 PM

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829	Durango, Colorado provided a wonderful mix of bike paths, parks, and businesses in the downtown area. Downtown is a destination because it was so pleasant to walk through.	Feb 29, 2012 2:20 PM
830	It was in Vancouver on the waterfront.	Feb 29, 2012 2:13 PM
831	Went to a festival and broke away to find a nice place to eat. The restaurant was so refreshingly different and the staff so friendly it made us feel very welcomed. We would have stayed longer if there had been more activities to do besides the festival.	Feb 29, 2012 1:52 PM
832	A fantastic locally sourced lunch from a eatery and having a great park-like location to sit and relax to eat it at. The ability to have gotten there via a public transportation option from as far away as 20 miles - commuter train, bus or subway.	Feb 29, 2012 1:47 PM
833	good access to parking, easy to walk around and have access to lots of things. we parked a car, walked to our area and there were lots of options/things nearby.	Feb 29, 2012 1:46 PM
834	Great food, interesting shopping, Broadway play.	Feb 29, 2012 1:42 PM
835	really great times in other downtowns have been cultural, primarily museums.	Feb 29, 2012 1:22 PM
836	Dedicated walking space for visitors, where there isn't a lot of traffic driving through - outside seating venues, outside shopping opportunities, performances	Feb 29, 2012 1:20 PM
837	Took public transportation to a high density downtown. Met friends for drinks in a local brew pub. Walked to local restaurant (no gaudy chain stores in sight) for unique dining experience full of locally sourced ingredients. Bustling street scene full of interesting sights, smells, sounds and people of all shades, income levels, styles etc. Weird and beautiful outdoor spaces everywhere we looked. We then caught an outdoor concert with some amazing local musicians. We took public transportation home. What made this evening so great was not only good company and quality food and drink, but having a unique sense of place. Having the feeling that nowhere else on earth looks, smells, sounds and tastes quite like this. I love ann arbor but fear that it is beginning to look like every other generic midwestern college town. Let's invest in our local community, prioritize our people regardless of income level, create beautiful unique multi-use spaces and have a long term perspective when it comes to protecting the environment.	Feb 29, 2012 1:13 PM
838	Fort Green, Brooklyn. The park has a farmers market on Saturdays and all along DeKalb there are little shops and restos and cafes that are very good and friendly. This is a very dense neighborhood, but most of the buildings are not highrises. There are public housing units set back from DeKalb that are higher and these areas are generally much deader--which illustrates how to mess up a street. Anyway, I think this neighborhood illustrates convivial urbanism very nicely.	Feb 29, 2012 12:44 PM
839	Friendly environment with wide sidewalks which allowed interation of people and places to sit.	Feb 29, 2012 12:42 PM

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840	accessible parks with informal outdoor seating for conversation and festivals	Feb 29, 2012 12:39 PM
841	Chicago, between trains: lunch outdoors, then walk to Art Museum and brief look at collections, walk back on bridge over river, watching pigeons, seagulls and boats, people of all kinds thick on ground, interesting afternoon, feeling of safety in numbers.	Feb 29, 2012 12:34 PM
842	In a word "culture" seeing great art, hearing fantastic music, attending wonderful theater productions, while still enjoying boutique shopping and gourmet food. Fountains, street scapes, pedestrian friendly areas help to create	Feb 29, 2012 12:33 PM
843	outdoor seating, music venues, unique shops, interesting architecture, good food	Feb 29, 2012 11:57 AM
844	Hobart Tasmania! About the same size, but much denser, more diverse downtown. Indoor pedestrian malls, lots of activity, engaged waterfront, flexible saturday market. Less dogma and more things actually happening!	Feb 29, 2012 11:56 AM
845	Easily walkable, green spaces and parks nearby interesting shops, cafes, pubs, and other eateries.	Feb 29, 2012 11:54 AM
846	Loved European public spaces, benches, fountains, local grocery store, good food and cafes, easy access by transit that ran late into the night so you could enjoy yourself, relax and not worry about that extra bottle of wine with dinner and driving and safe bike paths. No cars.	Feb 29, 2012 11:53 AM
847	When in New York City I often visit Central Park...it provides a healing respite from the pace of city life. I can picnic, watch my kids play, enjoy the wildlife, and get some fresh air...	Feb 29, 2012 11:50 AM
848	Visiting with friends, going to a coffee shop, walking around seeing lots of other people doing the same. Energy and sense of being a part of something fun and exciting.	Feb 29, 2012 11:39 AM
849	I love meeting friends at the outdoor restaurants in the summer and watching the people walk by.	Feb 29, 2012 11:34 AM
850	Petosky, MI - Beautiful summer plantings, interesting shops, abundance of trees and small green parks. Birmingham, MI - Beautiful park/gathering space in the city center, free 2 hour parking in parking structures.	Feb 29, 2012 11:32 AM
851	was able to find a restaurant I liked where there was easy access to the area by mass transit and the entire area was disability friendly	Feb 29, 2012 11:31 AM
852	A safe place to walk, shop, eat and work.	Feb 29, 2012 11:21 AM
853	Walkable, friendly, businesses that are local/independent	Feb 29, 2012 11:14 AM
854	I am in Cleveland right now near Case Western. There are actually really lovely little walkways and alleys with incredible restaurants in small brick historic buildings. The Frank Gehry designed business school is next door, the major museums are within walking distance, there is green space - it is remarkably inviting and wonderful.	Feb 29, 2012 11:14 AM

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855	I have really enjoyed my experiences in both Madison, Wisconsin and South Beach, Miami. In particular for their pedestrian friendly atmospheres (no cars allowed). Main Street is too congested with cars, especially during rush hour. I think many people avoid it for that reason.	Feb 29, 2012 11:13 AM
856	Boulder CO - Pearl Street pedestrian free zone. Permanent pedestrian zone - 4 blocks are closed to vehicles	Feb 29, 2012 11:03 AM
857	Any new york city neighborhood. University Ave in Palo Alto. Berkeley. It is a sad day that the center of Ann Arbor is about equivalent to Holland Mi	Feb 29, 2012 10:58 AM
858	Boulder, colorado has a 4-block pedestrian mall on what was formerly Pearl street. On Haloween, residents have a giant costume party there.	Feb 29, 2012 10:53 AM
859	Raleigh, North Carolina--The city has an environmental focus, with many of its buildings LEED certified. It has a great mixture of FANTASTIC, local restaurants and small retail shops, as well as museums and beautiful small, parks. And the best thing is that it is so easier to get around the city, you bike, huge walkable sidewalks, and FREE commuting buses (oh, how I miss the link--even with a GetDowntown card, I loved that route).	Feb 29, 2012 10:52 AM
860	I can spend more time somewhere where there are plenty of shopping opportunities. If I am going to a show, I would go downtown early or ray later of there is shopping.	Feb 29, 2012 10:50 AM
861	Walking down a bustling main street with great cafes and non-chain shops, with green space around and places to sit and talk.	Feb 29, 2012 10:50 AM
862	Seattle, WA - fantastic downtown parks with grass, trees, fountains, places to eat and sit and relax. Interesting attractions within walking distance, pedestrian and biker friendly streets. Springfield/Eugene, OR - amazing walking and biking trails. And in Eugene a great downtown mall area for art fairs, farmers markets, festivals, place to gather. Indianapolis has done a great job making their downtown inviting and attractive. A centerpiece is the river trail there.	Feb 29, 2012 10:49 AM
863	shopping	Feb 29, 2012 10:44 AM
864	independent shops, good architecture,	Feb 29, 2012 10:32 AM
865	Frankenmuth - walking around and enjoying the beautiful plantings, small shops and great food. Had more of an open feel than most downtowns. Less claustrophobic than most!	Feb 29, 2012 10:31 AM
866	cars were secondary and people/community/space were primary	Feb 29, 2012 10:28 AM
867	Having lunch on a sidewalk cafe and bumping into friends visiting from out of town.	Feb 29, 2012 10:28 AM
868	Downtown Denver mall area. Do that but in miniature.	Feb 29, 2012 10:28 AM
869	outdoor sculpture walking tour. It provided greaqt photography opportunities, great word of mouth and media attention. I am thinking of the Chicago cows that were on display about a decade ago.	Feb 29, 2012 9:47 AM

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870	eating&going to a cultureal event.	Feb 29, 2012 9:46 AM
871	We went downtown and could watch a factory making a product. Enjoyed a museum, a fantastic costume shop and a funky bakery. There were sculptures for kids and interesting historic sites for us to see and talk about. The character of the town was apparent in the decor. Parking was free. We also had our choice of expensive to super cheap independent eats. All within 5 blocks. The atmosphere was inviting, friendly and fun.	Feb 29, 2012 9:38 AM
872	I like cities with water!	Feb 29, 2012 9:35 AM
873	watching a free REM concert on the street and then going to an amazing production of the Lion King	Feb 29, 2012 8:51 AM
874	Wide variety of things to do. Able to walk around. Lots of foot traffic.	Feb 29, 2012 8:49 AM
875	San Francisco - interesting place to just walk around without specific aim or plan, spontaneously encountering unique places and people; ease of getting around by foot or public transportation without having to plan for it.	Feb 29, 2012 8:44 AM
876	Seattle has a wading pool in the Green Lake area. Wonderful hot-weather option for families.	Feb 29, 2012 8:26 AM
877	grabbing a bite here and there. popping in and out of small shops & galleries. stopping to sit in the sun on a park bench. walking, walking, walking.	Feb 29, 2012 8:18 AM
878	Enjoyed basic necessities, attractions and entertainment without a car.	Feb 29, 2012 3:26 AM
879	2 dinners with friends in Savannah: both restaurants were in authentic period buildings with recipes from the 1700s and 1800s.	Feb 29, 2012 1:17 AM
880	In Madison, WI -- a comparable town -- one can wander up State St. or around the Capitol and find extremely interesting, reasonably priced and widely varying little restaurants, wine bars, and pubs with small plates that are delightful. It is far less fancy and bombastic that our dining establishments in downtown Ann Arbor. Please keep any remaining chains out of our downtown and focus on sustaining local businesses!	Feb 29, 2012 1:05 AM
881	Both green space and outdoor/urban space with cafes, art galleries, etc.	Feb 28, 2012 11:55 PM
882	This is not a particular great time, but one thing I've enjoyed a lot about some other cities I've lived in is the density and diversity of retail and culture -- great bookstore, news stands, small family owned markets, diversity of inexpensive dining from a variety of national and regional cuisines... Not high end, kitschy stuff, but yummy, interesting, usable over and over venues.	Feb 28, 2012 10:43 PM
883	i was in grand rapids and loved the skating rink they had in their downtown park with a band playing on the side.	Feb 28, 2012 10:19 PM
884	Ease of walking, inexpensive ample parking, ease of cycling	Feb 28, 2012 10:07 PM
885	I was recently in Atlanta for a trade show. I spent a few hours walking around downtown and was quite surprised at the number of parks, the number of really	Feb 28, 2012 9:48 PM

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	nice water features and the number of large sculptures and floral plantings I found in at least 3 different downtown locations. I thought...this is what Ann Arbor needs! One of the fountains was interactive - kids and adults were playing in it, laughing, taking pictures, watching from the steps surrounding it. It was terrific!	
886	Scenic walking paths perfect for strolls on summer evenings.	Feb 28, 2012 9:44 PM
887	My favorite downtown experiences all come from Las Vegas, or Disney World. The unique architecture, feeling the art, music, and beauty all around you, the feeling that anything can and will happen. Friendly shops, and green atmosphere. condense all that into a small town like Ann Arbor and we will be a top tourist destination the world over!	Feb 28, 2012 9:43 PM
888	Hanging out in downtown Princeton, going to the public library there, sitting in the courtyard near the library eating some bread and chocolate from a shop across the street. There is a small fountain in a courtyard, and a nice area to stroll around (Palmer Square). Very compact.	Feb 28, 2012 9:39 PM
889	One great experience you can have in other downtowns that you can't have in Ann Arbor is enjoying a great urban park or public plaza -- somewhere where events are held, and lots of people come to meet friends or eat, and where a variety of people feel comfortable.	Feb 28, 2012 8:55 PM
890	Walking around and window shopping and strolling around. A busy street with lots of nice places to shop (independent and higher quality chains) and places to sit and drink coffee, etc. It was clean, crowded, visually interesting. No empty spaces.	Feb 28, 2012 8:45 PM
891	Sitting outside on a beautiful summer day, drinking a glass of wine with friends, watching children play nearby in the plaza. It works in Europe because there's something for everyone (young and old, rich and poor, single and married, kids and no kids, etc.)	Feb 28, 2012 8:43 PM
892	Going to Grand Rapids' Big Prize event. LOVED all the art in the downtown setting. Are outside by the river, walked and looked at the art. Everyone was having a ball.	Feb 28, 2012 8:30 PM
893	interesting shops and free parking	Feb 28, 2012 8:22 PM
894	I was in New York. 'nuff said.	Feb 28, 2012 8:03 PM
895	I love to explore urban areas on foot. Often when I do that in downtown Ann Arbor, however, aggressive drivers take the fun out of it.	Feb 28, 2012 7:33 PM
896	Cleveland Warehouse District - good restaurants, safe streets, lots of professional service firms where I do business.	Feb 28, 2012 7:28 PM
897	we need an ocean!	Feb 28, 2012 7:23 PM
898	Grand Rapids has a great downtown street that looks much like many of the streets in Rome. It has wide sidewalks, large trees, quirky businesses and lots of places to sit and relax.	Feb 28, 2012 7:18 PM

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899	Convenient public transportation.	Feb 28, 2012 7:08 PM
900	Open air market in downtown Kalamazoo	Feb 28, 2012 6:41 PM
901	Many great downtown I've been to have a central gathering spot such as a downtown square that is surrounded by retail. Also, they have a diversity of retail and create a unique personality based on the mix of retail, transit and public spaces.	Feb 28, 2012 6:33 PM
902	Chicago downtown park near art museum and theatres. Interesting Spaces to enjoy.	Feb 28, 2012 6:28 PM
903	Boutique hotels downtown within walking distance of downtown.	Feb 28, 2012 6:27 PM
904	Street hiking in major metro areas always good. Need nice selection of individual shops.	Feb 28, 2012 6:21 PM
905	Stayed at a friends affordable housing in downtown which allowed for walking to downtown attractions.	Feb 28, 2012 6:07 PM
906	variety, ease of walking, mild weather	Feb 28, 2012 5:59 PM
907	Relaxed atmosphere, large sidewalk, visually appealing, safe, great lighting.	Feb 28, 2012 5:56 PM
908	Walking along the shops at sidewalk level in NYC. There is a variety of shops, necessities, and restaurants.	Feb 28, 2012 5:54 PM
909	Downtown Visalia, CA. I was exploring the area; the sidewalks were lined with trees, lots of parking, and a variety of boutiques. A2's main street is a lot like that now. I loved it because it did not have an unwelcoming concrete look that bigger cities have (e.g., NYC).	Feb 28, 2012 5:46 PM
910	more shopping,. easy parking. a pretty, central common area. planned events.	Feb 28, 2012 5:44 PM
911	I attended a specific event and had the opportunity to see/experience the community.	Feb 28, 2012 5:37 PM
912	My hometown had free concerts downtown with food vendors Thursday evenings in the summer called "Marion by "Moonlight". It was in the large downtown park and was always packed with people (mostly families, or groups of young friends)	Feb 28, 2012 5:30 PM
913	Time spent in Millennium Park in Chicago - fabulous art and musical performance venue, public plaza with lots going on.	Feb 28, 2012 5:16 PM
914	Europe: outdoor sidewalk cafes with many galleries, promenading families, performing musicians, marionettes, and mimes in the street.	Feb 28, 2012 4:57 PM
915	Unique and affordable meal, interesting public art, festivals, performances and things to see and do that did not require shopping.	Feb 28, 2012 4:57 PM
916	Gathering of friends, talking, eating, and walking around town. Enjoying the store fronts and my friends.	Feb 28, 2012 4:50 PM

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917	Street festivals in Milwaukee: they celebrate different neighborhoods	Feb 28, 2012 4:43 PM
918	Had lunch outdoors with friends, while watching a local festival/outdoor activities taking place.	Feb 28, 2012 4:36 PM
919	Downtown Omaha is nice because of the close proximity of The Old Market (shopping/restaurant) the Mall (open space w/ walking paths and performance areas) and the Bemis Art Center. And within further walking distance is an arthouse movie theater and additional music venues. The one thing they're lacking is public transport and so parking can be kind of difficult.	Feb 28, 2012 4:33 PM
920	Unique blend of shops and restaurants with lots of foot traffic. Space for weekend "bazaars" or art fairs.	Feb 28, 2012 4:27 PM
921	Walking, people watching, large outdoor concert, beautiful flower garden in a park. Beautiful park area and great concert series (free), lots of room to explore.	Feb 28, 2012 4:27 PM
922	Just walking the active streets of very successful cities is a really great time. Quality architecture, street level interest, highly active streets made it great.	Feb 28, 2012 4:21 PM
923	Just hanging out with a few friends all night, barhopping and having fun.	Feb 28, 2012 4:09 PM
924	sitting at outside cafes in car-free plazas in Europe	Feb 28, 2012 4:08 PM
925	It had everything you needed- GROCERIES, clothing shops, restaurants, coffee shops, places to hang outside, good transit.	Feb 28, 2012 4:01 PM
926	It had character and was safe day and night. eclectic---personal interaction with shopkeepers	Feb 28, 2012 3:48 PM
927	longest breakfast table lots of activities	Feb 28, 2012 3:36 PM
928	Strolling and window-shopping, eating an early snack then having lunch. There was a nice mix of affordable shops and upscale places too. Several choices for food and drink on a pretty broad price and culinary spectrum. Easy to navigate as a pedestrian. Sidewalks busy with people but not too crowded. I had fun because I felt the energetic pace of the city and access to its amenities, but the walks and stores were on a human scale, and car traffic was not so dense as to be threatening to pedestrians.	Feb 28, 2012 3:33 PM
929	walk to downtown area that had groceries and other basic things available not just expensive reaturants and art galleries like Main Street Ann Arbor.	Feb 28, 2012 3:31 PM
930	Holland, Michigan. We biked there, went to a craft fair in the downtown park, ate at a local pie bakery, shopped at an outdoor equipment store, and went to the local history museum. Another time we drove there, parked for free behind the businesses, ate at a brew pub and sat at a sidewalk cafe. It was impeccably clean, well maintained, upscale, but not overpriced. A good variety of shops and restaurants and an attractive atmosphere.	Feb 28, 2012 3:27 PM
931	San Diego Gaslamp district. We were in town for a convention and while the number of people was a little overwhelming, the overall experience was amazing due to the equal numbers of social, dining, and shopping opportunities.	Feb 28, 2012 3:16 PM

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932	Walking shopping eating. Saugatuck	Feb 28, 2012 3:07 PM
933	lots of beautiful trees, wide spaces and shade and seating everywhere, statues, artists performing in the streets. An Atrium would be great	Feb 28, 2012 3:04 PM
934	eating out in lovely setting with friends	Feb 28, 2012 2:54 PM
935	Visiting Boulder, CO ... The Pearl Street has an area totally limited to pedestrian traffic ... an abundant variety of cultural and revenue generating attractions.	Feb 28, 2012 2:46 PM
936	pedestrian friendly with great shops and aesthetically pleasing	Feb 28, 2012 2:45 PM
937	Sitting on the stairs leading to one of the cathedrals in Granada and talking with friends.	Feb 28, 2012 2:44 PM
938	vibrant outdoor cafe's	Feb 28, 2012 2:42 PM
939	Walking or riding a bike or taking public transportation to the movies or a cafe or a concert in a city not obsessed with cars, such as Prague, San Miguel de Allende, or (even in the USA) San Francisco or Seattle.	Feb 28, 2012 2:15 PM
940	I was downtown Chicago, the buildings merged with nature made my surrounding breath taking to the point were I lost track of time. I just walked around for hours enjoying the sights and I stopped into many locally own store and also tasted a few dishes from locally own markets.	Feb 28, 2012 2:12 PM
941	We had a nice, moderately expensive meal at an independent restaurant. Then we went to the town square filled with art, protests, and picnics to people watch. (Like the open space in Plymouth).	Feb 28, 2012 2:09 PM
942	Attended outdoor entertainment event and meal and social interaction in different parts of city.	Feb 28, 2012 1:50 PM
943	In downtown Dresden Germany I enjoyed hanging out at outdoor cafes overlooking the waterfront below.	Feb 28, 2012 1:41 PM
944	Sidewalks were not jam-packed with dumb pedestrians looking at the sky. More of a "small-town" feel. Not a college town. (YUCK)	Feb 28, 2012 1:26 PM
945	Transit was safe and efficient. Parks were family friendly.	Feb 28, 2012 1:22 PM
946	Jackson New Years Eve 5K midnight run (2001). Large open city space for gathering and celebration. Tall buildings lining streets with apartment dwellers sharing in the celebration from above via windows and decks.	Feb 28, 2012 1:20 PM
947	In Paris I walked to several parks, enjoying the memorable buildings, the trees and flowers, the presence of all kinds of people. Children played. There were places to sit. Fountains.	Feb 28, 2012 1:14 PM
948	Many music sites located around the City of Montreal which were publicly funded!	Feb 28, 2012 1:13 PM
949	The Summer Festival is a great place to get together with friends. A very social	Feb 28, 2012 1:12 PM

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	and entertaining time. It would be nice to have more of these types of opportunities.	
950	I was spending time with friends downtown in a park. we had recently bought food and walked a few blocks to sit outside in the park to eat and spend time.	Feb 28, 2012 1:07 PM
951	Walking int he pedestrian mall in Burlington Vermont, just like Boulder CO. Restaurants, retail, hotels, local shopping, and pedestrian friendly walking all in one; as well as local bus service to residential ares! Imagine that!	Feb 28, 2012 1:04 PM
952	Sitting at an outdoor cafe talking to friends	Feb 28, 2012 1:03 PM
953	I met a friend at a doughnut shop. We then walked from there to a nearby PetsMart, where we looked at pets for a while. We then walked to a nearby park. It was a great experience because of the company I had and the beauty of the day. It was also very nice to be able to walk to a multitude of places.	Feb 28, 2012 12:49 PM
954	I was walking, there were lots of fun shops to browse in, different types of foods to eat (with different pricing), there were other people around, and it was visually appealing.	Feb 28, 2012 12:46 PM
955	Diverse, easily access to wide array of services and activities	Feb 28, 2012 12:46 PM
956	Salida, COlorado - all locally owned shops where you feel a connection to your consumption. Liek ti's helping teh community, not a corporation.	Feb 28, 2012 12:43 PM
957	Sitting at an outdoor cafe having an espresso where the seats were situated to face the street.	Feb 28, 2012 12:40 PM
958	In a number of European cities & Melbourne, Australia, city centres had car-free areas which were alive and vibrant with retailers, and the public spaces were used regularly for festivals and concerts, outdoor arts and sports exhibitions, etc. The were Public spaces, not just for the use of the retailers (as is a shopping mall), but benefitted the retailers nonetheless.	Feb 28, 2012 12:37 PM
959	1. Larger areas to sit and socialize, eat, and drink. Similar to existing sidewalk seating at restaurants, but larger or not on sidewalk. Closing a road or creating more public space may be solutions. 2. Access or views of nature. While the downtown parks are similar to this, they aren't big enough or structured in a way to "remove" you from the street.	Feb 28, 2012 12:32 PM
960	St. Louis and Indianapolis, lots of small green areas with sculptures. Good hotel choices within walking distance of both adult and family activities.	Feb 28, 2012 12:31 PM
961	Downtown Madison, Wisconsin. It's so walkable and the car-free streets (open to bikes, pedestrians and buses) were really peaceful. It was nice to be able to see across the street without cars blocking the view.	Feb 28, 2012 12:29 PM
962	Attended music event, PARKING was available, lots of people milling around but it didn't feel crowded, felt festive and safe.	Feb 28, 2012 12:26 PM
963	Boulder, CO. Going to dinner and shopping/walking around. Seemed very family friendly, walkable, bike friendly. Had a festival "Disney -like" atmosphere with	Feb 28, 2012 12:24 PM

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	much going on to see and do. Lots of activity and people	
964	Saugutuck, interesting mix of stores and restaurants with a lovely playground for children	Feb 28, 2012 12:19 PM
965	A Saturday spent shopping, followed by lunch in a restaurant that isn't a super chain (perhaps a patio lunch or lunch to go and ate in a common space).	Feb 28, 2012 12:16 PM
966	I recently visited NYC. The subway came so frequently there was no need to even look at a schedule. If we missed one train, another came along in a few minutes.	Feb 28, 2012 12:14 PM
967	Portland Oregon Savannah, GA Walkable, traffic free areas. Great restaurants and shopping - all independent businesses.I think we should have a car free downtown.	Feb 28, 2012 12:12 PM
968	Streets were bustling, but there were areas of respite - a pocket park, sidewalk cafe, small street. The street was hugged by buildings creating a sense of enclosure, but most were at a lower, human scale that did not make my presence feel insignificant.	Feb 28, 2012 12:09 PM
969	There was a wide variety of things to do as you were walking around.	Feb 28, 2012 12:04 PM
970	Walking around stopping into shops, stopping for coffee, going to a museum or art gallery	Feb 28, 2012 12:02 PM
971	Pittsburgh, New Years Eve 2011-12. We were in town for a wedding and stayed right downtown. We could walk to at least 20 different restaurants, bars, or casual eateries within 5 minutes. The building facades, recently revamped, showed unity and character. There was a feeling of safety as we walked through the new years festivities and the streets were very clean. Not once were we harassed by bums or panhandlers. There were opportunities for shopping anywhere. The riverfront was well utilized.	Feb 28, 2012 12:00 PM
972	I love Central Park in Manhattan; picnicing, walking, listening to music, people-watching.	Feb 28, 2012 11:56 AM
973	Walking near beautiful shops/restaurants and also in close proximity to a great little fountain and kid-friendly playground (Aspen, CO). There's a great little man-made stream running through a couple of walking only streets with nearby parking, and the whole downtown is surrounded by gorgeous mountains.	Feb 28, 2012 11:55 AM
974	Bumping into friends during food cart festival and Sunday Streets in San Francisco.	Feb 28, 2012 11:54 AM
975	In Nashville, I enjoyed walking down the street in Downtown because every bar had a door open and live music playing inside. Granted, it was bad country music, but it felt welcoming nonetheless.	Feb 28, 2012 11:52 AM
976	Historical preservation of architecture is very important. The beauty of space and buildings is very important. Open green spaces are very important. Lots of small local businesses. An intentional absence of national chain stores!!!!	Feb 28, 2012 11:52 AM

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977	I met up with friends, window-shopped, and then chose between a range of dining options. What was great was that I got there on public transit	Feb 28, 2012 11:43 AM
978	Riding community bikes in Paris. Walking along a daylighted stream running through downtown Schriesheim Germany. Walking to the town vineyard	Feb 28, 2012 11:41 AM
979	Easily walking from multiple places to others and having the walk be as enjoyable as the destinations.	Feb 28, 2012 11:35 AM
980	I was able to go from a unique place to eat at lunch, to a museum and then shopping at unique stores, then back to my hotel, then a more high end dinner and a film or play.	Feb 28, 2012 11:33 AM
981	hassel free parking, outdoor dining, range of dining options, walkable and connected.	Feb 28, 2012 11:27 AM
982	Clean, safe, quiet, fulfill my aims (albeit business, personal, entertainment)	Feb 28, 2012 11:24 AM
983	Walking around, enjoying the different shops. Main St. is nice, but it would be nice if it extended to another street with vibrancy.	Feb 28, 2012 11:19 AM
984	Having coffee outside. Outdoor dining is essential.	Feb 28, 2012 11:18 AM
985	Living in urban Washington D.C., I had access to a grocery store and most daily amenities without needing a car. Walking and using mass transit to move around the city was a pleasure.	Feb 28, 2012 11:13 AM
986	outdoor music in Chicago's Grant Park	Feb 28, 2012 11:13 AM
987	just walking around, places to sit, things to eat, interesting people	Feb 28, 2012 11:11 AM
988	i love traversing european cities. they are visually engaging/diverse, human-scale (as opposed to, say, the new gigantic um building built on state & huron that directly abuts the road), with green space, a diversity of independent businesses in each area (food/shops/other), and opportunities for connecting with others outdoors (sidewalk cafes, lots of people traveling by foot/bike, etc)	Feb 28, 2012 11:09 AM
989	Kansas City - attending a performance. Major performance halls near open public spaces which allowed for gathering before or after performances. Restaurants of all types also available nearby with plenty of parking that was unobtrusive and reasonably priced to allow one to enjoy the event without the concern over full cost.	Feb 28, 2012 11:04 AM
990	Wide sidewalks with variety streetscapes, benches, greenery etc. Accessible outdoor cafes. Basic shopping needs met downtown (less emphasis on boutiques, gift shops, etc. More street food and small scale food vendors. More parking remote from destinations--people will walk a few blocks.	Feb 28, 2012 11:02 AM
991	Walking around looking at all the historical sites and shopping place	Feb 28, 2012 10:58 AM
992	Galleries, cafes, easy parking. a destination town such as St. Helena	Feb 28, 2012 10:42 AM
993	Kicking back in a waterfront park with a nice summer breeze, great food, people	Feb 28, 2012 10:40 AM

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	watching and music.	
994	I lived in Portland, Oregon for awhile and loved the fact that I could ride the public transit around most of the downtown for free because the downtown businesses covered the cost in order to encourage more people to visit downtown. Brilliant idea...I spent more time down there because of this.	Feb 28, 2012 10:38 AM
995	Any downtown in which the parking fines are fair and reasonable...which pretty much means any town other than Ann Arbor.	Feb 28, 2012 10:32 AM
996	Hanging out while relaxing and eating with NO panhandlers! A quiet but happening environment.	Feb 28, 2012 10:20 AM
997	green space and parks museums easy to walk	Feb 28, 2012 10:18 AM
998	A really great downtown is safe, clean, walkable and visually appealing. There should be interesting local dining options for local character. Finally, there should be light rail accessibility to cut down on needs for cars and parking.	Feb 28, 2012 10:14 AM
999	Spending day in city/downtown with restaurants, museums, shops and mass transit in walking distance. Nice design, architecture and layout of downtown making it pedestrian friendly. Nighttime entertainment and outdoor street entertainment.	Feb 28, 2012 10:04 AM
1000	Was just in London -- great public transportation system that everyone uses & so many people walking. Wish we had that here rather than the expectation that you should be able to park right next to where you shop. Get out of your cars!	Feb 28, 2012 10:02 AM
1001	small town Michigan: grab some ice cream and play Putt Putt golf. It was a great experience because I could relax with my family.	Feb 28, 2012 9:53 AM
1002	Took the train to downtown Chicago from the Northern 'Burbs, walked to several museums, then did some shopping, ate great food at outdoor seating) saw an outdoor concert, walked around Grant Park, and ended the night with a cruise on Lake Michigan. I miss that. Use to live in Chicago area. I wish I never moved. I feel more unsafe here than I did there.	Feb 28, 2012 9:51 AM
1003	Charlevoix Christmas tree lighting. Walking in and out of shops, getting an affordable hot chocolate, watching the tree lighting, all with the peace of mind that I didn't have to feed a meter or worry about a parking ticket.	Feb 28, 2012 9:33 AM
1004	I was visiting Hofgeismar, Germany a few years ago and LOVED that their downtown is closed to cars. The pace and friendliness of people walking from shop to shop, stopping to chat with friends, was so relaxing.	Feb 28, 2012 9:30 AM
1005	Chicago: just walking downtown and along the river. The mixing of retailers and people walking outside/	Feb 28, 2012 9:27 AM
1006	Shopping, dining and museum-hopping in Asheville is a pleasure. Parking is reasonably abundant and affordable for visitors.	Feb 28, 2012 9:17 AM
1007	Chicago. Bookstores, cafes, art galleries, museums.	Feb 28, 2012 9:10 AM

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1008	Plymouth, MI is a great downtown. Even on a winter day, there is foot traffic and busy stores and restaurants. The area is very pretty and kept up nicely, and parking is easy.	Feb 28, 2012 9:10 AM
1009	Walking in a city, enjoying window shopping - galleries stores- stopping to eat and people watch, then moving on to do more of same.	Feb 28, 2012 8:56 AM
1010	Toronto: everywhere you went there was a new experience. Every street was a street I could spend all day and night on if I choose too.	Feb 28, 2012 8:33 AM
1011	A large park in Wellington NZ, overlooking the beautiful harbor. Picturesque world-famous view, places to picnic, children's play area -- regularly visited by family.	Feb 28, 2012 7:00 AM
1012	I had a great breakfast in a unique place with my spouse. We wandered in and out of stores that had unique items for sale-- we purchased a few as gifts for upcoming birthdays. It was a great experience because we were away from home, but the down town was very walkable and clean. The stores were unique but the items were affordable. It was a friendly, small town atmosphere. We were in Traverse City	Feb 28, 2012 1:27 AM
1013	Burlington VT. One of the very few successful pedestrian malls I'm aware of. A mix of shops and restaurants, offices. Outdoor activity even in the winter.	Feb 27, 2012 11:43 PM
1014	Visiting the libraries in Seattle and Salt Lake City. The architecture was breath-taking, and each had a place to get coffee and relax.	Feb 27, 2012 11:38 PM
1015	Human scale, appealing spaces, very walkable, unique personality, green space, stores that have things I need in everyday life	Feb 27, 2012 11:23 PM
1016	raleigh nc, loved the many water sculptures	Feb 27, 2012 11:20 PM
1017	Walk-ability access to green space, I live downtown I want a drug store that's not a chain, a grocery store, and a hardware store. Downtown Home and Garden can't do it all.	Feb 27, 2012 11:13 PM
1018	Horse & carriage rides	Feb 27, 2012 10:52 PM
1019	Dinner in downtown Royal Oak. Streets were well lit with many options of places to dine/shop in short distance. Nobody begged for money or cigarettes.	Feb 27, 2012 10:34 PM
1020	diversity, "must see" attractions, continuity.	Feb 27, 2012 10:32 PM
1021	crowds, transit, huge number of choices	Feb 27, 2012 10:20 PM
1022	walking in and out of interesting shops and restaurants; having a hotel room close by; and a strong feeling of safety	Feb 27, 2012 9:58 PM
1023	Attending Purple Rose Theater and strolling through charming downtown Chelsea beforehand.	Feb 27, 2012 9:48 PM
1024	Bolder Co. and the Pearl Street businesses. Very local, one of a kind friendly, clean and safe place. We don't need a pedestrian mall other then Nickels but	Feb 27, 2012 9:43 PM

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	local businesses will help attract people down here because it will not your average run of the mill place.	
1025	Vancouver, B. C. I was staying in a downtown hotel, & was able to explore Chinatown, art galleries, restaurants, a huge park, gardens, cool buildings all within an easy walk in any direction.	Feb 27, 2012 9:40 PM
1026	San Diego- downtown walking- lots of visitors	Feb 27, 2012 9:39 PM
1027	Greenland, easy walk to independent interesting and necessary stores, a specific height consideration to bldgs, street food carts, progressive ideas. Tmm	Feb 27, 2012 9:38 PM
1028	Outdoor hockey game in Cleveland, preceded by good dining before and after the game in close proximity; and being able to stay at B&B in charming, historical neighborhood within 10 minute drive of event.	Feb 27, 2012 9:35 PM
1029	Ithaca commons, many local independent businesses, natural social gathering/mingling	Feb 27, 2012 9:03 PM
1030	My hometown has a great activity that takes place on the First Friday of every month. It is, unsurprisingly, called 'First Friday. On that day, all of the art galleries open their doors and welcome all the townspeople, offering drinks and food. It is a place for everyone to come, meet, talk, and see something different (and showcase local art). Because it takes place at night, it benefits the downtown restaurants and cafes.	Feb 27, 2012 8:29 PM
1031	Just the fun of seeing so many people out and about, enjoying the city; even though the cities were larger.	Feb 27, 2012 8:26 PM
1032	I went out to dinner or lunch at a restaurant with a close family-member or friend followed by coffee. The time to spend a leisurely stroll in this area for meal after a long day of work is enhanced by the beauty of historic A2 buildings, festival activities, and lights.	Feb 27, 2012 8:13 PM
1033	Better and easier parking	Feb 27, 2012 7:54 PM
1034	farmers market mixed in with retail, sidewalk seating, green areas	Feb 27, 2012 7:29 PM
1035	drinking mimosas on a sidewalk cafe after bumping into friends	Feb 27, 2012 7:20 PM
1036	I take the train in Chicago into the Loop or north downtown areas and just walk, and shop, or walk along the lake, etc. New York is much the same	Feb 27, 2012 7:18 PM
1037	Meal and live music. i had a decent meal and then did something that wasn't at a mediocre overpriced bar geared towards college students or chain-restaurant-loving yuppies. It was nice because there was a mix of people. the lack of branding kept patronage open to different kinds of people. I don't want to visit the melting pot and mongolian bbq in every city in america. i want to visit what's special and unique. the local treasures- even if they aren't the best/top notch in the world.	Feb 27, 2012 7:14 PM
1038	In Portland, OR we once spent almost half a day wandering around a small downtown area. There was great place to have breakfast, there was interesting	Feb 27, 2012 7:07 PM

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retail (book store, record store, interesting shops), street musicians were playing... there were even artists doing chalk drawings in a small nearby parking lot. It was delightful and so full of energy. We wandered nearby neighborhoods that were filled with interesting gardens and artsy homes that literally came right up against this retail area. We came back later that evening and caught a cheap movie in a theater where you could order pizza and a microbrew. Afterward we headed down the street to sip wine and listen to a jazz quartet. What made it so wonderful was how much was going on in an area smaller than downtown Ann Arbor and how much access people who lived there had. It was a full downtown experience and really opened our eyes as to what life could be.

1039	I believe I had many good times in Columbus, OH, because what I would describe as 'downtown' is actually several unique districts spread out over a larger area than Ann Arbor can provide. But having distinct 'districts' (arts, coffee/casual, local shopping/goods) which in themselves all offer the experience to wander and bump into new things would be something I'd consider if I were designing my dream city. In a smaller town, these districts could more easily be connected by shuttle-type mass transit rather than providing enough parking for people to drive back and forth to each.	Feb 27, 2012 6:57 PM
1040	Chicago. Feels safe to walk the streets and easy walk to cultural activities, parks, great restaurants and shops.	Feb 27, 2012 6:38 PM
1041	Going to baseball game (minors) in Toledo. Walking to Tony Pacos; jazz club down the street 1/2 mile; easy parking	Feb 27, 2012 6:20 PM
1042	Walking in the downtown, ate at a Mexican restaurant, went to an art museum, played in a toy store, tried on clothes, got coffee and went out to a few bars. All but some of the bars were accessed on foot.	Feb 27, 2012 6:12 PM
1043	free parking around the holidays in birmingham and rochester	Feb 27, 2012 5:54 PM
1044	Seeing a play or cultural event, then having something to eat or drink with friends in an interesting atmosphere. Maybe going to a museum.	Feb 27, 2012 5:42 PM
1045	Portland, Oregon has a great mix of all kinds of restaurants, shops and boutiques, along with interesting architecture	Feb 27, 2012 5:41 PM
1046	On a recent trip to Chicago we were blown away by how efficient and timely the bus system was. And riding on the bus to different locations was a blast b/c there was so much people watching to do and so many unique buildings everywhere you looked. That was great, plus Chicago is awesome in general.	Feb 27, 2012 5:40 PM
1047	Bellingham Washington: A revived post-industrial city that has very functional local independent business development and emphasizes spirit and fun. Also, Burlington VT that has planned and developed its city for independent business job creation over high end housing, luxury anything etc. and has reaped great lasting economic benefits. The town is unique engaged and alive. Who wants to visit a town that looks like every other town?	Feb 27, 2012 5:31 PM
1048	Found parking easily; walked to a casual restaurant that had live music; had dinner with friends; then walked the nearby streets and wandered in and out of	Feb 27, 2012 5:22 PM

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	galleries and stores, discovering more live music where we had coffee and dessert.	
1049	Kerrytown. It is a safe space for adults and children to enjoy food, shops and outdoor space. Farmer's Market Wednesdays are wonderful.	Feb 27, 2012 5:11 PM
1050	Madison WI. State Capitol area has a weekly farmers market which connects to State street and restaurants and shops. Santa Monica Ca has the same thing	Feb 27, 2012 5:11 PM
1051	Wiemar, Germany. Walking around, literally getting lost in the history & architecture, absorbing the culture. Stopping in a variety of shops, rarely noticing the few chains present. Plenty of art, music, thought. Amazed that such a city was smaller in population than Ann Arbor & held a greater variety.	Feb 27, 2012 5:11 PM
1052	Open areas with water features are often lovely spaces that inspire interaction amongst strangers. Food and/or wares vendors also foster social interaction and enjoyment. Public art!	Feb 27, 2012 5:10 PM
1053	Greektown, Detroit, or Depot Town, Ypsilanti, both have more of a community and "homey" feel to them	Feb 27, 2012 5:09 PM
1054	I sometimes go to music events in the Detroit area. Some have been outside at Cobo hall and others have been at small bars. The events brought together many people I know from the area.	Feb 27, 2012 5:07 PM
1055	"Watch children play in a water attraction, have a snack, meet with some friends, watch people	Feb 27, 2012 5:00 PM
1056	There were more casual bars in the downtown area. Outside of Conor O'Neill's, Alley Bar, The Arena, and Old Town, the rest of the bars are dance clubs (Necto, Cavern/Millennium, Live) or assume the feeling of a upscale bars (Raven's Club, Vinology, Melange, etc.)	Feb 27, 2012 4:56 PM
1057	Austin Texas- live music! Portland Oregon - clean, great food, culture and entertainment..	Feb 27, 2012 4:55 PM
1058	Last spring I traveled to Minneapolis. Though a much larger city, it was easier to navigate as an outsider. I took the light rail from the airport to my hotel and then used the frequent city buses to explore the neighborhoods I wanted to see. It was a very positive experience.	Feb 27, 2012 4:53 PM
1059	I ran into some friends at a coffee shop, then decided to grab a sandwich at a cafe next to the park. After lunch, we did some exploration of antique stores and art galleries, including a drop in class on painting pottery. We finished the day with a glass of beer at a local brew pub, then drove home. The small-town feel, combined with the cultural opportunities and local vibe, were really what made a difference. It was really about being able to get to know the place and the people we were with, all without blowing a month's budget.	Feb 27, 2012 4:53 PM
1060	Street vendors, live outdoor performances, accessible parking	Feb 27, 2012 4:51 PM
1061	Birmingham Michigan: walking around a pleasant downtown WITHOUT high rises and the resultant shadows and wind tunnels. We need height restrictions,	Feb 27, 2012 4:39 PM

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	and to preserve existing architecture.	
1062	Columbus' Short North is always delightful. Lots of shops, dining, street music, and events; highly walkable, off a frequent bus line. I've had multiple great times there.	Feb 27, 2012 4:32 PM
1063	Downtown Kalamazoo - art museum, childrens museum, foo dance	Feb 27, 2012 4:28 PM
1064	In Chicago, visited a prospective college for my son, ate at some great restaurants and spent time at a world-class art museum	Feb 27, 2012 4:23 PM
1065	Emerged from underground parking and walked to 3 locations to enjoy a night out with friends. The area was pedestrian friendly, well lighted and marked - the areas were clean and the city was thriving with all walks of life enjoying a myriad of ammenities.	Feb 27, 2012 4:16 PM
1066	Visiting Traverse City, ate and shopped downtown.	Feb 27, 2012 4:15 PM
1067	downtown Madison WI. I love how they closed off a main street for street walkers. also need more indirect LED lighting.	Feb 27, 2012 4:13 PM
1068	Went to Dexter to see a play at the Purple Rose and then for dinner at Mike's Deli.	Feb 27, 2012 4:09 PM
1069	We parked at the hotel and walked everywhere for two days. It rained, and it didn't matter. We just ducked into an art gallery or grocery store until it was over. It was a mid size Southern city.	Feb 27, 2012 4:09 PM
1070	Free live music pavilion, interactive artwork, open space, flower gardens, coffee shops and affordable food nearby,.	Feb 27, 2012 4:09 PM
1071	While living in New York, I consistently appreciated the proximity of great parks--with rich green space, big beautiful old trees, and city wildlife--to the vibrant life of the city. Many times I have enjoyed sitting with a friend in a park, or picking up food or coffee at a shop and walking to a park to enjoy it. The green space is cool and refreshing in summer, and provides a contrast to the hustle and bustle of the city year-round.	Feb 27, 2012 4:03 PM
1072	Proximity to other attractions; retail that isn't gimmicky/junk/trinkets; outdoor seating; independent businesses; affordable apartment/condo living	Feb 27, 2012 3:54 PM
1073	Lot's of people, activity and interesting space.	Feb 27, 2012 3:53 PM
1074	Listening to music, dining outside with no traffic fumes, in a downtown parklike setting. Relaxing, inviting, pleasing, soothing	Feb 27, 2012 3:35 PM
1075	It all starts with easy parking and access - I cannot tell you how many times I've avoided rather than embraced a trip downtown preferring to avoid the hassle of parking. What I was doing? Food, Music, Friends!	Feb 27, 2012 3:35 PM
1076	There was public transportation to get from one end of town to the other quickly and easily. Allowing us to experience more of the town. The town felt safe at night because it was lit up with shops, restaurants, nightlife on the streets.	Feb 27, 2012 3:29 PM

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	Entertainment for both day to day and visitors.	
1077	Shopping and strolling through Saugatuck. Great mix of specialty retail, restaurants in architecturally interesting buildings.	Feb 27, 2012 3:20 PM
1078	People watching while eating dinner in a restaurant window seat	Feb 27, 2012 3:15 PM
1079	outdoor music, art, lots of people walking around	Feb 27, 2012 3:08 PM
1080	Any number of days where I was able to participate in a variety of activities downtown without needing to travel far or contend with heavy vehicle traffic while on foot. For instance downtown Ypsi has three primary commercial areas that I can walk between, and visit museums, independent shops, cafes, bars, restaurants and music venues.	Feb 27, 2012 3:04 PM
1081	Being outdoors when you can, as our state is very seasonal, is important. This is enjoyed with outdoor cafe's, bars, or family activities such as parks or interactive fountains. If you've ever been to the summer festival, then you can see an interactive fountain would be a huge draw for families in the area. The kids LOVE the fountain!	Feb 27, 2012 3:00 PM
1082	Spent 4 days in Asheville, NC ~12/2011: Cool and quirky with a very walkable downtown. It had an interesting street layout with some nice out-of-the-wayness to be explored. There was a nice combination of food and shopping, favoring the shopping. There were indoor malls with neat shops to wander and they even have a lovely independent bookseller downtown!	Feb 27, 2012 2:59 PM
1083	Just walking around sitting in a plaza and people watching. It was great because there were so many people.	Feb 27, 2012 2:58 PM
1084	Interaction with water sculpture - LARGE scale - bigger than the City Hall feature, and more a part of the created space	Feb 27, 2012 2:45 PM
1085	World class world cuisine offerings for blocks in every direction, finally settled on Tibetan dinner and French dessert at two different places.	Feb 27, 2012 2:36 PM
1086	i was recently in Evanston. Traffic is slower. It felt cleaner and walker/biker friendly.	Feb 27, 2012 2:25 PM
1087	Walking around downtown Traverse City during the TC Film Festival -- people on the street, lots going on.	Feb 27, 2012 1:57 PM
1088	Other people having fun in a green environment	Feb 27, 2012 1:36 PM
1089	Enjoying street culture, music venues, and dining from street carts and cafes. Old buildings, not over restored. Very comfortable, easily engaging.	Feb 27, 2012 1:12 PM
1090	a delightful teashop -- good homemade soups and sandwiches; small, homey place	Feb 27, 2012 12:55 PM
1091	Washington D.C., DuPont Circle, sitting around outside next to a fountain.	Feb 27, 2012 12:42 PM
1092	Mix of retail/food/museums-pedestrian friendly	Feb 27, 2012 12:32 PM

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1093	Balboa Park in San Diego accommodates floods of people with varied venues for art, nature, science to explore, plus interactivity (fountains, benches)	Feb 27, 2012 12:24 PM
1094	Chelsea, Royal Oak. Easy parking made the whole experience better!	Feb 27, 2012 11:41 AM
1095	The car show, eating outside on Main St., window shopping, Fun AFFORDABLE options-easy to come down and park	Feb 27, 2012 11:05 AM
1096	Walking down a Main Street on a summer evening. Choice of restaurants. Watching people.	Feb 27, 2012 10:38 AM
1097	I could leave my car to wander and discover new shops/restaurants	Feb 27, 2012 10:13 AM
1098	boulder colorado. walking shopping district with a great mix of retail and restaurants.	Feb 27, 2012 9:16 AM
1099	Any walkable vibrant downtown with lots of shops and restaurants to stumble upon.	Feb 27, 2012 9:11 AM
1100	Lots of night time activity. Had dinner and walked through many interesting stores that were open late. Lots of flowers planted along street added ambience.	Feb 26, 2012 11:49 PM
1101	pedestrian-friendly sidewalks with trees and some gardens, separate and safe bikes paths (not in the street with traffic). Some of the best have been where streets are closed to cars and opened to above including outdoor eating.	Feb 26, 2012 11:14 PM
1102	I was in Boulder, Colorado yesterday. They have a long pedestrian mall, and despite the winter weather, it was packed with shoppers, diners, and strollers. The restaurant we chose had a long wait even at 5:15 pm. On Boulder's mall and the surrounding blocks, the businesses are not simply restaurants and boutiques - there are a wide variety of stores and other businesses to choose from.	Feb 26, 2012 8:51 PM
1103	Downtown Boston, enjoying the park setting, social interactions, people watching, musicians, artists, poets, all gathering in public common park spaces within the downtown. These spaces gave the city life.	Feb 26, 2012 6:52 PM
1104	Boulder Colorado. Love the pedestrian zone, small shops, casual atmosphere and just sitting and watching the people go by.	Feb 26, 2012 1:35 PM
1105	Spent an incredible day in Central Park in NYC. We were outside, with friends, playing in a park and could easily exit the park to go toward restaurants, entertainment, businesses, museums, etc.	Feb 26, 2012 12:56 PM
1106	nice, local restaurants with nearby free or low-cost parking	Feb 26, 2012 11:48 AM
1107	Boulder Colorado has an area of their downtown that is a big square. Shops, restaraunts, galleries, etc. were located off this square - there were sculputres, areas to sit and visit. Shops and eateries were both on ground floor and upstairs of these buildings. All the building were original to area - or looked like it.	Feb 26, 2012 9:56 AM
1108	Great buildings, unique stores	Feb 26, 2012 1:35 AM

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1109	Many come to mind - places with attractive sidewalks, interesting stores and shops (with real merchandise, not just fancy art and boutique-y stuff no one needs or can afford), and parks/bike paths where you can picnic, ice skate etc.	Feb 26, 2012 1:24 AM
1110	I was able to visit local businesses without any fear of sinkholes, large construction equipment running me over, and generally felt that the local development authority was actually on the side of small business.	Feb 26, 2012 12:31 AM
1111	An outdoor park where children could skate, winter and summer; greenery; benches, quiet	Feb 26, 2012 12:16 AM
1112	Chicago. High density urban foot traffic. High quality retail. Lots of young professionals with lots of energy.	Feb 25, 2012 11:53 PM
1113	millennium park in Chicago--fun for all ages and exciting. high quality architects involved. i was enjoying the city with my family.	Feb 25, 2012 11:20 PM
1114	I had a great time in the old town of Lahr, Germany where they had blocked off many streets around the market section to cars so only pedestrians and bikes could use the streets. It was such a comfortable atmosphere. I often wish our cities would be a place to go to rather than a place to go through.	Feb 25, 2012 10:39 PM
1115	I have lived in both Boulder, CO and Ann Arbor. Boulder has a dynamic downtown (Pearl St area) with a mix of shops, restaurants, and services that made it more than just a place to go for dinner. We need more than just restaurants downtown!	Feb 25, 2012 10:25 PM
1116	Good dining. Safe strolling. Street entertainment.	Feb 25, 2012 10:15 PM
1117	I've enjoyed visiting D.C. (museums), Chicago, San Francisco & Paris for old architecture and restaurants. But I would not live in any of those places! Too Big City!!	Feb 25, 2012 8:52 PM
1118	Having a stroll through a square looking into shops, having a traffic free outside lunch.	Feb 25, 2012 8:44 PM
1119	Outdoor seating at restaurants and enjoying reasonably priced food and drinks and people watching.	Feb 25, 2012 8:35 PM
1120	Sorry...	Feb 25, 2012 7:59 PM
1121	Downtown Plymouth - I was able to park for free, there were numerous restaurants and small stores to choose from, and a big park with a fountain in the center. Getting in and out was easy.	Feb 25, 2012 7:16 PM
1122	Visits to college towns with nearby quiet residential areas and access to some businesses including restaurants/	Feb 25, 2012 6:14 PM
1123	Every single day in Italy. Everyone gathers at the public square in the evenings to socialize, drink, eat gelato, play games. And in the daytime, everyone is there visiting the open air market, cafes, and small locally owned businesses.	Feb 25, 2012 6:06 PM
1124	Lots of unique local businesses.	Feb 25, 2012 5:36 PM

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1125	Millenium Park in Chicago. Free cultural offerings, lots of people drawn to the area. Vibrant feeling.	Feb 25, 2012 5:25 PM
1126	Other downtowns that have provided an enjoyable experience for me, have, for the most part offered a delightful blend of historical and modern buildings with an abundant variety of retail and dining opportunities at street level in a clean and safe environment.	Feb 25, 2012 4:50 PM
1127	I am a native Ann Arborite and when I come home, I love to walk to restaurants, and cultural events. Parking is an issue, however, public transportation is easy.	Feb 25, 2012 4:18 PM
1128	I remember enjoying the ambience of the interesting shops, the variety of dining choices and watching people strolling about savoring it all. It was a nice balance between small town and big city.	Feb 25, 2012 4:18 PM
1129	The pedestrian malls in Burlington, VT, Madison, WI, and Boulder, CO, are fabulous places for tourists and families. They have a mix of chain and local retail and restaurants, places for people to gather, places for street performers, are easy to park near, pedestrian friendly, accessible by public transportation, etc.	Feb 25, 2012 4:18 PM
1130	Downtown Chicago. Staying in the Lincoln Park area. Walking to the Lincoln Park Zoo. Touring the zoo on foot. Walking to the train. Taking the train downtown. Walking around Navy Pier. Walking along the bike path on the lake. Walking in Grant Park. Walking the Mag. Mile. Walking to a reasonably priced bar to grab drinks and a light bite. Walking back to the train. Taking the train back to the Lincoln Park area. Walking to a neighborhood bar. Walking back to our friends' place, calling it a day.	Feb 25, 2012 4:04 PM
1131	I visited San Sebastian with a goal of enjoying Basque gastronomy and walking along the bay. It was great because it was extremely accessible to pedestrians (an inter-city bus dropped me eight blocks from the bay). Because the city (especially the old center) was designed for pedestrians, every block had something to hold my interest--an inviting cafe, an intriguing storefront, noteworthy public art. I arrived in the city with only lunch plans and a desire to walk along the bay, but I had no trouble occupying myself for a full day just exploring the city on foot.	Feb 25, 2012 3:25 PM
1132	In San Francisco on the waterfront (along the Embarcadero) there is always something happening. I saw a major demonstration in an open plaza, street musicians, historic boats, dined in a sidewalk cafe.	Feb 25, 2012 3:18 PM
1133	I went to a fabulous author reading and bought several books while sipping wine and eating cheese.	Feb 25, 2012 3:16 PM
1134	Can walk anywhere in NYC	Feb 25, 2012 3:07 PM
1135	Music, art and food experience outside with community members--	Feb 25, 2012 3:04 PM
1136	Great food, great music. Also, nothing beats a downtown ice rink in December	Feb 25, 2012 2:46 PM
1137	Great museums, busy foot traffic, ease of getting from place to place by public	Feb 25, 2012 2:39 PM

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	transport	
1138	Easy parking. Otherwise, I might have resisted the temptation to indulge in leisure time. Interesting shops to browse in, a casual place for lunch or coffee, restrooms available.	Feb 25, 2012 2:21 PM
1139	Downtown Chicago: great hotel, walked to restaurants, one bus ride to museum, great shopping, taxi to theater.	Feb 25, 2012 2:18 PM
1140	We were in an area that offered fine quality shopping, exquisite restaurants, close to museums and theatres, hotels, everything within walking distance. It was an enjoyable vacation- no car needed, access to everything to make a weekend delightful.	Feb 25, 2012 2:16 PM
1141	Downtown Traverse City had many stores that residents would use to buy everyday items (clothes housewares, toiletries, even hardware). The shopping opportunities made for a lively downtown.	Feb 25, 2012 2:16 PM
1142	I was enjoying NY's central park on a beautiful day.	Feb 25, 2012 2:11 PM
1143	I stay in downtown Silver Spring and during the weekend they closed off some of the small side streets for fairs or parties.	Feb 25, 2012 2:04 PM
1144	I visited Chicago and explored the various aspects of Millennium Park: the engaging sculptures like "Cloud Gate," the interactive water features, the outdoor cafe that converts to a roller/ice rink the beautiful paths and performance venues, and the direct connection to the amazing Art Institute. It was lively and there were people of all ages enjoying the spaces together.	Feb 25, 2012 1:44 PM
1145	Fine dining and great parking and tram or subway	Feb 25, 2012 1:19 PM
1146	People, easy transportation, conference center, art...all easily accessible and ALIVE.	Feb 25, 2012 1:13 PM
1147	Public art. Interactive experiences.	Feb 25, 2012 1:06 PM
1148	Toronto has several key downtown "pockets" similar to Ann Arbor, but the walks in between these areas are interesting, fun and local - each neighborhood is different and the street-level retail (so, not all parking lots) makes it fun to walk across town. I often walked 45 - 50 minutes home rather than taking transit because each new route I took brought me to interesting parts of the city with different markets, restaurants, etc.	Feb 25, 2012 1:02 PM
1149	walkin around, just popping in and out of different establishments	Feb 25, 2012 12:43 PM
1150	Downtown Denver, reduced traffic on main walkway, lots of outdoor dining and shops.	Feb 25, 2012 12:38 PM
1151	chicago-lots of outdoor art/parks/outdoor music venue to be seen/heard walking around.	Feb 25, 2012 12:31 PM
1152	lots of people, interesting architecture and gardens, eating outdoors, going quickly from home to downtown, shopping for daily needs	Feb 25, 2012 12:28 PM

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1153	always something interesting to look at...people, architecture, shop windows, galleries, culture.	Feb 25, 2012 12:22 PM
1154	Lots of small, interesting shops. Public places to sit and rest. Everything close together.	Feb 25, 2012 12:16 PM
1155	NYC at Christmas! Crowded, cold and beautiful--LOVE skating at Rockefeller Plaza	Feb 25, 2012 12:09 PM
1156	Walking and exploring Downtown. The hotels were extremely inviting with cafes, and coffee shops. Fountain Square is a great place for a snack or lite lunch, and talking. Fireworks added a spectacular finale to the evening.	Feb 25, 2012 12:02 PM
1157	The river walk in San Antonio comes to mind. Of course , the area in question is not on the river, but that atmosphere is desirable	Feb 25, 2012 11:57 AM
1158	Closed streets to allow for more pedestrians in the area for festivals or open air shopping nights.	Feb 25, 2012 11:54 AM
1159	I'm from Chicago originally so my "downtown" experience is quite different than what is offered in AA. That said, I think Ann Arbor should continue compete to stay a small intimate town feel, with unique shops and restaurants, vs. nation chains. AA will never be able to compete with larger cities for tourism, but it should try to retain and build its character as a high quality unique place in MI.	Feb 25, 2012 11:50 AM
1160	I've enjoyed meals at different restaurants in Travers City.	Feb 25, 2012 11:40 AM
1161	finding a bench to sit downtown and talk with friends	Feb 25, 2012 11:36 AM
1162	dublin	Feb 25, 2012 11:25 AM
1163	interactive, interesting downtown mall with side walk cafes, boutiques and performance venues. (think Lincoln Ave in South Beach, FL.	Feb 25, 2012 11:20 AM
1164	Model Chicago, Boston, Athens, NYC. Chi has museum campus, Boston commons, Athens plaka, NYC central park. Reasons for being there are many, not one, walkable, open space, anchors are all critical!! Chi - Millennium Park, Boston - Commons, NYC - Central Park, Athens - Plaka. Library Lot is it for A2...choose wisely!!	Feb 25, 2012 11:15 AM
1165	I really enjoyed downtown Walnut Creek, CA. It has a lot of shops, festivals, restaurants, and public art. It had good walkability and lots of people milling around eating, shopping, and just being involved in the community.	Feb 25, 2012 11:14 AM
1166	Walking to shops and dining. It was great because the focus was on an environment that was friendly and inviting to the patron. Free parking is offered in many places, no begging and it all adds up to a much friendlier place to visit.	Feb 25, 2012 10:55 AM
1167	The ability to walk the entire visit.	Feb 25, 2012 10:51 AM
1168	Attended festival where there were many indoor & out door venues for live music over the course of 3 days - similar to the Ann Arbor Art fairs but with live music of all types	Feb 25, 2012 10:43 AM

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1169	Pedestrian friendly atmosphere. Get rid of confrontational cops wearing their stomping boots.	Feb 25, 2012 10:41 AM
1170	Barcelona's Los Ramblas; Ithaca's pedestrian downtown mall, NY Central Park, Seattle Pike Street Market,	Feb 25, 2012 10:39 AM
1171	We took a vacation in downtown Chicago. We parked our car and either walked or rode public transit for three days while we saw the sights, shopped, etc.	Feb 25, 2012 10:08 AM
1172	Say lots of different people having fun.	Feb 25, 2012 10:01 AM
1173	Walking on the busy sidewalk and running into friends. It was a great experience to see so many people walking downtown and socializing	Feb 25, 2012 10:01 AM
1174	Walking downtown wwith closed off streets for a mall	Feb 25, 2012 10:00 AM
1175	dinning, attending a performance	Feb 25, 2012 9:56 AM
1176	Walking for days through NYC. Seeing people, shops, restaurants, shows, cabs, subways, carriages and lots of neon.	Feb 25, 2012 9:47 AM
1177	Pearl St in Boulder. Central Park. Downtown skating rinks.	Feb 25, 2012 9:39 AM
1178	Chicago's Millennium Park In July 2011. Free symphony playing in a really cool band shell. Lots of people listening, buying food, kids running around. No cars.	Feb 25, 2012 9:36 AM
1179	Easy parking.	Feb 25, 2012 9:33 AM
1180	Walking to a music performance and having dinner.	Feb 25, 2012 9:14 AM
1181	Walking around areas of Manhattan and literally hundreds of interesting and inexpensive restaurants to choose from for an exciting meal. It was like visiting the world in a few square miles. The food was AUTHENTIC. And the retail was full of all kinds of practical choices for purchase.	Feb 25, 2012 9:03 AM
1182	Downtown Chicago.	Feb 25, 2012 8:59 AM
1183	Our last trip to Chicago, rode the el around the Loop, went to the art museum, had lunch and dinner at a couple of nice restaurants, took a walking architecture tour. Very nice time.	Feb 25, 2012 8:54 AM
1184	I got to see beautiful homes, a sense of neighborhoods, places to interact with my family, open spaces and green spaces downtown where my family and I could have fun.	Feb 25, 2012 8:49 AM
1185	Visually attractive [architecture, landscape, well maintained]; see a variety of people with options for diversions and food	Feb 25, 2012 8:48 AM
1186	i liked toronto in the early 80's. there was something easy/relaxed/fun about that town. the winters are tough to deal with, and providing a draw to city spaces is pretty tough though! i'm in mpl's/st. paul and they fail miserably in bringing people downtown(s).	Feb 25, 2012 7:08 AM

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1187	Historic areas filled with people during the day shopping and attending art performances or dining in the evening--Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, Saratoga Springs, Portland (ME), Cleveland, Raleigh, Spokane, ...	Feb 25, 2012 6:31 AM
1188	Beer. Good food. Friends. Social atmosphere.	Feb 25, 2012 6:27 AM
1189	I really like downtown Boulder - there are areas that are closed to cars so it's easier for pedestrians to get around and eat outside in a quieter (traffic-free) environment. There are also a lot of independent boutiques - it's not all franchises - which I really enjoy.	Feb 25, 2012 5:49 AM
1190	I love walking the skyways of downtown Minneapolis or the underground of Toronto.	Feb 25, 2012 3:22 AM
1191	dont know really	Feb 25, 2012 2:54 AM
1192	pedestrian mall---family friendly, no car fumes, more pleasant outdoor eating	Feb 25, 2012 2:18 AM
1193	Downtown Royal Oak - Music Theater, late night retail shopping, restaurants, roof top bars,	Feb 25, 2012 2:14 AM
1194	Food, Bars and Dancing	Feb 25, 2012 1:57 AM
1195	Everything I needed was available and in an interesting setting.	Feb 25, 2012 1:46 AM
1196	One thing we don't have in Ann Arbor but is prevalent in Chicago and New York is the bar on the corner of a street that is very social and open air in the summertime. What I mean is the doors are open and inviting instead of closed. I like visiting The Arena on Washington Street, but it's a corner bar with a closed environment in which passersby cannot see what's occurring. Bars are great, but we also need more things to do in this area that do not involve eating or alcoholic beverages.	Feb 25, 2012 12:46 AM
1197	Listening to an ad hoc drum circle on in Tempe Arizona in 2000. Bumped into 5 or 6 friends passing by. Loved the feeling of being somewhere, and being somewhere that tolerated ad hoc performance art and a beautiful mix of rich and poor subcultures.	Feb 25, 2012 12:27 AM
1198	I love walking around various neighborhoods in NYC, particularly the East and West Village and the Upper West Side. I like looking into illuminated apartments and seeing how people live; I like reading restaurant menus; I like people-watching.	Feb 24, 2012 11:50 PM
1199	Plazas, small unusual shops, music	Feb 24, 2012 11:45 PM
1200	Strolling around New Orleans, eating in many diverse restaurants and cafes, hearing great music at Preservation Hall and the National Park Service Visitor Center, viewing the river and visiting a casino. There was quite a bit of street music also. We stayed in a fancy old hotel right downtown.	Feb 24, 2012 11:25 PM
1201	Walking along Lake Michigan, by Michigan Ave., in Chicago, between the Navy Pier and the Shedd Aquarium. Wonderful walking space with great view.	Feb 24, 2012 11:08 PM

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1202	I love Portland's outdoor markets -- both farmer's and artists. They're huge, vibrant, allow dogs (which made it easy to walk downtown from where we were staying as opposed to driving), and carried a lot of current offerings. Portland's brew & view movie theaters are also awesome.	Feb 24, 2012 11:08 PM
1203	Veteran's Day Parade Harbor Drive, San Diego taking the clean trolley from Mission Valley, historical city applauding military.	Feb 24, 2012 11:06 PM
1204	Sitting out, people watching	Feb 24, 2012 11:01 PM
1205	Paris, Rome, London.	Feb 24, 2012 11:01 PM
1206	Toronto had a variety of shops and affordable restaurants. I could easily have dinner and attend a show for less than 30 dollars there.	Feb 24, 2012 10:50 PM
1207	open public spaces, street vendors, random interactions, late night stores and restaurants	Feb 24, 2012 10:44 PM
1208	Green, walkable spaces. People who live in the same area where they do their everyday shopping.	Feb 24, 2012 10:41 PM
1209	New York City, just being amongst people	Feb 24, 2012 10:40 PM
1210	Dinner and browsing /shopping in Royal Oak before the 10 pm show at Royal Oak Music Theater	Feb 24, 2012 10:20 PM
1211	Portland, Oregon has an inviting downtown.	Feb 24, 2012 10:19 PM
1212	Buildings were attractive, streets of manageable size, limited auto traffic but lots of foot traffic, retail stores where people can buy real things (veggies, fruit, bread, cheese) and services, easy mass transit to other areas.	Feb 24, 2012 10:12 PM
1213	casually walking around with friends and window shopping, grabbing something to eat	Feb 24, 2012 10:06 PM
1214	Eating dinner outside...without cars!	Feb 24, 2012 9:59 PM
1215	Sight-seeing boat trip up the Chicago River while famous architecture was pointed out and explained.	Feb 24, 2012 9:55 PM
1216	Safety for women at night	Feb 24, 2012 9:50 PM
1217	Easily walkable, lots of interesting and unique shops to check out	Feb 24, 2012 9:40 PM
1218	I love the many parks and places to stop and take a break in London.	Feb 24, 2012 9:35 PM
1219	There were lots of options for street level shopping and multiple cultural attractions. The more people the downtown area attracts the more bustling and vibrant it seems!	Feb 24, 2012 9:29 PM
1220	Walking the streets of PAris.	Feb 24, 2012 9:24 PM
1221	superb dining, in comfortable well designed outdoor setting surrounded by fined	Feb 24, 2012 9:12 PM

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	architectre and in as well as cultural insitutions	
1222	Boardwalk on the river	Feb 24, 2012 9:08 PM
1223	I drove downtown and parked in a convenient, reasonably-priced parking structure. I walked a short distance to a great restaurant, a great movie theater, and then stopped to browse at a great bookstore afterwards. The place was well-lit and felt safe and the sidewalks were full of other people enjoying the city as I was. (The city was Ann Arbor, 10 years ago!)	Feb 24, 2012 9:03 PM
1224	Art Prize in Grand Rapids was really awesome - it showcased the town more than simply focusing on art. I enjoy looking at interesting buildings in whatever city I visit, with lots of architectural details rather than plain, modern styles.	Feb 24, 2012 8:58 PM
1225	It was at a city on the shoreline of Lake Michigan, and I enjoyed walking around and getting a bite to eat at a good but not pretentious restaurant.	Feb 24, 2012 8:54 PM
1226	Brisbane, Australia- very walkable with a riverfront, botanical garden, university (like us), train station, grocery stores, etc. Some streets are pedestrian only malls. Busses, autos, and bikes have their own segregated lanes, coupled with round-a-bouts, made traffic efficient and safe for pedestrians. Open-air storefronts brought the outside indoors. Beautiful historic buildings were repurposed, rather than torn down for "cheap" construction. There were multiple "central common areas" (parks, gardens, squares) that encouraged people/families to gather and stay, not just shop, eat and go home-you felt at home there. The train station river taxis were downtown adding to the ease of access. Make the city attractive and convenient, and people will come! No need for 401 restaurants...this brings stability.	Feb 24, 2012 8:42 PM
1227	Downtown Plymouth, interesting places to shop plus restaurants and bars in all price ranges. Not an over abundance of restaurants like AA.	Feb 24, 2012 8:37 PM
1228	Chicago -- Millenium Park. Bumped into a lesser-known skating rink and creative play structure; enjoyed fountain and art and plantings and people-watching and exploring.	Feb 24, 2012 8:35 PM
1229	Browsing small shops, downtown shopping arcades, and dining at unique bars and restaurants. Variety in the architecture many repurposed building, gardens and sculptures. It was visually stimulating and socially friendly.	Feb 24, 2012 8:16 PM
1230	Alexandria, Va. Work/play trip this week. Clean, well-preserved, manicured, very safe, abundance and variety of retail and gastronomy, easy parking, easy public transport access points.	Feb 24, 2012 8:11 PM
1231	Walking, eating, shopping in pleasant surroundings with interesting things to see and do.	Feb 24, 2012 8:08 PM
1232	Sitting outdoors with friends in a high-traffic area and running into other friends was great due to the social interaction.	Feb 24, 2012 8:06 PM
1233	walking by unique shops and restaurants, popping in and out, lots of people walking around, stopping in museums. Great because of variety, uniqueness,	Feb 24, 2012 8:03 PM

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	mix of fun, food, educational/art, interesting people	
1234	shopping in downtown Chicago	Feb 24, 2012 7:53 PM
1235	Downtown Paris: This city places great emphasis on its cultural and architectural heritage in its built environment. There, emphasis is placed on reuse of existing buildings that were built at a time when people lived as we wish to today (not reliant on cars, proximity to work and play, density, vibrant local business). Paris takes special care to retain its historic feel. There are very few buildings over 10 stories yet the city is incredibly dense (Paris packs 54,000 people/sq mile!). We should develop a downtown were the buildings are human scale and where we take pains to preserve our history and architectural heritage (aka not City Place, or City Hall).	Feb 24, 2012 7:41 PM
1236	museum then lunch in vancouver	Feb 24, 2012 7:40 PM
1237	Open public space with fountains (in summer), seating around perimeter, and food street vendors, ice skating in winter	Feb 24, 2012 7:36 PM
1238	Sightseeing in Bolzano Italy and Girona Spain in the pedestrian only plazas. No CARS. Interesting shops and architecture.	Feb 24, 2012 7:25 PM
1239	You could do a lot of fun stuff for free or for cheap! Then once I was done I spent money having more fun eating and drinking!	Feb 24, 2012 7:22 PM
1240	Chicago, with CIA open late, filled with visitors, an active scene with a cross-downtown art display, lots of people walking outside.	Feb 24, 2012 7:18 PM
1241	I was in Madison for the winter festival, the streets were closed to cars. It was nice to be in a pedestrian only downtown area where you couldn't hear cars and could enjoy the outdoors while being downtown.	Feb 24, 2012 7:16 PM
1242	First off parking was easy and affordable/free in the evening. We were able to get dinner, go to our event and then to grab a drink after all by parking in the one spot and walking around.	Feb 24, 2012 7:16 PM
1243	The great downtown times have always been in much larger cities. Interesting independent retail, food markets, bars and restaurants side by side. Neighborhood vibe changing within a few blocks.	Feb 24, 2012 7:14 PM
1244	shopping at independent boutiques, small food vendors and street food	Feb 24, 2012 7:08 PM
1245	Going to a talk at the Michigan Theater and drinks; Historic building in walking/biking distance of home (1.5m)	Feb 24, 2012 7:06 PM
1246	shopping & strolling at Sights and Sounds in summer in Chelsea	Feb 24, 2012 7:04 PM
1247	Wandering into stores that had interesting window displays, grabbing lunch or dinner at a cafe, meeting friends for drinks at a pub, and even though it's late at night on a weekend, still being able to take the bus home.	Feb 24, 2012 7:02 PM
1248	eating outside at Prickly Pear during the spring time.	Feb 24, 2012 6:58 PM

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1249	Went to downtown Detroit, went to the Fox then dinner at Roast. Loved the buildings and excitement, as long as we didn't stray into the 'bad' areas.	Feb 24, 2012 6:57 PM
1250	Walking around going in and out of all the different retail shops. Stopping for a bite to eat or a drink, then head off to the aquarium/museum (by foot).	Feb 24, 2012 6:55 PM
1251	easy access, people out in streets	Feb 24, 2012 6:51 PM
1252	Downtown street closed to traffic permanently . Able to walk and enjoy outdoor dining with no traffic	Feb 24, 2012 6:48 PM
1253	Attended a state-wide conference in Kalamazoo recently--was able to take Amtrak to the downtown-adjacent transit center and walk to the hotel/conference center. Since the conference center was downtown, we were able to easily get out and explore the restaurants and businesses downtown during breaks and in the evening, as well as take walks through the nearby historic neighborhoods and parks.	Feb 24, 2012 6:48 PM
1254	A wide range of interesting, diverse retail stores NOT geared to the college-age population.	Feb 24, 2012 6:45 PM
1255	Just being in NYC, Detroit, OKC, San Francisco, DC. All exciting, and MUCH MUCH bigger.	Feb 24, 2012 6:45 PM
1256	Outdoor, limited traffic with lots of interesting things to do. You can visit every week and feel like there are new interesting things to do.	Feb 24, 2012 6:44 PM
1257	It starts with good pubic transportation because for me, a good time sometimes involves drinking. I enjoy people watching so being able to sit at a sidewalk cafe with a glass of wine and good friends means a lot.,	Feb 24, 2012 6:42 PM
1258	Eating at an outdoor cafe with family, people watching, enjoying great food.	Feb 24, 2012 6:40 PM
1259	Good weather, no panhandlers. Just enjoying the ambience, eating outside.	Feb 24, 2012 6:39 PM
1260	Anytime I am able to meet friends easily for a dinner, concert, cultural event, etc., it is a good downtown experience. To me, this means access to easy and affordable transportation or parking, a diversity of dining and entertainment options, a walkable and street-level feel, and uniqueness rather than a commercial look. An organic and natural feel of shops like Middle Kingdom and the Crazy Wisdom Tea Room beat planned/developed/commercial/manufactured New Urbanism any day. It has the right idea, but ends up feeling a bit forced and unnatural.	Feb 24, 2012 6:37 PM
1261	Look at other great downtowns, such as Naperville, Il or Madison, WI. Both have a high mix of business types styles, as well as residential options.	Feb 24, 2012 6:28 PM
1262	Strolling through downtown area with ice cream	Feb 24, 2012 6:26 PM
1263	Northville. Wide heated sidewalks -- no slush and mess.	Feb 24, 2012 6:25 PM
1264	In downtown Columbus, I saw a movie, then spent the afternoon walking around, eating ice cream, and shopping in boutiques. It was a lot of fun because there	Feb 24, 2012 6:25 PM

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	were so many interesting stores and it was a lively, safe environment. In downtown Brighton, I went to a nice dinner with my boyfriend, then walked around a small lake. I enjoyed it because it was romantic and it was a really nice, picturesque setting.	
1265	The best city in the world is Paris, France - walkable and full of delights. New York comes in a close second, followed by San Francisco	Feb 24, 2012 6:24 PM
1266	Walking down Austin's 6th St. music and bar scene was fun due to the huge selection of music, restaurants and bars.	Feb 24, 2012 6:21 PM
1267	Drove on smooth streets. Lane markings were apparent. Bike lanes were debris and pothole free. Bike lanes built according to standards.	Feb 24, 2012 6:13 PM
1268	I took my elementary aged children to a summer festival in Saline downtown. There were countless child friendly things for them to do. For example, a sculptor showing how she makes pottery, a free trolley tour, tents with activities. Most notably there was a kids play area with games and little prizes. They had a great time there, especially in a child designated area. There were also contests they entered, such as an egg toss and a unicycle race. They greatly enjoyed those as well.	Feb 24, 2012 6:12 PM
1269	Chicago, Large Buildings, Lots to do, lots of attractions and people. Chicago has many family activities, sports (major & minor leagues), and really cool museums. Chicago has lots of transportation choices to get around like bus, subway, train, and more.	Feb 24, 2012 6:10 PM
1270	Road bikes downtown. Great dinner with street entertainment later.	Feb 24, 2012 6:07 PM
1271	Downtown Chicago, shopped for dinner ingredients, made breakfast at apt. within walking distance. Went to museum on subway.	Feb 24, 2012 6:07 PM
1272	Walking around San Antonio Texas, a sense of history and lots of focus on foot traffic.	Feb 24, 2012 6:02 PM
1273	Chicago mag mile is great with shops, hotels, restaurants, entertainment. You can hop out your hotel and be entertained all day.	Feb 24, 2012 6:01 PM
1274	Eating a great meal with friends or spouse or family and enjoying the sense of community or quirkiness of Ann Arbor	Feb 24, 2012 5:58 PM
1275	One of my favorite things to do downtown is often go out and get a bite to eat, walk around maybe check out a shop or two that I haven't been in or haven't check out in a while. Make my way across town over to pinball petes and kill time there before I usually catch a bus ride home back to Ypsilanti.	Feb 24, 2012 5:56 PM
1276	touring historic buildings in downtown Chicago. Great because of their huge variety and quality and Millennium Park.	Feb 24, 2012 5:56 PM
1277	I liked Madison, WI. There were a lot of things you could walk to.	Feb 24, 2012 5:52 PM
1278	atmosphere, busy hub, cultural things going on, good food, good service, good company	Feb 24, 2012 5:52 PM

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1279	stuffed from dinner outside on a beautiful summer day, and walking it off by window shopping.	Feb 24, 2012 5:52 PM
1280	Walking Chicago waterfront, millenium plaza. Intersting places to walk, mix of art and nature.	Feb 24, 2012 5:51 PM
1281	I can remember great times in downtown Holland, MI. Perhaps because it was a weekend, there was little vehicle traffic. The air was fresh and the weather was beautiful. Many of the streets were limited to two lanes. On-street parking and street trees meant that pedestrians were very far from the roadway. Benches and art sculptures added interest to the scenery. Another great memory is walking through Sparks Street in Ottawa, Canada. It is a street that was converted from a regular road to a pedestrian-only zone. It has been a great success and my family had a great time in the part of downtown.	Feb 24, 2012 5:50 PM
1282	easy access to venue, wide sidewalks so no belching of exhaust while I was eating, no panhandlers	Feb 24, 2012 5:49 PM
1283	Any time I did not have to park in a parking structure. They can make one feel quite isolated, especially in the elevators/stairwells, and the tension that comes with that takes away from the good time that I had.	Feb 24, 2012 5:48 PM
1284	Dining outdoors and shopping at quirky retailers are always enjoyable.	Feb 24, 2012 5:46 PM
1285	Ferry Building Farmers Market in San Francisco. Regular trips during the work week for lunch. Bustling with people, attractive architecture, public transit, always bumping into friends, _amazing_ food -- both prepared and produce.	Feb 24, 2012 5:46 PM
1286	eating a lot of ice cream and going to the beach	Feb 24, 2012 5:45 PM
1287	San Francisco-- wonderful public transportation, beautiful mix of residential and commercial properties, great sidewalks, good level of density.	Feb 24, 2012 5:44 PM
1288	When I lived in Bethesda, MD, I used to hang around downtown (as did many) on summer evenings because there were several fountain areas (not large parks, just areas to gather) and tons of shops/restaurants/bookstores, etc., easily accessible by foot from my apartment (and from downtown hotels).	Feb 24, 2012 5:43 PM
1289	Walking to see the city - there were places to sit and talk both public and private sitting places and plazas, public toilets, cover from sun and rain, public transit every few minutes. Growing green around buildings.	Feb 24, 2012 5:43 PM
1290	I am a member of a young professionals group that meets for happy hours in downtown Detroit. These are a great way to meet new people, and you have a chance to talk about the city. Nobody talks about Ann Arbor in that way.	Feb 24, 2012 5:40 PM
1291	It was ArtPrize in Grand Rapids--it was fun for all the reasons you might imagine--creativity, a diverse urban environment, lots of options for dining, and a sense of participating in something interesting and big.	Feb 24, 2012 5:40 PM
1292	In another town, an ethnic food fair with booths lining the closed main street. It was a great shared community celebration.	Feb 24, 2012 5:39 PM

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1293	I have this experience every time I go to downtown Birmingham. I would LOVE to see Ann Arbor replicate some of the sights and attractions of there!	Feb 24, 2012 5:36 PM
1294	pedestrian streets for pleasant outdoor dining and socializing. interesting shops and cafes.	Feb 24, 2012 5:34 PM
1295	Pittsburgh, interesting old buildings and river.	Feb 24, 2012 5:33 PM
1296	Interactive water feature for kids to play in on the pedestrian mall. Surrounded by shops, restaurants and a hotel.	Feb 24, 2012 5:31 PM
1297	Sitting in a grassy area listening to live music.	Feb 24, 2012 5:31 PM
1298	Pretty much any European city- large and small. Lots of opportunities to stroll and look at interesting architecture and other sites, stop at a sidewalk cafe and watch the world go by....plenty of pedestrian only streets with lots of shops and restaurants.	Feb 24, 2012 5:30 PM
1299	I shopped and ate a great meal in Portland Maine.	Feb 24, 2012 5:27 PM
1300	Outdoor dining on the Plymouth town square while watching live music in the park every Friday night in the summer.	Feb 24, 2012 5:26 PM
1301	Walking distance from home, ran into friends, had great dinner and drinks.	Feb 24, 2012 5:24 PM
1302	Sitting in the sunshine in chairs set out by the neighborhood in Little Italy and watching the tourists flocking past.	Feb 24, 2012 5:24 PM
1303	Interesting buildings, great sense of place, felt urban and not semi-urban, like Ann Arbor often does.	Feb 24, 2012 5:23 PM
1304	Visiting Portland - compact neighborhoods and access to everyday retail necessities, lots of people on sidewalks 24/7, lots of fun cultural activities - easy access to transit for spur of the moment trips.	Feb 24, 2012 5:00 PM
1305	In Portland, Oregon, where I lived for several years the downtown has plentiful grocery stores, a transit mall for convenient public transportation access, and much new affordable housing.	Feb 24, 2012 4:56 PM
1306	Loved Washington DC because it connects diverse neighborhoods with accessible transit.	Feb 24, 2012 4:38 PM
1307	I went bowling.	Feb 24, 2012 4:19 PM
1308	Top of the Park. Listening to music, watching performances, our kids playing, eating dinner on the grass with friends from out of town.	Feb 24, 2012 4:14 PM
1309	Difficult -- I'm from NYC originally, and all else kind of pales in comparison. However: mixed residential, food, and shopping is important.	Feb 24, 2012 3:52 PM
1310	Streets and plazas without cars / different coffee shops, markets, bakeries Barcelona. Dancing in the streets Rio de Janeiro/	Feb 24, 2012 3:08 PM

Page 4, Q10. Are you able to get the same experience in downtown Ann Arbor? Why or why not?

1	I think Ann Arbor has some assemblance of this. A bike rental program could be a great way to boost non-Car transportation options while not being forced to build additional parking options. I also wish that there were more healthy eating options near main street that weren't just flavorless vegetarian food.	Mar 13, 2012 3:10 PM
2	Not in downtown but maybe at DTE brownfield on the Huron Rivre	Mar 13, 2012 2:55 PM
3	Sure - e.g. Artini 2012 - walking between downtown bars/restaurants with friends; and eating outdoors in Main street during the Summer. However other than Main street, you can't really have the experience elsewhere.	Mar 13, 2012 12:12 PM
4	I live near downtown, so I see different things than when I visit another city on vacation. In the past several years, after returning from other cities, I notice ways in which we could do better. We need to support our retail(Midnight madness needs to have free parking). We probably need one anchor retail in each area---losing Borders was a big deal---it looks like the owners are willing to break up the space to get the rent they want. We could return to a community policing mindset--encouraging shopkeepers/restaurant folks to be out cleaning the sidewalks and the rest of us to pick up our trash. We need to maintain a greater sense of community.	Mar 13, 2012 12:09 PM
5	Yes	Mar 13, 2012 11:43 AM
6	Sometimes. Parking is hard to come by, and is more expensive than many cities--big and small	Mar 13, 2012 10:22 AM
7	Town size is more limiting	Mar 13, 2012 9:29 AM
8	ann arbor does provide that opportunity, although it is a smaller city than some that came to mind for the previous question. walkability OK, but sometimes the streetscape can be a bit monotonous.	Mar 13, 2012 1:51 AM
9	No the performance network used to have some of those qualities.	Mar 12, 2012 11:42 PM
10	Ann Arbor already has plenty of shops, restaurants, and art venues. We need public green space right downtown. It cannot be done on the scale of Central Park or any of the other great city parks, but Ann Arbor is also a small town, which deserves a small town center. A privatized experience (e.g. a cafe) is not the same thing, and is in any case already plentiful in this part of the city.	Mar 12, 2012 11:25 PM
11	no, there isn't a park area downtown	Mar 12, 2012 10:58 PM
12	Yes	Mar 12, 2012 10:30 PM
13	Yes, see above.	Mar 12, 2012 9:01 PM
14	yes of course.....except without the water front! Ann Arbor also gives the small community feel and a strong sense of safety	Mar 12, 2012 8:58 PM
15	Not any more: Borders closed, no Scottish shop, Nicola's is in a mall.	Mar 12, 2012 8:19 PM
16	No! It's too Chicago, NYC like with the new buildings,	Mar 12, 2012 8:17 PM
17	Not as much. More of the above needed.	Mar 12, 2012 7:42 PM

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18	No. There is no public space. Bike lanes are insufficient to get downtown safely. Too many cars. I've had the BEST TIMES when the streets have been closed to cars during festivals.	Mar 12, 2012 7:39 PM
19	Well, sort of. There's a decent mix of downtown businesses, but it ends up feeling more like Santa Fe's downtown, which seems overly touristy. We're not near that level of crassness, but I would like to see a continued presence of places for real people.	Mar 12, 2012 7:28 PM
20	To a smaller degree.	Mar 12, 2012 6:32 PM
21	No. Different size.	Mar 12, 2012 6:31 PM
22	Nope not enough retail nothing really unique for me to do or see unless there is a specific show or entertainment event going on	Mar 12, 2012 6:27 PM
23	no. Main St. is much too high priced--geared to the wealthy & tourists for expensive food. Find a way to serve moderate income Ann Arborites!!	Mar 12, 2012 5:29 PM
24	The place I like to shop downtown is N. 4th Avenue, Detroit Street, N. 5th Ave. PFC Food Co-op, Ann Arbor Farmers market, the Kerrytown shops and cafes, Treasure Mart and Zingerman's. I go there twice a week year round. I used to go to Seva and Jerusalem Garden but stopped going ever since the UG parking was started.	Mar 12, 2012 5:26 PM
25	Not right now... we don't have public gardens, or enough bookstores.	Mar 12, 2012 5:22 PM
26	No, we need a pedestrian mall. Why is this so hard to understand? We have alleys where all of the businesses of Main St can have their products delivered. Also...there was an ordinance that forbade large trucks on Main St. I see them all the time. We are so out of touch with other fine cities!!!!	Mar 12, 2012 5:06 PM
27	Not yet City government needs to strongly support non-motorized transportation	Mar 12, 2012 4:56 PM
28	YES. Everyday, I go to Community highschool, more places for leisure are better for all types of students.	Mar 12, 2012 4:55 PM
29	no - too much traffic/congestion, not enough walking/outdoor space	Mar 12, 2012 4:31 PM
30	No, because of the cars. I love when the streets are closed down for the 4h of July parade, though.	Mar 12, 2012 4:29 PM
31	Yes, although more options along the same lines are excellent and provide increased competition and innovation - also, as in Chicago, local flavor is often displaced by national chains which lack character and drain resources out of the community.	Mar 12, 2012 4:09 PM
32	On campus, yes, but not downtown Ann Arbor. I love the University atmosphere and environment, but would also like an area that feels like a cultural/event center with the flavor of Ann Arbor.	Mar 12, 2012 4:05 PM
33	There is no space available for such interactions. Liberty park is a disaster area.	Mar 12, 2012 4:03 PM
34	No. Because the City insists that we locate parks outside of the core downtown	Mar 12, 2012 3:52 PM

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	area.	
35	Well we don't have a great lake near town but we can encourage more people downtown to walk if there were more green spaces.	Mar 12, 2012 3:39 PM
36	yes	Mar 12, 2012 3:38 PM
37	No parks downtown	Mar 12, 2012 3:11 PM
38	No, not enough people, largely a mono culture, crowded with automobiles instead of people.	Mar 12, 2012 3:06 PM
39	No, part of it has to do with unpredictable weather. Also,parking can be problematic.	Mar 12, 2012 2:59 PM
40	Not really. I have attended Occupy meetings in Liberty Plaza. It was great to gather with people with a new vision of the world but the space at Liberty seems cold and forces people to separate instead of come together. It would be nice to have some grass to sit on with a group of friends.	Mar 12, 2012 2:50 PM
41	On a smaller scale, mostly "yes", although the increasing tourist/student orientation + unattractive/non-complementary new high rises makes us seem more and more like Downtown Disneyland, and less of a real downtown serving a real community.	Mar 12, 2012 2:15 PM
42	No. There is almost no practical shopping left in the city limits. The city increasingly makes it more and more difficult to drive in the downtown area and Main Street Ventures seems to own most every restaurant in town.	Mar 12, 2012 2:13 PM
43	We are able to get a similar experience cept for the ratio of shops to restaurants is a little depressing. We have Mark's Carts which is a great beginning but it's so expensive and too small an area.	Mar 12, 2012 2:02 PM
44	Yes Ann Arbor has much to offer and I feel at home here.	Mar 12, 2012 1:55 PM
45	Ann Arbor's a great place but needs more public art. Let's put an end to some many "high rise" buildings.	Mar 12, 2012 1:50 PM
46	What a nightmare the project has been next to the library. I have avoided that area and the inconvenience. Ann Arbor's families would welcome more downtown park space/gathering spaces.	Mar 12, 2012 1:49 PM
47	No. Very little, if any, green space within the downtown area.	Mar 12, 2012 1:38 PM
48	We have the elements of a great downtown in different locations. Maybe we can make Mark's Carts more prominent in a new park setting with some kind of interactive children's area or fountain.	Mar 12, 2012 1:27 PM
49	sometimes	Mar 12, 2012 1:14 PM
50	yes we need to increase business and retail connection from State Street to Main St.	Mar 12, 2012 1:13 PM
51	Sidewalk dining-yes, public square-no	Mar 12, 2012 12:50 PM

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52	The shopping side is getting out of balance with the number of restaurants.	Mar 12, 2012 12:16 PM
53	No. No central park area with green space.	Mar 12, 2012 12:06 PM
54	Somewhat.	Mar 12, 2012 11:26 AM
55	Sometimes, but the spaces are so limited. There is no one space where everyone can congregate and watch a musical presentation or something happening on a stage.	Mar 12, 2012 11:11 AM
56	Somewhat. Not enough green space. Too many restaurant crowds on Main Street. Too many uninteresting national chain/franchise businesses on State Street. My favorite part of downtown is the Kerrytown 4th Ave. area. Interesting local businesses, opportunity to shop for local food/groceries, Farmer's Market, walking distance to neighborhoods, parks and the river.	Mar 12, 2012 11:00 AM
57	Not as much room here for year-round outdoor dining and not enough downtown residences to create 24-hour population.	Mar 12, 2012 10:44 AM
58	Yes, typically.	Mar 12, 2012 10:36 AM
59	No. Housing/downtown living is not affordable here for mid-income professionals (~\$55,000/year). Public transit does not function well - getting anywhere after 7pm is impossible, and for those of us who can't afford to live downtown, it means that we can't safely visit it for evening drinking/entertainment either. Restaurants shut down their kitchens early (~10pm), delivery is not available from most restaurants, and only drunk college students seem to populate the streets throughout the night.	Mar 12, 2012 10:08 AM
60	We don't have a downtown Park	Mar 11, 2012 11:58 PM
61	Yes, but in a diminishing way. Long-standing local businesses are closing, chain penetration is increasing, Retail/restaurant balance is not being maintained. Everyday retailers (grocers, tailors, hardware, etc.) are needed to maintain/optimize downtown living.	Mar 11, 2012 11:50 PM
62	No, but Ann Arbor is still great in its own way. Apples to Oranges.	Mar 11, 2012 10:26 PM
63	NO - their is a strong resistance to diversity of neighborhoods and downtown housing	Mar 11, 2012 10:19 PM
64	Keeping the parking rates reasonable - and free after 6 - is helpful. Main Street has become almost unaffordable with so many high end shops and restaurants.	Mar 11, 2012 10:00 PM
65	There is no focal point to downtown Ann Arbor. Currently it is a hodgepodge of streets and buildings of no visual interest. No overall plan to develop a center to our community.	Mar 11, 2012 8:28 PM
66	Not exactly, hangouts are separated. Summer festival gets the closest to the feeling of "being somewhere" over "going somewhere."	Mar 11, 2012 6:48 PM
67	No...it is not easy to get there from outside other areas or from within without a car and parking is expensive. It is a shame that revenue has become so important that a downtown has been ruined with a CVS, Five guys hamburger	Mar 11, 2012 6:33 PM

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	and 7-11. We need an independent pharmacy and restaurants like Jerusalem Garden.	
68	Yes, but it is restricted to sidewalks and coffee shops.	Mar 11, 2012 5:30 PM
69	There is no comparable open space in downtown Ann Arbor except the poorly designed Liberty Plaza. This space should be redesigned and linked to a Library Green Plaza to accommodate the increased pedestrian traffic created by the new underground parking garage.	Mar 11, 2012 4:57 PM
70	Closest probably Farmer;s Market	Mar 11, 2012 4:23 PM
71	No, there is nothing like that in Ann Arbor, unfortunately, unless the streets are closed down for Art Fair, there simply isn't a compelling gathering place of that caliber.	Mar 11, 2012 3:19 PM
72	No	Mar 11, 2012 2:11 PM
73	No to many streets and cars	Mar 11, 2012 1:48 PM
74	The downtown restaurants are expensive and mediocre. Parking is a major hassle. (I am not going to stop on Main street to purchase, say, a greeting card, and pay the same amount to park. No women's clothing stores. Ayla is quite forbidding. Nothing for children. No beautiful plantings.	Mar 11, 2012 1:09 PM
75	Not entirely, because the variety of uses concentrated in downtown are limited.	Mar 11, 2012 1:08 PM
76	Given the smaller size of Ann Arbor it could be a greater experience than in larger cities. However, it feels congested with cars and ugly parking structures. I can and do use public transportation to go downtown but judging from the cars on downtown streets, most people choose to drive their cars. Connecting walking and bike trails would perhaps induce more people to leave their cars at home, or at least not use them in the near downtown areas.	Mar 11, 2012 11:39 AM
77	To a degree, kerrytown provides a similar experience on farm market days but more of a park integrated into the space possibly with gardens would make it more of a tourist place rather than only retail.	Mar 11, 2012 12:36 AM
78	Yes, There are a lots of restaurants.	Mar 10, 2012 11:23 PM
79	No, for obvious reasons. A2's a small town.	Mar 10, 2012 11:16 PM
80	A bit too high end, no street vendors and musicians	Mar 10, 2012 10:32 PM
81	sort of. Downtown is very walkable and we have fine dining and bar establishments. however, lack of similar public transportation (the Link bus is not the same as a trolley) and major destination generators and lack of outdoor gathering spaces that coincide with natural features that we do not have such as river fronts or similar limit the Ann arbor downtown experience.	Mar 10, 2012 8:24 PM
82	Not as much, except in the summer during Top of the Park.	Mar 10, 2012 8:02 PM
83	Downtown Ann Arbor is mostly restaurants. Almost no live music any more, which is ironic, since the live music scene was the main reason I moved to Ann	Mar 10, 2012 6:23 PM

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	Arbor over 20 years ago. There aren't even as many interesting shops to poke around in any more, especially in the area of bookstores.	
84	Not really. Main Street is walkable and has some great restaurants, but it is too crowded, both with pedestrians and with car traffic.	Mar 10, 2012 5:45 PM
85	Limited hotel choices and shopping is limited.	Mar 10, 2012 4:16 PM
86	A2 has become an ugly city. It seems every bldr/designer has a different view and the bldgs fight each other.	Mar 10, 2012 3:32 PM
87	Not completely: shops mostly sell boutique items, many downtown buildings are visually not appealing and public space does not support chance encounters and gathering of people.	Mar 10, 2012 2:58 PM
88	Ann Arbor used to be a pleasant place to shop because it had a variety of good independent stores -- Goodyear's, Muehlig's, Wilkinson's, Faber's, Fiegel's, Schlanderer's Hardware. and others -- but high taxes and big box stores have driven them out. The variety of good stores is gpne. Except for Home & Garden and perhaps Fingerle's the variety of good stores is gpne and notlikely to return.. Since there's nothing left but restaurants and boutiques, peryhaps the best thing is to make downtown a cultural center with museums. entertainment and activity centers, .govrnment centers, and lots of green space.	Mar 10, 2012 1:20 PM
89	somewhat but parking is a problem	Mar 10, 2012 12:59 PM
90	I do not get the same experience in downtown Ann Arbor because there is a limited amount of mixed use space. I want my family to live in a walkable urban environment, Ann Arbor has the potential to be that vibrant place.	Mar 10, 2012 12:15 PM
91	There's too much expansion for those with lots to spend and not enough keeping public places, including parking structures safe. Imagine giving young people jobs helping escort people safely in the evenings. A group walking together is safer.	Mar 10, 2012 12:00 PM
92	There isn't anywhere in downtown Ann Arbor without having to buy something where I can just sit and relax. watching what's going on.	Mar 10, 2012 10:49 AM
93	No. There is no place to enjoy out of doors without noise, busy sidewalks, and buying drinks which make me fat!	Mar 10, 2012 10:39 AM
94	In some areas. Not so much in the study area.	Mar 10, 2012 8:59 AM
95	Yes, but I think that having an inviting space to encounter friends and see concerts would enhance that experience.	Mar 10, 2012 12:15 AM
96	No. The disorderly mix of motorists and cyclists in downtown Ann Arbor, along with the aggressive homeless population, make walking the streets an unpleasant experience. Also, there is very little to walk to as far as shopping (unless I need a gourmet chocolate football, a jar of cherry jam or a robot).	Mar 9, 2012 11:58 PM
97	To some degree, but not entire. Ann Arbor has a lot of the same shops and stuff, but does not have the walkable environment of a pedestrian road	Mar 9, 2012 11:27 PM

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98	In some places, yes, other places no. There are some sections where there just aren't any businesses that would cause me to go there.	Mar 9, 2012 9:19 PM
99	yes	Mar 9, 2012 7:57 PM
100	This is one of my favorite downtowns. I wish it was more affordable to live close to downtown.	Mar 9, 2012 7:27 PM
101	I think so. I	Mar 9, 2012 5:56 PM
102	Some. Missing a local grocery. Some side walks are tight. Crossing traffic can be tough.	Mar 9, 2012 5:46 PM
103	No. Part of this has to do with a resistance to change and allowing for the kind of density where the service population here can also afford to live here.	Mar 9, 2012 5:37 PM
104	Too much concrete.	Mar 9, 2012 5:34 PM
105	To a limited degree	Mar 9, 2012 5:14 PM
106	Ann Arbor is a lot bigger, but I definitely enjoy going to the farmer's market when it's nice out. We don't have as many flowers lining sidewalks, but we do have lots of architectural flavor in houses nearby.	Mar 9, 2012 5:14 PM
107	Yes, needs more cost effective dining options.	Mar 9, 2012 4:59 PM
108	I enjoy the streets of A2, but I don't feel like there's a good place to spread out a blanket and play with my young daughter. We'd both like downtown better if it were a place where mom could get fancy tea and she could run around and play in the same trip.	Mar 9, 2012 4:53 PM
109	Not really as there is no large public gathering space.	Mar 9, 2012 4:53 PM
110	Not really. Our downtown is too pricey and the shop appeal does not have enough variety.	Mar 9, 2012 4:51 PM
111	Yes	Mar 9, 2012 4:32 PM
112	No, we have not developed the riverfront. Only the historic streets have nice views. We have too many ugly new buildings, bad sidewalks and streets.	Mar 9, 2012 4:32 PM
113	I used to feel safer, lots of open storefronts now, construction, crazy driving and three times in a row I have been approached by aggressive panhandlers - it's just not fun now	Mar 9, 2012 4:28 PM
114	No, need better transit and scattered social venues	Mar 9, 2012 4:23 PM
115	nope. Not a great sense of history	Mar 9, 2012 4:05 PM
116	No. Downtown Chicago is much larger and culturally richer.	Mar 9, 2012 3:55 PM
117	No. Very few sidewalk cafes that don't sit at roadside.	Mar 9, 2012 3:52 PM
118	not now...now it feels like a place for the rich and middle class only,	Mar 9, 2012 3:46 PM

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119	To some extent. We need more housing, which brings more permanent residents. We also need more scattered small-scale public art in downtown Ann Arbor.	Mar 9, 2012 3:43 PM
120	No, comparatively to a football Saturday, people are usually drunk, urinating in public and puking downtown. This behavior would not have been tolerated in Louisville.	Mar 9, 2012 2:26 PM
121	No.	Mar 9, 2012 2:08 PM
122	No, not enough park space. Laws limit/ prohibit such performances.	Mar 9, 2012 2:01 PM
123	Somewhat, although the traffic on Main Street makes eating outdoors difficult.	Mar 9, 2012 1:48 PM
124	Somewhat, but could be better.	Mar 9, 2012 1:19 PM
125	Sometimes, often segregation is really evident in downtown. private businesses are geared toward the affluent community and public spaces are occupied by lower income community members. It would be nice to have spaces that intentionally address that issue.	Mar 9, 2012 1:11 PM
126	Only if the streets are closed for a special event like Taste of Ann Arbor or Dancing in the Streets; otherwise there's no good place for this in the downtown area under discussion. (The UM Diag and Ingalls Mall are examples of good places.)	Mar 9, 2012 1:00 PM
127	We have much of the same; we just need more density in housing to add to the mix.	Mar 9, 2012 12:35 PM
128	No, because this program has not been implemented in Ann Arbor	Mar 9, 2012 12:31 PM
129	Sometimes	Mar 9, 2012 12:28 PM
130	In part. Ingalls Mall during Summer Festival experiences.	Mar 9, 2012 12:07 PM
131	No. We do not have a centrally located green space. Farmer's market is poorly located, no green space.	Mar 9, 2012 12:03 PM
132	Most specifically, the summer with dining on Main Street creates a European, fun vibe to downtown AA. This is one of my favorite parts of the city! AA takes the best of Boston and puts it in a much more accessible venue. I love it and miss it!	Mar 9, 2012 11:59 AM
133	NEVER	Mar 9, 2012 11:31 AM
134	Yes, absolutely, if not better.	Mar 9, 2012 11:30 AM
135	No - not enough green space.	Mar 9, 2012 11:27 AM
136	No.	Mar 9, 2012 11:25 AM
137	Not even close to the ambiance of downtown Boulder, CO	Mar 9, 2012 11:14 AM
138	Most of the time. The outdoor dining and entertainment spaces can get very	Mar 9, 2012 10:51 AM

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	congested. It would be helpful to close Main street and surrounding blocks to vehicle traffice, especially in the summer.	
139	No. There is no hardware store downtown, there are (now) two grocery stores, I can't find housewares/linens except kitchenware, I can't renew my driver's license, there's now a pharmacy but it means giving my money to CVS... etc. I'm concerned that rent downtown is so high that the only places that will fill these spots are going to be characterless chains who don't care about our city.	Mar 9, 2012 10:34 AM
140	Less so. I wish there were a more attractive means of walking from the Old West Side to the Farmers Market and Kerry Town with more urban parkland or interesting things to experience and less cars.	Mar 9, 2012 10:17 AM
141	Yes, sometimes, would like to keep out monolithic faceless buildings, the unique charm of Ann Arbor is it's small town quality. Ann Arbor is like the West Village of NY without the rest of the city	Mar 9, 2012 10:02 AM
142	For the most part, yes. Sad about the demise of bookstores but not unique to A2.	Mar 9, 2012 9:55 AM
143	To a degree - mostly go downtown to eat and occasionally for a special event; need better tranist in the evening to reduce parking demand	Mar 9, 2012 8:35 AM
144	No there is no green space near the library	Mar 9, 2012 8:26 AM
145	No, no common chain stores (e.g. Banana Republic), boutique stores are more artsy. No good downtown areas for kids to play.	Mar 9, 2012 6:36 AM
146	no, there's no awesome fountain	Mar 8, 2012 10:55 PM
147	Not in downtown Ann Arbor; there isn't an attracting green space. The Diag is fun, but largely student centered. The Ann Arbor Summer Festival is great~pleasing family groups as well as teens and older adults.	Mar 8, 2012 10:43 PM
148	Main street downtown and Kerrytown come close.	Mar 8, 2012 10:37 PM
149	Nothing is connected. Picnics occur in isolated neighborhood parks which don't have gardens, fountains,art, or cafes and music.	Mar 8, 2012 10:27 PM
150	No - There's only one Broadway! . . . and we need to remember there is only one downtown Ann Arbor! What makes us unique? That's the experience I want.	Mar 8, 2012 10:12 PM
151	No. In Ann Arbor, the best food and ambiance is incredibly expensive. There is also some mediocre cheap food, but nothing great in the middle. We need more mid- to low- priced options downtown that also have aesthetic appeal. A good example of this might be Fritas Batidos, though the prices are a bit high.	Mar 8, 2012 9:37 PM
152	Not as easy as one would think. It seems that the experience in downtown Ann Arbor, while pleasant, is fairly one-dimensional. It tends to be defined almost entirely by outdoor dining and drinking along the sidewalks. the lack of a central gathering place , that also permits cultural and civic activities, tends to reduce the diversity of experience.	Mar 8, 2012 9:37 PM
153	Ann Arbor downtown is a pleasant place to work in and walk thru, partly because we too have an older style pretty well maintained. But we must avoid erecting a	Mar 8, 2012 9:37 PM

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	lot of buildings with modern designs & making it too hard for people to get into town and park their cars. I suggest a small "pedestrian only" area (like. in the Art Fair) which you can drive to and then walk around	
154	Retail offerings are limited	Mar 8, 2012 9:25 PM
155	Not enough green space downtown. It is all too goal \$ directed. We need to encourage loitering, not just transit.	Mar 8, 2012 9:21 PM
156	Not downtown but in the Arb	Mar 8, 2012 9:14 PM
157	Close. We're in danger of losing the pedestrian scale and pedestrian friendliness (almost too many large, tall office buildings that are dark and vacant at night)	Mar 8, 2012 8:36 PM
158	Somewhat. We have good restaurants but could use more. We also have the downtown area which I'm sure would be pretty from above also but I'm not sure where you would go in Ann Arbor to be able to see that far.	Mar 8, 2012 8:35 PM
159	sometimes, but not always. We can build on what we have.	Mar 8, 2012 8:23 PM
160	Not on the same scale, but grass and trees can add lots of pleasant experiences, even without waterfront features.	Mar 8, 2012 8:12 PM
161	No. I can go to the Arb, but that's not downtown. Nothing in Ann Arbor compares to the Art Institute in Chicago or the Met in NYC or a stroll down the Miricle Mile or 5th Avenue. This is just a hick town with a big school. I leave to do something fun.	Mar 8, 2012 8:04 PM
162	While Ann Arbor has outdoor cafes, the experience is marred by exhaust fumes of traffic just feet from your table.	Mar 8, 2012 8:03 PM
163	No. I've always thought that two things Ann Arbor could use are more weekend events where Main Street is pedestrian only, and a better music festival. Summer Festival is downright awful if you're in your late 20's early 30's. The musical acts are stale, and the entire event seems completely tailored to older folks and families, which is fine, but it would be nice to have something a little edgier. Between the Art Fair, the Folk Fest, and Summer Festival, Ann Arbor isn't really doing a whole lot to entice young professionals to its downtown area.	Mar 8, 2012 7:58 PM
164	No place to call dtn	Mar 8, 2012 7:57 PM
165	Yes.	Mar 8, 2012 6:44 PM
166	No. There is no free parking except on Sunday. Parks seem to be dominated by groups unfriendly to family outings and visiting. People downtown are rushing, must watch out for bicycles, skateboards, panhandlers on the sidewalks.	Mar 8, 2012 6:36 PM
167	Yes.	Mar 8, 2012 6:32 PM
168	Only at Art Fair	Mar 8, 2012 6:15 PM
169	Not really. Ann Arbor rents require businesses to have pretty strong business plans. I'd like to see some additional commercial space to drive down rents and give opportunities for a quirkier, less yuppified Ann Arbor.	Mar 8, 2012 6:08 PM

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170	if you stick to liberty, state, diag, univeristy	Mar 8, 2012 6:06 PM
171	See above	Mar 8, 2012 6:02 PM
172	No - not available	Mar 8, 2012 5:57 PM
173	Yes but to smaller degree. It would be ideal to promote more walking downtown.	Mar 8, 2012 5:56 PM
174	partially- Closing Main street to trucks would make a much more enjoyable pedestrian experience. Even better would be to make Main St. a pedestrian Mall from William to Huron. NYC did it in Time square- we could easily loop traffic around the downtown area.	Mar 8, 2012 5:54 PM
175	Yes.	Mar 8, 2012 5:43 PM
176	For the most part, yes, for a city of this size, although we could use more outdoor amenities --benches, gathering places, low walls, fountains -- to be able to put our lovely downtown to even better use as a place to hang out. And anything new that is built should be of high quality and attractive (it doesn't need to be rbick, but it shouldn't look like it belongs in the suburbs, either); it should be something we are proud of and happy to have there bototh now and for a very long time. Outside of this core downtown area, I wish that we could put the riverfront to better public use. It is woefully underutilized now.	Mar 8, 2012 5:40 PM
177	sometimes depending on where you are. There are too many surface lots.	Mar 8, 2012 5:35 PM
178	no	Mar 8, 2012 5:27 PM
179	landlords have run shop owners out by increasing the rents. or high parking prices have run the consumers away	Mar 8, 2012 5:18 PM
180	A bit. Some areas really interesting and others seem oddly placed.	Mar 8, 2012 5:15 PM
181	Yes.	Mar 8, 2012 5:10 PM
182	on a small scale. restaurants are good; retail is weaker, no serious book store, pocket park-like opportunities are limited.	Mar 8, 2012 4:19 PM
183	Need more public space.	Mar 8, 2012 4:08 PM
184	Yes	Mar 8, 2012 3:52 PM
185	no - not really set up for walking except to get somewhere	Mar 8, 2012 3:51 PM
186	NO. There is a lack of stores to go into. The downtown area is so heavily focused on restaurants, there aren't nearly as many opportunities for stores and shops to come in.	Mar 8, 2012 3:14 PM
187	No waterfront, though there are some few little hidden parks and pretty areas. There is no continuity except along Gallup pond. There are too many trashy abandoned areas.	Mar 8, 2012 2:53 PM
188	In general yes	Mar 8, 2012 2:28 PM

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189	Downtown AA is not dense enough and far from pedestrian friendly.	Mar 8, 2012 2:20 PM
190	somewhat. some of the buildings are dumpy. walking down much of washington street is a bore	Mar 8, 2012 2:19 PM
191	It isn't there yet. Let's get going to create the above (#9).	Mar 8, 2012 1:59 PM
192	Need more green spaces near and in downtown area.	Mar 8, 2012 1:48 PM
193	Sort of -- you can walk, window shop and dine out.	Mar 8, 2012 1:14 PM
194	Kind of - there are good restaurants downtown, although few that are as good as the good restaurants in San Francisco. But the downtown area just isn't as big, so there's really nowhere interesting to go when you're done eating.	Mar 8, 2012 1:08 PM
195	Yes	Mar 8, 2012 1:07 PM
196	Yes, but without the intensity,density of more urban environments.	Mar 8, 2012 1:04 PM
197	yes, I think it is well organized, adequate parking, etc.	Mar 8, 2012 12:54 PM
198	sometimes	Mar 8, 2012 12:54 PM
199	Should be able to, but would require a strong leader.	Mar 8, 2012 12:46 PM
200	For the most part going downtown is really fun but the parking fees are outrageous. Art fair rocks!!	Mar 8, 2012 12:45 PM
201	The venues are often too high priced to get many young people downtown, which lessens the vibrancy and population visiting there.	Mar 8, 2012 12:45 PM
202	Not yet. The only central plaza we have is the diag, and it's on campus. I'm not a student, nor are many of the people who live here. Being in a cafe on the street is a poor substitute.	Mar 8, 2012 12:42 PM
203	Not really - too many cars, exhaust in your face. But also, public transport is not geared to downtown because it is the center of the spokes of a wheel, vs. having short rides across the center of the wheel. Also too many out of towners clogging up downtown, so I do not want to attract more of them!! - we residents who pay huge property taxes for the pleasure of living in A2 shouldn't be crowded out of OUR OWN downtown. I would spend more time there if it were less crowded by non-A2 people. Also need to attract more bookstores where people can linger & explore -- that's the sort of activity that ties people to a given area & makes you want to hang out.	Mar 8, 2012 12:41 PM
204	Yes when it is nice out	Mar 8, 2012 12:00 PM
205	No. Farmers market is very limited. Not the same scope of products. Would help to have more places to actually get prepared foods. Like roasted chickens, cooked breakfast options etc.	Mar 8, 2012 11:55 AM
206	Sometimes. I would like to see more seating options, storefronts that aren't empty, and more affordable dining options downtown.	Mar 8, 2012 11:51 AM

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207	no, parking is way to hard to get and I hate to park in structures, as a single woman, NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO REGARDING YOUR IDEA OF WHAT MAKES ME SAFE.	Mar 8, 2012 11:46 AM
208	Typically. However one of the great obstacles to going down town on weekends is the difficulty finding parking.	Mar 8, 2012 11:43 AM
209	No - no parks downtown.	Mar 8, 2012 11:42 AM
210	Yes and no. I do bike around downtown but there are no immediate green space areas to sit down and just enjoy the scenery.	Mar 8, 2012 11:42 AM
211	No, because I cannot find a place to park. If was not from A2 and had to determine that I needed to take a bus to get there, I'd think twice of making the effort.	Mar 8, 2012 11:38 AM
212	attending an event at the ARK. Great dinner before the event and beautiful evening in ann arbor	Mar 8, 2012 11:37 AM
213	I would like to have an option for valay parking, as I have bad arthritis and parking, then walking a distance is very hard for me	Mar 8, 2012 11:35 AM
214	No... Ann Arbor seems too small. Or at least, the developed, busier areas are smaller (only UM's campus, Main St, Liberty St., etc. It needs to be all comprehensive	Mar 8, 2012 11:29 AM
215	Yes, except for the cars driving down main st. would recommend blocking Main from William to Huron and making it a pedestrian mall.	Mar 8, 2012 11:26 AM
216	No, for all the talk of us being wine and cheese Wolverines, we don't actually have a place where you can watch sports and enjoy upscale food. Vinology is the closest, and not really great for either.	Mar 8, 2012 11:24 AM
217	no. Not enough places to stay,	Mar 8, 2012 11:24 AM
218	Some - it's a very walkable city, with plenty of shopping attractions. The restaurants are getting a bit high-end for casual enjoyment.	Mar 8, 2012 11:24 AM
219	Not really, parking is an issue! I don't like walking alone to far away side streets.	Mar 8, 2012 11:20 AM
220	mostly....I wish some of the retail shops were open later	Mar 8, 2012 11:16 AM
221	Harder to find spaces to gather with friends while shopping, dinning without being indoors in the summer time. Seating is also very close to roads - making it less appealing to hang out with kids downtown.	Mar 8, 2012 11:15 AM
222	no, the people are much more tense, less likely to smile and chat, way more uptight	Mar 8, 2012 11:13 AM
223	No. Too many apartments being built. Lived in Ann Arbor all my life and I feel too many old building are being destored to make way for apts.	Mar 8, 2012 11:11 AM
224	yes.	Mar 8, 2012 11:10 AM

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225	frustrating parking, no shopping anchor, too much this and that	Mar 8, 2012 11:06 AM
226	No, due to lack of open, green space and difficulty in finding free or inexpensive parking	Mar 8, 2012 11:05 AM
227	No, it seems less & less people I know want to come down-town b/c of parking and the over-crowded places due to students.	Mar 8, 2012 10:59 AM
228	Yes, to a degree but I feel there are more things that can be changed.	Mar 8, 2012 10:56 AM
229	Sort of. Need more opportunities for outdoor seating. More bike-friendly paths and routes. Heaters for outdoor seating in cooler weather.	Mar 8, 2012 10:56 AM
230	Downtown Ann Arbor is fabulous. Loss of retail in Liberty is rather depressing. Enough restaurants, coffee shops, etc but without Borders seldom come down to shop anymore.	Mar 8, 2012 10:55 AM
231	Sometimes. It would be better if we could take the bus home at later hours and wouldn't have to worry about parking.	Mar 8, 2012 10:52 AM
232	Yes, but I think there should be more cultural venues. The food/dining experience is great, but the experience should include other activities.	Mar 8, 2012 10:52 AM
233	somewhat, depending on the time of year/weather. sometimes it's really just not a nice time to walk around or be outside much	Mar 8, 2012 10:50 AM
234	no, but I'm not on vacation in ann arbor. However a work downtown and live very close and the city does offer easy access and parking, lots of eating opportunities, some good entertainment & cultural options. It needs to work for those who live here and visit. people come back to places because they like whats there, but also to experience whats new. This area offers the best opportunity to create new transportation linked development in downtown	Mar 8, 2012 10:28 AM
235	more occasional plaza space for street performers would be nice, more art around town as well	Mar 8, 2012 9:36 AM
236	Not as much, the city could have more of an emphasis on walkability and public transportation.	Mar 8, 2012 4:12 AM
237	Hardly enough live music venues (bars, cafes) and black box type theatrical spaces to perform in	Mar 8, 2012 3:28 AM
238	I think Main Street is awesome and for the most part has the same ideas as Downtown Charlottesville. Obviously Ann Arbor is lacking a pedestrian street, but often times I know they are not very successful everywhere (even in Charlottesville it was very underutilized in the 80s and early 90s). When I first moved to Ann Arbor, the first weekend before school starts when everyone is returning to town is really exciting and downtown is alive. Granted, the weather isn't as nice as farther south, so being outside is often not an option much of the year, but you can't really change anything about that!	Mar 8, 2012 2:07 AM
239	No, because so much has been pulled out to the fringes by malls and the high cost of downtown rent. The PFCoop and Babo shouldn't be the only grocery stores downtown. We at least finally have a CVS on State street for a pharmacy.	Mar 8, 2012 12:49 AM

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	The Diag is the only public green space where you can take a break without sitting in a store. And it's nearly impossible as a young, non-student to find decent affordable housing anywhere close to downtown.	
240	on a smaller scale but without the beauty of a waterfront	Mar 7, 2012 11:44 PM
241	Not any more. We're getting too conservative. The war on the homeless is ridiculous.	Mar 7, 2012 10:54 PM
242	No, because there is no central focused area for people to gather outside and the public transport is non-existent or so sporadic as to be difficult during weekend days and evenings.	Mar 7, 2012 10:28 PM
243	Ann Arbor can supply this to a fair degree, but an increased density of shops and venues between the Main Street and State Street corridors would strengthen the city.	Mar 7, 2012 8:28 PM
244	Yes	Mar 7, 2012 8:19 PM
245	No, not as large of a venue.	Mar 7, 2012 8:04 PM
246	NO!	Mar 7, 2012 7:27 PM
247	No, because there is no central outdoor meeting & performance green space.	Mar 7, 2012 7:20 PM
248	not really, ann arbor's downtown is too small. Main street is great, but you can walk the interesting part of Main in about 5 minutes.	Mar 7, 2012 7:19 PM
249	An outdoor concert facility is lacking in the downtown and pedestrian only streets aren't incorporated.	Mar 7, 2012 7:06 PM
250	Yes	Mar 7, 2012 6:59 PM
251	difficult to park- expensive- not a sense of community gathering	Mar 7, 2012 6:52 PM
252	Not much retail - no Lucky Drugs, Goodyears, Hutzels, Klines, Schlenker, etc... Just overpriced food and goods for out-of-towners.	Mar 7, 2012 6:30 PM
253	Yes - sometimes. Entertainment venues are limited but are still available. Having more access to plays, musicals, movies or even interactive entertainment would help reinforce a night out on the town beyond restaurants and bars.	Mar 7, 2012 6:16 PM
254	no, main and state are too far apart	Mar 7, 2012 6:03 PM
255	Yes	Mar 7, 2012 5:57 PM
256	Somewhat. I have lived here for eight years so to some extent I feel like I have seen everything that exists in the walkable downtown areas.	Mar 7, 2012 5:55 PM
257	Yes, Kerrytown has a good feel. Space to walk, park, enjoy and see others doing the same.	Mar 7, 2012 5:46 PM
258	I am on my personal bike, but not on a bikeshare bike.	Mar 7, 2012 5:33 PM

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259	IN CERTAIN PLACES- ALONG MAIN STREET AND N.UNIVERSITY AND STATE OTHERWISE PRETTY LIMITED	Mar 7, 2012 5:17 PM
260	Downtown Ann Arbor definitely has a comfortable atmosphere, but most FOR business. there's no place to go to relax and not buy anything when it's a beautiful spring or summer day out. we need an outdoor common area or small park with benches to have this option. it should also offer some retail opportunities for local business.	Mar 7, 2012 5:14 PM
261	No! Too small, not dense enough, not enough residential or hotel rooms, not great enough variety of buisnesses, too much open/underutilized open space (Liberty Plaza, surface parking lots, low buildings)	Mar 7, 2012 4:59 PM
262	Ann Arbor is about the size of the Wicker Park neighborhood, without the major metropolis within reach. Essentially, the answer's yes, I can get a similar experience in A2.	Mar 7, 2012 4:53 PM
263	Not entirely because downtown environment appears very exclusive, boutique-store environment;	Mar 7, 2012 4:32 PM
264	Pretty close. Savanna is an outlier for any town, I think. For the most part, I can eat and shop at a variety of places in town for a decent price.	Mar 7, 2012 4:23 PM
265	no	Mar 7, 2012 4:11 PM
266	Happens during Art Fair to some extent .	Mar 7, 2012 4:07 PM
267	not really, there isn't a giant park like that, but AA is not as big as Chicago so it's not really a good comparison	Mar 7, 2012 4:06 PM
268	the farmer's market/Kerrytown Shops is somewhat similar, but understandably A2 has a smaller market area, and is open less frequently. (I very much like that Kerrytown offers an alternative to Main Street/downtown, using a different urban model.)	Mar 7, 2012 3:57 PM
269	Sometimes - residential is not convenient for everyone who lives in the city and proximity to downtown services.	Mar 7, 2012 3:39 PM
270	Yes and no. Although parts of Ann Arbor have great character, some of the new buildings do not leave enough public space or have much character. We need more art on the streets and more public places to showcase history, the environment, music and art. We need a better transit system so we can hop on a train and be in Downtown Detroit fast. We need better links to our parks and better bicycle lanes. I am very sorry that the greenway has been stalled as well as the transit center.	Mar 7, 2012 3:27 PM
271	Mostly, but little "new" except student housing and rotating restaurant line-ups.	Mar 7, 2012 3:27 PM
272	Close -- but not a lot of cultural sites to visit.	Mar 7, 2012 3:13 PM
273	No, because all the retail in Ann Arbor is extremely expensive luxury objects that I cannot afford. I needed to buy a battery for a medical device last year and there wasn't a single store downtown that sold the type of batteries that they have in every single pharmacy.	Mar 7, 2012 3:12 PM

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274	Ann Arbor needs to have larger retailers in downtown. I'd really like to see fewer boutiques and more national retailers.	Mar 7, 2012 3:05 PM
275	No - no river front access downtown and no major weekend night events to draw people downtown to promenade around (except maybe midnight madness on the first friday in December.)	Mar 7, 2012 3:03 PM
276	No because Ann Arbor doesn't have very diverse music genres at local venues.	Mar 7, 2012 2:48 PM
277	AA has some of this, but needs more.	Mar 7, 2012 2:39 PM
278	No. There is not a gathering area large enough in the city (other than the diag) farther away.	Mar 7, 2012 2:20 PM
279	not as much, because the expense adds up fast - there aren't enough outdoor seating options, or free activities or even much street furniture for people to stay a while, and most of the current venues downtown are pricier restaurants.	Mar 7, 2012 1:49 PM
280	Down town is not orginazied and laid out with good city planning and site lines.	Mar 7, 2012 1:42 PM
281	don't have the variety of shops/department stores	Mar 7, 2012 1:36 PM
282	No comparison, because I know Ann Arbor pretty well after living here for over 30 years. It's hard to find much that's run down here, so makes things a little too perfect. Still, has its great shopping sites and interesting places.	Mar 7, 2012 1:33 PM
283	Mainstreet when sidewalk cafes and restaurants are open, galleries and shops are open late and muscians are out	Mar 7, 2012 1:30 PM
284	To an extent, however the downtown is less pedestrian friendly than Boulder.	Mar 7, 2012 1:28 PM
285	Yes.	Mar 7, 2012 1:26 PM
286	No. The area that provides this experience is very small.	Mar 7, 2012 1:23 PM
287	Sort of. I don't think the bus system is as extensive.	Mar 7, 2012 1:22 PM
288	Rarely, but sometimes.	Mar 7, 2012 1:18 PM
289	No, the city lacks density, a large central public venue, and the civic will to spend tax dollars on public events for residents.	Mar 7, 2012 1:18 PM
290	yes, when Main Street or side streets have been closed to traffic; sense of community in this small town.	Mar 7, 2012 1:17 PM
291	somewhat, but the experience could be improved	Mar 7, 2012 12:58 PM
292	To a degree but it is in fact a different set of circumstances.	Mar 7, 2012 12:55 PM
293	No, mainly because Ann Arbor is a larger community and there's not so much live music in the downtown area.	Mar 7, 2012 12:53 PM
294	We lived in downtown Ann Arbor for 37 years, leaving for a retirement home three years ago. The experience was marvelous, but it lessened over the years	Mar 7, 2012 12:52 PM

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	with the loss of hardware stores, grocery stores, and other needed shopping facilities replaced by countless restaurants.	
295	Sometimes... sometimes it's a poor person looking for handout, sometimes it's a fun performer.	Mar 7, 2012 12:36 PM
296	no, not vehicle friendly and no real mass transit	Mar 7, 2012 12:33 PM
297	Well, no, but that's only because I've lived here for 16 years & walk all over town often. It's hard for something new to sneak up on me. That said, I *love* events like Fool Moon and Festifools, which bring so many new folks and such great energy out into our streets.	Mar 7, 2012 12:31 PM
298	No, as there is not really a hotel and the shopping is so limited - only novelty or boutique shops.	Mar 7, 2012 12:20 PM
299	no, we have no pedestrian-only areas	Mar 7, 2012 12:19 PM
300	No, no greenspace.	Mar 7, 2012 12:14 PM
301	No building construction answer no place to sit	Mar 7, 2012 12:13 PM
302	Not really, but I think my goals are different - I live in downtown Ann Arbor so i'm not really there for amazing architecture or amazing food every night. When I went to Sydney I was there to see all the really cool stuff, and Sydney is obviously on a totally different scale from Ann Arbor. There's a lot of Sydney "suburbs" which are a lot like Ann Arbor, actually, but they also focus a lot on providing essential services (like grocery shopping) within walking distance of most people.	Mar 7, 2012 12:10 PM
303	Not quite; there aren't really any open spaces for public gathering.	Mar 7, 2012 12:08 PM
304	Ann Arbor is smaller, but I feel like many of the amenities just aren't there. There really isn't any major shopping and food options are pretty expensive. I would love a better grocery store option. Unfortunately, not all of the old architecture remains. But, most importantly, that feeling of a nice public park that is really used by everyone (and not just the local homeless) and is the heart of the area is not really there.	Mar 7, 2012 11:57 AM
305	I love downtown ann arbor but it could use more natural beauty and parks. Outdoor seating on Main St. is great, but it would be even better if those outdoor patios surrounded a park.	Mar 7, 2012 11:57 AM
306	No. The downtown businesses seem to be in competition with each other, not cooperation.	Mar 7, 2012 11:40 AM
307	i never go there. far from campus for me	Mar 7, 2012 11:14 AM
308	Yes	Mar 7, 2012 10:55 AM
309	Not really as their is no area that does not have roads. They are sometimes closed for specific events but it is not the same experience.	Mar 7, 2012 10:46 AM
310	Yes, I get the same experience in downtown Ann Arbor but on a smaller scale.	Mar 7, 2012 10:36 AM

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	The public transportation is not quite as good but it is ok.	
311	Somewhat, but much less variety so fewer options that appeal to me to stop in.	Mar 7, 2012 10:30 AM
312	yes, except there are too many cars & fumes, so it's not conducive to eating outside.	Mar 7, 2012 10:17 AM
313	yes, in some parts, but some parts seem to u just restaurants, or just shopping blocks.	Mar 7, 2012 3:04 AM
314	yes, there are many pleasant places to eat on main street.	Mar 7, 2012 1:24 AM
315	Being in another city away from where you live will always be different. You are usually there for a purpose and have limited free time. Here you might go downtown just to go--no "reason."	Mar 7, 2012 12:34 AM
316	No, because not really much open space.	Mar 7, 2012 12:26 AM
317	Only on a few blocks. Most of the new development has not abided by best practices for a good pedestrian experience, some really ugly buildings have come up, with concrete walls and parking garages at pedestrian level..	Mar 7, 2012 12:19 AM
318	I think we could get it - don't get it much now.	Mar 6, 2012 11:15 PM
319	Yes, sometimes. But I'd like to see more.	Mar 6, 2012 11:02 PM
320	Only just a little, on the Main Street promenade. I would love it if that urban design were extended on William from Main to State -- really, everywhere in the DDA area.	Mar 6, 2012 10:06 PM
321	Yes. I think Ann Arbor is full of culture and character. It is very welcoming and fosters a great sense of community and creativity.	Mar 6, 2012 8:49 PM
322	no, alleys here are dirty, stinky, unsafe places that are largely ignored	Mar 6, 2012 8:43 PM
323	No, because there's not the same depth of history and variety of places to hang out at little or no cost.	Mar 6, 2012 7:46 PM
324	next to none of the above in A2.....I don't come downtown anymore...	Mar 6, 2012 6:50 PM
325	the Children's museum is great if you have kids, but not much else draws my attention other than the Farmer's Market, which I love! It's possible that there's more to downtown than I know about (better advertising of what's there may help).	Mar 6, 2012 6:31 PM
326	Yes, but there just aren't enough of festivals such as Taste of Ann Arbor	Mar 6, 2012 5:57 PM
327	We could if well designed. Connect the 4 corners of the Riverfront via Allen Creek Greenway, along the river to Fuller Road Station and the transit center. Back thru campuses by trails or with the A2 Connector in inclement weather and then to downtown along William, Liberty and Wash St.	Mar 6, 2012 5:51 PM
328	Ann Arbor is not nearly as dense as NYC, and doesn't have any really attractive green spaces directly adjacent to the downtown area.	Mar 6, 2012 5:39 PM

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329	In the Main Street, State Street, South University, and Kerrytown areas. This project could provide a feasible way to create another district to experience this type of interaction.	Mar 6, 2012 5:24 PM
330	To some degree. There are definitely some trees, but I think some more greenery would make the downtown seem more environmentally friendly, natural, and inviting.	Mar 6, 2012 5:23 PM
331	Yes and no. Main Street is similar, however, there are cars, the sidewalks are small, and the street goes on much further. It is, however nice in the fact it is a larger city and thus necessitates the traffic.	Mar 6, 2012 5:22 PM
332	Main street comes close to this and some of the side streets could become this if closed off.	Mar 6, 2012 5:13 PM
333	Despite having a small CBD, most shopping and entertainment is located outside of the city limits. Move centers of entertainment downtown and foster the area.	Mar 6, 2012 4:46 PM
334	no waterway	Mar 6, 2012 4:07 PM
335	I'm too old! Probably need to be in your early 20's and have no real responsibilities for it to work!! But seriously, downtown Ann Arbor doesn't have as many outdoor public spaces where people can sit around without buying stuff. Tempe had several fountains with seating and public gardens. It was somewhat similar to Top of the Park, although at ToP, the bands are good enough that I don't like to be distracted by chit chat.	Mar 6, 2012 4:01 PM
336	No, there aren't many public attractions in downtown that promote social interaction.	Mar 6, 2012 3:53 PM
337	Don't come downtown often because parking is not convenient for my handicapped spouse.	Mar 6, 2012 3:52 PM
338	We have excellent LINEAR streetscapes, with good sidewalk life (esp Main St.), but no well-contained outdoor civic room/plaza that has an urban sense of place.	Mar 6, 2012 3:40 PM
339	No... too many cars, not enough parks/places to sit and chat or eat a meal.	Mar 6, 2012 3:33 PM
340	Yes, there are a good amount of shops, and a couple of good places for small concerts.	Mar 6, 2012 3:30 PM
341	I am not able to get quite the same experience in Ann Arbor. The downtown Ann Arbor area has some very nice walking streets and good shops and restaurants, but it could use another focal space for the community in the form of a park with a nice fountain, some trees, and places for people to gather and relax.	Mar 6, 2012 3:08 PM
342	clean up the sidewalks, more flowers, art objects to make a pleasant environment	Mar 6, 2012 2:56 PM
343	Yes when parking for scooter is near.	Mar 6, 2012 2:52 PM
344	to some degree we do, but not quite that "neighborhood" feeling.	Mar 6, 2012 2:42 PM

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345	A bit, main street, kerrytown market	Mar 6, 2012 2:30 PM
346	Many friends old and young say there is not enough to do downtown on a night out. People like to restaurant/bar hop and socially meet new people. Coffee houses do not cut it for the majority of the people who are not students. I'm 45 and live less than a mile from downtown and love to walk around town. I meet friends downtown at least three times a week. It would be nice to have more restaurants and shops. Our city does a terrible job of inviting new entrepreneurship. They make it miserable for someone to start a new business or to get a liquor license. Our City drives business away.	Mar 6, 2012 2:08 PM
347	Comparing Ann Arbor to Hamburg is mostly unfair, I realize, but better public transit would help SO much. We need efficient transit infrastructure that would allow for buses to run every 10-15 minutes during rush hour and at least every half hour through midnight on Fridays/Saturdays. So much of Ann Arbor evenings are constrained by parking and driving that it takes much of the fun out of the experience.	Mar 6, 2012 1:54 PM
348	I love downtown Ann Arbor but I feel that the city is suffering from an increase in panhandling and pricey parking.	Mar 6, 2012 1:18 PM
349	Yes along Main Street, State St. and S. University but not elsewhere.	Mar 6, 2012 1:05 PM
350	A shop owner with throw up or urine or any kind of a mess in front of their business should be responsible for cleaning it off.	Mar 6, 2012 1:04 PM
351	Yes	Mar 6, 2012 12:59 PM
352	Usually, yes. Sidewalks get too crowded in summer with "patio dining"	Mar 6, 2012 12:54 PM
353	Ann Arbor should have a downtown park	Mar 6, 2012 12:49 PM
354	Sometimes -- sidewalks are small in some areas	Mar 6, 2012 12:47 PM
355	I don't think the density of downtown ann arbor is able to support the independent businesses that make it an interesting place. Although along with increased density comes increased rents for these businesses, I think the addition of aesthetically pleasing high rise housing is a good thing for the area.	Mar 6, 2012 12:38 PM
356	For the most part, I think Ann Arbor has a good vibe. That particular area of downtown seems to be less lively because of the amount of parking lots so close to each other. I appreciate the sustainable practices of the lot on William and Fifth, but the lots make it an undesirable place to be. There are amenities for transit riders, but it might be nice to integrate the transit center better into the rest of downtown, so that it's more appealing to wait at Blake. What about covering the parking structure facing Fourth with an interesting mural? Putting a convenience store in the vacant spot next to the structure where people can run in and out before they catch their bus? Learning stations along Fourth that show the benefits of riding the bus?	Mar 6, 2012 12:27 PM
357	no. no good retail stores, just gimicky gift shops here in ann arbor	Mar 6, 2012 12:10 PM
358	sometimes -- usually when there is a special shopping night	Mar 6, 2012 11:51 AM

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359	Somewhat. Downtown AA has some great venue but I don't often find myself wanting to head downtown to walk around, shop, etc.	Mar 6, 2012 11:49 AM
360	No - few interesting shops left	Mar 6, 2012 11:45 AM
361	Yes, but parking is often a challenge.	Mar 6, 2012 11:42 AM
362	No. A2 does not offer sufficient affordable housing options downtown, nor is there a sense of community or neighborhood. Rather it is increasingly becoming just another big city downtown, e.g. retail, cultural, meeting/event place (Midnight Madness).	Mar 6, 2012 11:42 AM
363	Yes, a few neighborhoods such as Ashley & Washington have these elements.	Mar 6, 2012 11:38 AM
364	Not as much, with many places closing earlier.	Mar 6, 2012 11:35 AM
365	independent retail is going away!	Mar 6, 2012 11:34 AM
366	Some yes, some no. There is no way that Ann Arbor can have those large high-rises (the aesthetics would be all wrong for A2), but you can foster a bit more of that "mixing" feeling downtown with a few more groceries and cafe establishments mixed in with the more high-end restaurants.	Mar 6, 2012 11:32 AM
367	The other things I've enjoyed in downtowns--interesting shops and restaurants, pleasant sidewalk cafes--we already have. We don't have such easy or inexpensive parking as I've described above.	Mar 6, 2012 11:32 AM
368	Sometimes	Mar 6, 2012 11:27 AM
369	Ann Arbor really needs to catch up: more bike lanes, on street parking for bikes, motorcycles, and scooters. Plazas where people can gather with more outdoor cafes and food carts. More pedestrian only walkways and arcades. Keep large vehicle parking underground or in structures on the fringes of downtown to encourage a pedestrian/bike friendly area in the center of town that isn't clogged with traffic and choked with vehicle exhaust. Use 1-way streets to funnel traffic more efficiently and add lots of crosswalks to encourage vehicles to drive around downtown rather than through it.	Mar 6, 2012 11:27 AM
370	During outdoor fairs, and somewhat on Main Street. I really like the closed-off pedestrian mall feel, which we don't have in Ann Arbor except during fairs -- and on campus. Kerrytown is nice too; I don't spend enough time there.	Mar 6, 2012 11:25 AM
371	Ann Arbor is a college town and almost everything is centered around the U. The architecture is almost non-existent - even on campus. The river isn't developed so there is only one place to go to congregate - adults on Main Street and students on State Street. I know that the undergrads love this place but as someone who came here late in life it just doesn't make one's heart soar. Dull, dull, dull looking and grey, grey, grey all winter.	Mar 6, 2012 11:23 AM
372	Not really plays are adult and odd, no bagels downtown and river front needs to be easier to access for walking, swimming, boating	Mar 6, 2012 11:16 AM
373	no, because there is no pedestrian mall area	Mar 6, 2012 11:15 AM

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374	No, because we don't have a river walk downtown and because we have no pedestrian mall.	Mar 6, 2012 10:55 AM
375	parking is a hassle; would be nice if there was more frequent AATA service at night	Mar 6, 2012 10:50 AM
376	no. it's smaller. I feel like "downtown" Ann Arbor is only about 4 blocks long and 2 blocks wide...	Mar 6, 2012 10:48 AM
377	music venues drying up. too many franchised businesses replacing local stores. developers raising rents on long-term local tenants. most modern buildings horrific (city hall, 5th&liberty, main&huron, huron&ashley), all tasteful modern construction seems to be university-based (e.g. museum of art).	Mar 6, 2012 10:44 AM
378	Meh. I guess it's a hard comparison since it's so tiny. But there just isn't much here. I guess it does pretty well for a town its size...and I do like that the attractions are spread across campus and downtown -- so there is some variety.	Mar 6, 2012 10:40 AM
379	Almost. The area in question was pedestrian-only (Pearl Street, Boulder), but the same effect could easily be created amongst the traffic of downtown Ann Arbor with the right curbside atmosphere and a bit of visual filtration between the road and sidewalk (i.e. a thin trellis of vegetation).	Mar 6, 2012 10:40 AM
380	Not really. The outdoor space is not really conducive to outdoor cafes.	Mar 6, 2012 10:34 AM
381	Somewhat along Main but cafes limit sidewalk space	Mar 6, 2012 10:29 AM
382	Yes, there are great restaurants here and we made the decision to purchase a home that is walking distance to downtown	Mar 6, 2012 10:28 AM
383	Ann Arbor's downtown is fairly pedestrian-friendly, has some wonderful museums, but is sadly lacking in quality art-supply stores.	Mar 6, 2012 10:28 AM
384	all except baseball game - although it was much easier in downtown Chicago with bus/el than downtown Ann Arbor (parking is awfully hard to find lots of the time)	Mar 6, 2012 10:24 AM
385	Parking and traffic can be a nightmare.	Mar 6, 2012 10:23 AM
386	no. the downtown is much smaller. But, it does have a charm that is unique to ann arbor.	Mar 6, 2012 10:23 AM
387	No because almost all shops close early.	Mar 6, 2012 10:11 AM
388	No. Main Street is restaurant row, walking up Liberty turns into running the vagrant gauntlet, State Street is understandably student centric. Not to mention that parking is a headache and over priced, side walks are too narrow, the only outdoor gather spot is homeless central and traffic is always snarled. Again, look at other cities.	Mar 6, 2012 10:08 AM
389	Does not feel historic and charming.	Mar 6, 2012 10:08 AM
390	The opportunities are the same, but the experience is very different. It's more relaxed.	Mar 6, 2012 10:06 AM

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391	Cars are everywhere and the dominate the scene. There are too few outdoor events in public spaces. Where are the sculptures and the fountains?	Mar 6, 2012 10:00 AM
392	Pretty much. Spending time similarly in Downtown Ann Arbor can be a great experience. Parking is the main hassle that makes us rethink going downtown.	Mar 6, 2012 9:56 AM
393	No. Liberty Square is all concrete, no space to run around for kids. The Diag is nice and green, but really no where to sit, no snacks/food directly nearby.	Mar 6, 2012 9:55 AM
394	In the summertime, it's possible with the help of fairs and festivals. I wish there were more areas to sit and enjoy the day alone or in good company. Currently, outdoor seating is limited to restaurant sidewalks or tree "barricades". I'd enjoy something akin to an urban park or open courtyard surrounded by a few cafes or shops. In the winter, creating this experience is more difficult, so indoor galleries or entertainment venues would be nice.	Mar 6, 2012 9:53 AM
395	No. We have no pedestrian only streets. A place to walk freely, shop and eat.	Mar 6, 2012 9:52 AM
396	We can get an experience that's fairly similar, but it's missing a few key elements. We still enjoy heading downtown for dinner, drinks, and shopping. I feel that the dining options have skewed to the higher end. There are some lower priced, casual options, but I'd like to see more. Mark's Carts are a great addition during the warmer seasons. I'd like to see some more variety with local, fun places like Ray's Red Hots, Mr. Spots, NYPD, etc. that are more prevalent near campus. I'd support chaning the Palio lot into a plaza area, perhaps like Liberty, where music could be performed on evenings and weekends. I also feel that it is critical that we have a more visible police presence downtown. The number of panhandlers seems to have increased, as has their aggressiveness.	Mar 6, 2012 9:49 AM
397	No - the housing that is within a short walk to downtown generally is too expensive or not compatible with my family's needs - age, size, amenities. Or it's student rental property.	Mar 6, 2012 9:48 AM
398	I used to be able to, but the interminable downtown construction projects (esp. on 5th Ave at the Big hole) have really put a damper on access and having a good experience.	Mar 6, 2012 9:47 AM
399	Yes, parts of downtown are great; very walkable and nice but we need more.	Mar 6, 2012 9:43 AM
400	Most of that we can do in AA, but the mass transit doesn't run late on weekends. Also, Liberty Street, which we would walk to get from museum to restaurant is not very attractive. The new flower beds with their chain-link are quite ugly, and there's often trash that is not picked up.	Mar 6, 2012 9:43 AM
401	Parking is always a problem at night. As a woman walking alone I do not feel safe in the parking structures after nine o'clock. I don't mind paying for on-street parking but it often is not available.	Mar 6, 2012 9:42 AM
402	For many years I made every effort to support downtown businesses by walking downtown at lunch or after work and shopping or eating there. But the ever-increasing volume of car traffic now makes visiting downtown less fun and too dangerous, and I have consciously decided to spend my money elsewhere. In my mind nothing could be a greater boost to the downtown economy than	Mar 6, 2012 9:42 AM

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	banning motorized traffic (except emergency and deliveries) from a 3-5 block square of downtown. Sure it's novel, but that is why people from throughout the region (and nation!) would flock here to experience it.	
403	There is really only 1 block	Mar 6, 2012 9:41 AM
404	We enjoy coming to downtown Ann Arbor because it is a happening. Very concerned about the street beggars and crime though once it gets later into the evening. Main St doesn't seem to have the street people issue as much as State St.	Mar 6, 2012 9:40 AM
405	Some. I love AA, but downtown lacks an area where you can get just what I mentioned on #9. Area for bike parking (rental), car parking (or alternative transportation). We do need to get rid of the homeless folks specially on Liberty St. We need some more outside area for sitting outside for a happy hour, dinner. Also, some more cultural sights to visit (perhaps some two in one places - museum with a nice restaurant; coffee shop and art gallery).	Mar 6, 2012 9:39 AM
406	Ann Arbor is s bit small for the variety I enjoyed in Chicago. I'd rather it try to be itself, rather than somewhere else. Why not work on the things that make us unique, instead of the things that make us like other places.	Mar 6, 2012 9:35 AM
407	A2 has the food, but no a whole lot of restful places to sit and relax.	Mar 6, 2012 9:34 AM
408	Yes. Ann Arbor has enough city parks/parklands elsewhere, if that is what I'm looking for - I don't need a park downtown. And UM has enough cultural attractions that downtown doesn't need to provide more museums or performance & art spaces.	Mar 6, 2012 9:34 AM
409	Some3what	Mar 6, 2012 9:32 AM
410	In a few select places on Main, but would be great to see elements of that type of environment extended.	Mar 6, 2012 9:32 AM
411	The area alsong the Huron River is wasted on unattractive commercial development.	Mar 6, 2012 9:30 AM
412	yes. Need more retail	Mar 6, 2012 9:30 AM
413	close but it's not at its fullest potential	Mar 6, 2012 9:27 AM
414	Absolutely - there's always a large draw to the main street area on a Friday night because everyone knows they can find something they're looking for. The only thing that's really lacking is on the retail side.	Mar 6, 2012 9:27 AM
415	Yes, I am able to get it.	Mar 6, 2012 9:27 AM
416	professional music is preffered	Mar 6, 2012 9:25 AM
417	Not exactly, besides there being no water there is not much that is interesting to see and do except eat or drink.	Mar 6, 2012 9:23 AM
418	not the same because no Red Wings, but still have had many enjoyable days spent in Ann Arbor walking and visiting parks or University events, then going to	Mar 6, 2012 9:21 AM

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	restaurants	
419	Ann Arbor is larger geographically, with a lot more people and way more chains mixed in with the funkier local businesses. You can get a similar experience, but you have to know what you're looking for here and where you're going.	Mar 6, 2012 9:20 AM
420	No. Lake Michigan not here, Not the wealth of architecture and art as is present in Millennium Park.	Mar 6, 2012 9:18 AM
421	yes, on occasion	Mar 6, 2012 9:05 AM
422	No green space, no equivalent architecture, no bookstore now, but otherwise pretty close.	Mar 6, 2012 9:03 AM
423	Outdoor eating space, yes but no streets just for pedestrians and outdoor eating. Montreal/Quebec have great spaces that include outdoor eating, shops, etc but only pedestrians can use some of the streets.	Mar 6, 2012 8:53 AM
424	For the most part, yes. I have safety concerns in the Maynard parking lot and in the areas west of Main St.	Mar 6, 2012 8:46 AM
425	See above -- Ann Arbor has a great downtown, but it doesn't work as well for out-of-towners as it does for townies. I'd like to be able to hold conferences and meetings at a downtown hotel where attendees could walk Ann Arbor in the evening.	Mar 6, 2012 8:45 AM
426	For visitors, there aren't many options for hotels close to downtown. Campus Inn and Bell Tower primarily serve the campus area.	Mar 6, 2012 8:19 AM
427	Somewhat similar, but smaller.	Mar 6, 2012 8:18 AM
428	Architecture not as varied, nor reaching into classical or eastern styles as much.	Mar 6, 2012 12:50 AM
429	No because, first off, downtown Ann Arbor does not have a lot of green area. As for the art, it does have some art and thus can compete.	Mar 6, 2012 12:50 AM
430	Some parts yes, but the stores and offices are a bit boring, as far as walking around and window shopping, etc. Not as many stores that cater to everyday needs as would be ideal.	Mar 5, 2012 11:53 PM
431	Things I have enjoyed in other places that we don't have: public drinking fountains, interactive water sculptures in summer, shady outdoor seating, free museums, festive street musicians	Mar 5, 2012 11:45 PM
432	not quite, people seem to be scurrying between main street and state street, but seldom stopping in between, we should have something(S) in the middle that are worth stopping at.	Mar 5, 2012 11:32 PM
433	No, there aren't any interactive fountains or anything like that in Ann Arbor.	Mar 5, 2012 10:53 PM
434	I think you can get aspects of that experience but not all of it because Chicago is much larger than Ann Arbor. And I actually love that about this town, I love how lively it gets on Main st over the weekends, yet it's not as commercialized and touristy as downtown Chicago is.	Mar 5, 2012 10:25 PM

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435	Yes but there could be more inexpensive options for food and recreation.	Mar 5, 2012 10:00 PM
436	i can get a similar experience (I participated in a flash mob pillow fight) on campus, but it doesn't include the entire community. The diag tends to focus in on student life, and I'd like to see the same kind of livelihood off campus.	Mar 5, 2012 9:26 PM
437	Mostly, but less artistic events are available in the downtown. It's also smaller and has less parks.	Mar 5, 2012 8:12 PM
438	Almost, but enhancing the visual attractiveness of Ann Arbor does not seem to be a priority of the city, the DDA, or property owners - much of the town looks un-cared-for.	Mar 5, 2012 7:29 PM
439	No, there's no green space in the downtown area.	Mar 5, 2012 7:28 PM
440	There are some places in the downtown area to accommodate this experience like the hands-on museum but if there were more places to go that weren't all about buying things that would be nice.	Mar 5, 2012 6:57 PM
441	To some extent although the car travel through Main Street and portions of Liberty is a nuisance. And, there's not a lot of outdoor "hanging out" space available.	Mar 5, 2012 6:50 PM
442	there are no affordable grocery options downtown	Mar 5, 2012 5:58 PM
443	No, restaurants and generally overpriced, and it doesn't seem like there is much to do. (gets boring easily)	Mar 5, 2012 5:55 PM
444	No, no places to have live music outside like in the summer.	Mar 5, 2012 5:30 PM
445	Yes.	Mar 5, 2012 5:28 PM
446	Yes to some extent	Mar 5, 2012 5:19 PM
447	On a limited basis at certain times of the week. If what you have to do requires a trip to the mall, when you live within walking distance of downtown, then the city isn't serving its residents well. If I have to go to the mall, then everything else I do will center on what's convenient to the mall - grocery stores, cafes, etc.	Mar 5, 2012 5:05 PM
448	No because AA is usually to cold most of the year for fountains.	Mar 5, 2012 4:56 PM
449	In parts. Close to campus I certainly get that clean, safe city kind of feel but in the area brought into question I feel it could use more green and art.	Mar 5, 2012 4:54 PM
450	Occasionally.	Mar 5, 2012 3:40 PM
451	I don't know if there are many galleries that can host places such as this, and I have never been to the clubs to see what it is like there. I'm sure you can, but Ann Arbor is not like a big city and I think it is more low-key that the above experience.	Mar 5, 2012 3:40 PM
452	Yes, at times. I would like to see more cultural opportunities and places to go, rather than just shops and restaurants, such as a museum, art gallery, etc.	Mar 5, 2012 3:28 PM

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453	not really- no public transportation system to facilitate any of the things nyc has	Mar 5, 2012 3:24 PM
454	no- shops are too mainstream, not enough nature	Mar 5, 2012 3:23 PM
455	No, because although there are stores and shops, there are buildings that have been forgotten about and less variety (l.e. no fountains, parks, etc.)	Mar 5, 2012 3:04 PM
456	Winter half of the year.	Mar 5, 2012 2:55 PM
457	I don't think so because Chicago is my hometown and downtown Ann Arbor seems more for Ann Arbor locals then festivities for current students to interact with the community.	Mar 5, 2012 2:54 PM
458	Downtown Ann Arbor is OK. The main street area in particular is very yuppie-oriented and loses some of its character in that way.	Mar 5, 2012 2:47 PM
459	No. All the nightlife that exists is bars or loud dancing; or quiet coffeeshops where people are studying. Offering an alternative to bars or house parties would help to encourage more responsible behavior by some of the student population.... making the drinking to get drunk (because there's nothing else to do) mentality less popular.	Mar 5, 2012 2:33 PM
460	There could very easily be such a practice in Ann Arbor. Art Fair is something like it, but the most significant differences are that it's so big and only once a year. The latter makes it more of an attraction for outsiders, so it doesn't offer sustained opportunities for interaction, and its size means that a lot of the locals are hindered by it (it took me twice as long to get to work during art fair, compared to normal). This lowers its integrative capacity. I would like to see something smaller, more locally-focused, and more regular.	Mar 5, 2012 2:31 PM
461	To some extent. Parking and traffic sometimes is difficult.	Mar 5, 2012 2:27 PM
462	yes...there are few circles here and those that i know about are for traffic purposes, not aesthetics	Mar 5, 2012 2:21 PM
463	Not always easy to find parking. Areas for eating and shoppin do not have the nicest walks. Generally don't wander far from where I started.	Mar 5, 2012 2:21 PM
464	Partially--shopping and coffee shops yes; park area only by the Diag.	Mar 5, 2012 2:19 PM
465	Yes you can if you go to the right streets	Mar 5, 2012 2:03 PM
466	too much traffic. close Main St to cars	Mar 5, 2012 1:58 PM
467	not enough interesting shopping traffic is congested and doesn't make for good sidewalk eating	Mar 5, 2012 1:48 PM
468	Yes. The trees are beautiful.	Mar 5, 2012 1:44 PM
469	Yes, but mainly in the spring/summertime	Mar 5, 2012 1:33 PM
470	For the most part, yes.	Mar 5, 2012 1:32 PM
471	Areas of downtown Ann Arbor are spread out and not as localized, which makes	Mar 5, 2012 1:30 PM

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	it a little more difficult to do.	
472	Fewer good pedestrian only areas.	Mar 5, 2012 1:20 PM
473	Yes. The two cities are much different in size, but I love, love, love the fact that I walk through Ann Arbor and get everywhere I need to go by using my feet. I only need my car once a week to get to a major grovery store, but even without a car, a coul probably do OK on the local grocery stores in the downtown/Kerrytown area. Getting rid of these parking structures would give more people that opportunity.	Mar 5, 2012 1:14 PM
474	Yes, definitely!	Mar 5, 2012 12:46 PM
475	Yes. The number and variety of different people, families, and couples walking around downtown is really interesting. One thing that would be better was if there were more lower-cost cafes and boutiques, because many are a little expensive, especially for a college student.	Mar 5, 2012 12:44 PM
476	yes, complete downtown with all amenities	Mar 5, 2012 12:40 PM
477	Ann Arbor is clean and culturally interesting, but more appealing architecture and artistic outlets would be great.	Mar 5, 2012 12:39 PM
478	No. The parking isn't that great. It's expensive considering how long it takes to get everywhere by foot once you park, and it's almost scary to try and get anywhere by foot. Those bike lanes are pointless and I don't know which came first students that don't know how to cross the street safely, or cars driving with disregard for students- both are awful and I avoid the area as much as possible.	Mar 5, 2012 12:38 PM
479	For the most part yes; however, it's difficult to get downtown bc of traffic congestion and limited parking	Mar 5, 2012 12:36 PM
480	Sometimes I feel Main Street captures some of the same energy, but I feel like we just don't have the critical mass of people living downtown relative to other cities where I have my best memories. Main Street has the "bones" of a great place, but it really takes a weekend night and good weather to feel super social.	Mar 5, 2012 12:33 PM
481	No. No 'local' transit as opposed to commuter transit.	Mar 5, 2012 12:29 PM
482	Somewhat- Being near the historical buildings and museums from the university has a similar effect. In the Williams street area, however, I wish there would be more people walking up and down the street, especially Liberty street. There are a lot of great businesses and restaurants there, and I don't understand why it isn't more popular.	Mar 5, 2012 12:20 PM
483	Not necessarily. The atmosphere of Downtown isn't concentrated into one area like it is for E. 4th st. in Cleveland.	Mar 5, 2012 12:11 PM
484	Sometimes. At Mani, downtown coffee shops, or Kerrytown Market. It was cool because I was able to connect with other people which made me feel like I belonged in Ann Arbor and wasn't just passing through.	Mar 5, 2012 12:04 PM
485	Not really. Lack of green space / it's too far away .	Mar 5, 2012 12:00 PM

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486	No - there aren't any open green spaces with benches/tables (as far as I know - maybe I just haven't found them yet)	Mar 5, 2012 11:51 AM
487	Yes, but not enough places are available.	Mar 5, 2012 11:50 AM
488	Yes! All of these attractions are right around the Main Street district. I would like to see more variety and venues for live music and more variety in dining options.	Mar 5, 2012 11:50 AM
489	there are too many barriers to a smooth experience.	Mar 5, 2012 11:48 AM
490	I think a movie theater that plays all of the modern movies to supplement the more artistic ones played at the State and Michigan theaters would really be a worthwhile investment to attract college students that don't have cars to go to other movie theaters.	Mar 5, 2012 11:45 AM
491	PARKING SUCKS!!!!	Mar 5, 2012 11:40 AM
492	It seems like you need to plan outings in downtown Ann Arbor, you can't just show up and expect opportunities for entertainment to present themselves to you.	Mar 5, 2012 11:39 AM
493	Mostly, yes. The scenes are beautiful, there are many interesting places to visit - from ice cream to the museum with the architecture displays, from the university to the Arb. And, we do have art fair, but it would be neat to invite more street performances and smaller block parties for people. I would like to see AA use the Liberty Plaza area better for public services, programs, and community!	Mar 5, 2012 11:37 AM
494	absolutely! there are some parts that have this exact scene- especially on Main Street. Though the area between UM's central campus and Kerrytown could most definitely use some revitalizing.	Mar 5, 2012 11:31 AM
495	Partially--groceries are challenging in Ann Arbor. There are only a few places to buy food, and they tend to be more expensive than large-scale grocery stores. That said, I think that bringing a major grocery store to the downtown should be studied carefully, to ensure that the existing local food retailers do not go out of business.	Mar 5, 2012 11:25 AM
496	not all the way. downtown's fun, but you can't walk to a grocery, hardware, or clothing store from most neighborhoods	Mar 5, 2012 10:50 AM
497	No downtown parks of any size or even length (e.g., High Line--only 22 feet wide in many places, but about 18 blocks long. Has revitalized the area underneath it.	Mar 5, 2012 10:34 AM
498	The only place to sit is in an outdoor restaurant, nice in summer, but it would be nice to have a place where you can be outdoors, not a restaurant.	Mar 5, 2012 9:35 AM
499	Rarely is there anything going on of interest on the streets or sidewalks...still are a lot of interesting stores within walking distance of library, bus station, post office, city hall, church--places I walk to on weekly basis.	Mar 5, 2012 1:38 AM
500	No, To much drug dealing and homeless people trying to scare you into giving them money	Mar 5, 2012 1:16 AM
501	Sometimes. But you have to admit, while places such as the Blind Pig can be	Mar 4, 2012 11:33 PM

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	exciting, the atmosphere is pretty so-so. I have to say, there are so many musicians that live here and very few venues to play in.	
502	No. There are few sculptures and gardens, and no water features intended to be played in.	Mar 4, 2012 10:39 PM
503	Yes, but not to the same extent. It's a smaller city, so it can only support a certain number of establishments!	Mar 4, 2012 10:38 PM
504	Yes	Mar 4, 2012 8:58 PM
505	Definitely	Mar 4, 2012 8:52 PM
506	Downtown Ann Arbor is too crowded and there is too much traffic.	Mar 4, 2012 8:26 PM
507	Not really, there is mainly just restaurants. Summer events and festivals allow for some alternative forms of entertainment.	Mar 4, 2012 8:20 PM
508	There is no place free of cars. The area with shops, restaurants, etc. is too small.	Mar 4, 2012 7:42 PM
509	NO - and it seems less and less so every year with the addition of more and more tall buildings built right up to the sidewalk, colorless and drab (e.g. the new city hall). There are opportunities in Ann Arbor to make it a special place instead of tall buildings and restaurants. As mentioned earlier, Mark's Carts, with food vendors, plants, shaded tables, and friendly atmosphere is a mini-example of what we need more of! A Greenway along the railway line, just a couple of blocks from Main Street would really go a long ways towards having the type of downtown I could love!	Mar 4, 2012 7:09 PM
510	Sometimes, mostly main st. Or kerrytown. Also there are a few cool cages around	Mar 4, 2012 6:23 PM
511	To some degree	Mar 4, 2012 3:41 PM
512	No, Main street is a constant traffic nightmare. We could do one way in summer on Ashley of First and Fourth or fifth(different directions	Mar 4, 2012 2:41 PM
513	I think Ann Arbor is hampered by a lack of parking, congestion, and not many places for young people get enjoy a "green" space to socially-interact.	Mar 4, 2012 1:25 PM
514	Green space and parks are limited.	Mar 4, 2012 1:21 PM
515	No, to my knowledge there is no top floor public space, only private residential.	Mar 4, 2012 12:28 PM
516	In some spots. But others are losing diversity - such as the restaurants on Main Street	Mar 4, 2012 12:25 PM
517	Yes, due to the high density of independent businesses.	Mar 4, 2012 12:05 PM
518	yes- there's a really good mix of shopping, eating, music, parks-	Mar 4, 2012 10:17 AM
519	Sometimes, especially in the summer. Winter weekends can be a little quiet.	Mar 4, 2012 5:04 AM

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520	No. There are bums on every corner begging for money. That stupid Occupy Ann Arbor makes the city look like a complete pig sty.	Mar 4, 2012 2:36 AM
521	Almost, but too many cars too close to outdoor dining.	Mar 3, 2012 10:31 PM
522	No, apart from campus, space for pedestrians is always limited to sidewalks apart for the weak attempt at Liberty Plaza.	Mar 3, 2012 10:05 PM
523	Nickels Arcade is similar in terms of types of business, but smaller and w/out a large courtyard space for activities.	Mar 3, 2012 10:00 PM
524	Good shopping and good eating	Mar 3, 2012 8:45 PM
525	Yes. Obviously if downtown and campus are connected in an attractive way that would help. Same for Kerrytown being connected.	Mar 3, 2012 8:43 PM
526	Don't feel safe and it is dirty	Mar 3, 2012 7:53 PM
527	No. Where is the train station? So when returning from my great train trip to Lincoln, NE, I got off the train in Ann Arbor, around midnight. Had to catch a smokey cab ride home. Remarkable contrast.	Mar 3, 2012 7:04 PM
528	No. Too many cars. Not enough "ordinary" residents (townhouse or high rent apartment dwellers don't seem to feel the need of neighborhood) around. Not enough small park/playground space.	Mar 3, 2012 6:00 PM
529	In some areas. In other areas (such as around the downtown library) it is a bit bare and the construction zone doesn't help. Same with the area around Babo-- not very friendly.	Mar 3, 2012 5:33 PM
530	Lack of parking close enough to activities. Businesses closing too early.	Mar 3, 2012 5:33 PM
531	It is not possible because there is not proper squares or parks.	Mar 3, 2012 5:33 PM
532	Not currently - potential for North Main	Mar 3, 2012 4:51 PM
533	On occasion.	Mar 3, 2012 4:35 PM
534	Too much traffic	Mar 3, 2012 4:02 PM
535	Not really. Ann Arbor seems to cater more to the upper class people. Everything is just too expensive anymore, even in other states.	Mar 3, 2012 3:22 PM
536	Somewhat -- although downtown is too far from the river to lend itself to appealing natural scenery; even more ethnic diversity in restaurants and shops would be desirable	Mar 3, 2012 2:46 PM
537	Somewhat. Weather is a problem. Too close to streets and lots of exhaust from cars.	Mar 3, 2012 2:21 PM
538	There is a great need and opportunity to create unity and community through: the arts and cultural performances, open park spaces, and having the fairness that everyone is given access to warm, comfortable overnight accommodation and a warming shelter/activity center in the daytime.	Mar 3, 2012 2:20 PM

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539	Well, the weather is better in San Antonio, so it's not fair to compare. ;-) I enjoy downtown Ann Arbor most when Main Street is closed to traffic for a smaller event (like the Rolling Sculpture Car Show or the Green Fair). Not the mob scene of the Art Fair. Also, I love all the parks along the Huron River, but it is a shame that we don't have any waterfront restaurants.	Mar 3, 2012 1:56 PM
540	No. There are no parks with green spaces to hang out in. Liberty Plaza is sunken, attracts homeless, is unattractive concrete. Only 1 museum downtown. It's for children and closes early. When people go downtown, they either hang out on Main St or State St. The distance between those areas is not large but the lack of interesting places in the evening between the two create a dead zone. Homeless aggressive begging needs to stop. I get harassed more in A2 than in NYC, SF, Chicago. That is ridiculous.	Mar 3, 2012 12:15 PM
541	For the most part, yes; and perhaps to occur more often would be wonderful	Mar 3, 2012 12:08 PM
542	Yes, but only in certain areas. This area of town definitely needs some work. Getting rid of the surface parking lots in this area would really help. Getting more people to live and shop in this area would be an improvement.	Mar 3, 2012 12:03 PM
543	No. Our current city government allows too much for developers like McKinley and corporate chains like Chipotle, CVS, 7-11, etc. to run rampant over the city. Rents are jacked up so that no startup/small business can afford them. To me, the current state of downtown Ann Arbor could be described as "corporate blight"... we are culturally poorer for it, and food options have been dumbed down, as well. Surely, there are mainstays like Encore Records, Dawn Treader, Raja Rani, Jerusalem Garden, Stucchi's, and the like, but these are beginning to be the exception, not the rule.	Mar 3, 2012 11:39 AM
544	No. Too much traffic.	Mar 3, 2012 11:38 AM
545	Some places. But not extended. Generally miss active streets ape and scale (besides a few key streets). Also miss small scale urban plazas, passive places to sit.	Mar 3, 2012 11:38 AM
546	Depends. Ann Arbor is becoming increasingly "yuppified." I've lived in the area for 20 years, and the rise of national retail and restaurant chains at the expense of unique, local institutions has been disheartening.	Mar 3, 2012 11:19 AM
547	no	Mar 3, 2012 10:07 AM
548	Need more anchor type stores to draw business downtown	Mar 3, 2012 9:06 AM
549	No, because there is no greenspace	Mar 3, 2012 8:23 AM
550	Although I certainly enjoy walking through Ann Arbor better than that other town, as the other town is a GHOST LAND, I do wish that there were more statues/ things to see/ things to do that weren't money driven. I feel that walking down liberty street or main street that I HAVE TO BUY something in order to be there. It can be offputting that there aren't statues, or more benches or the like.	Mar 3, 2012 2:24 AM
551	not always - too much construction! since I have lived in Ann Arbor it seems like all I see are cranes, building, roads closed, terrible potholed roads from heavy	Mar 3, 2012 1:00 AM

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	const. vehicle traffic - dust and dirt storms from the job sites etc.. downtown vehicle traffic constantly running the stop signs -- 4 way stops.	
552	There are different parts to downtown Kalamazoo. Ann Arbor is just such a tight ball of what is hot.	Mar 3, 2012 12:00 AM
553	No, it is noisy and unsafe. The roads are awful having not been paved forever (I bike).	Mar 2, 2012 11:13 PM
554	Not completely since Ann Arbor is not San Francisco	Mar 2, 2012 10:44 PM
555	Somewhat, though there is not much variety and there is not a large shopping area with a variety of shops.	Mar 2, 2012 9:23 PM
556	In the summer, the opportunities are there. The Summer Festival really brings the community together. Is it possible to capture that quality year round, a few blocks away?	Mar 2, 2012 9:15 PM
557	On occasion- of course the scale of the city is different. the downtown has to be more retail friendly. Restaurants are nice but there have to be other attractions to bring people downtown.	Mar 2, 2012 8:36 PM
558	There is no decent shopping since Jacobson's moved, now Borders. All you can do downtown is go to the Ark, Art Center, Michigan Theater and eat, eat, eat. /Unless you're a student and spend the night in bars. There is precious little green space, One would not particularly enjoy a walk down Liberty from the theater "district" to eat on Main Street. Now if the library lot turned into a lovely park that might be different. The DDA should run attractive jitneys from the restaurant row to the various parking structures - that are basically empty at night - so you don't need to worry about parking 6 blocks away from dinner! I've been preaching this for so long I sound like a broken record.	Mar 2, 2012 8:22 PM
559	No. There is no Nature park with a large expanse of ground, large shade trees, benches, and fountain in the city center close to shops.	Mar 2, 2012 8:02 PM
560	Yes. Many times.	Mar 2, 2012 6:12 PM
561	Too much traffic...too much car exhaust...Not any green space	Mar 2, 2012 6:01 PM
562	Yes and no. There are lots of blocks that feel dark or dead at night (like banks), which I'm especially reminded of when I have visitors come from out of town. On the other hand, there are stretches of Main, Washington and State that I'm really proud to walk people down.	Mar 2, 2012 5:48 PM
563	Sort of -- Ann Arbor does have a lot of on-street activity. Though I go downtown often (I live w/in walking distance) I make a special point of going downtown when Main Street is closed for the peace from traffic it offers (e.g., the evening before Art Fair, the classic car displays, Taste of Ann Arbor and Top on the UofM campus).	Mar 2, 2012 5:39 PM
564	yes	Mar 2, 2012 5:32 PM
565	There are enough restaurants or cafes for food, but there are not so many places where I can stay and take photos	Mar 2, 2012 5:10 PM

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566	A2 is the best. I love eating at a table on the sidewalk on main street and watching ann arbor go by.	Mar 2, 2012 5:04 PM
567	No, because Ann Arbor's downtown is very spread out and it's not pedestrian-only. Downtown isn't even bike-friendly. I ride my bike everywhere, but I really really hate riding my bike downtown. There's enough traffic problems with people trying to back into those stupid tiny parallel parking spots without my bike going 10mph holding up more traffic. Sometimes I delay going downtown until I can take the bus.	Mar 2, 2012 4:59 PM
568	Yes, for the most part.	Mar 2, 2012 4:49 PM
569	Not all in one place. The ice rink at the BeestenMarkt, though tiny, is key to encouraging activity in winter and making their downtown lively even without all of the other activities. It gives us an excuse to go hangout there, even in winter, not because we want to skate necessarily, but because we know there will be people there. Nothing like that in downtown A2, not outdoors. Also, even though it's meant for grownups the BeestenMarkt is a very child-friendly space--a condition that is surprisingly rare in downtown A2	Mar 2, 2012 4:35 PM
570	NO. Ann Arbor is much too boutique and focused on expensive restaurants and shops. There is almost nowhere - and definitely nowhere central - to go to meet people, form community, hold gatherings, or simply walk to with the expectation that some group or other will have something going on there, whether it be music, art, farmers market, seating and audience area, etc. Kerrytown is perhaps the only exception, and even it only functions part of the time and is limited in size. Ann Arbor needs to think more about itself as a place of community and less about attracting out-of-town consumers.	Mar 2, 2012 4:28 PM
571	Sometimes. I like the A2 Summer Festival location in Ingalls Mall. I dislike all of the restaurants taking over downtown. I think we need more of a mix of retail and restaurants.	Mar 2, 2012 4:11 PM
572	See answer to 9.	Mar 2, 2012 4:11 PM
573	No....architecture is old fashioned, not green, not accessible urban/community spaces mixed with retail and no fine hotel downtown	Mar 2, 2012 3:57 PM
574	Once in a while, say, at Restaurant week, midnight madness shopping...	Mar 2, 2012 3:21 PM
575	Yes.	Mar 2, 2012 2:56 PM
576	no - its all about food	Mar 2, 2012 2:54 PM
577	There aren't enough parking places period, nevermind handicapped. Yes there are some garages but they are far away and cost prohibitive.	Mar 2, 2012 2:27 PM
578	top of the park is unique and close- not sure what other summer events come around (it's only our third year here.)	Mar 2, 2012 2:21 PM
579	Downtown was much nicer when we had Mueligs, Klines, and Goodyears. We had Schlenker's and Fischer's Hardware. We had fabric stores. But downtown was killed by free parking at the mall, and the rush to the bottom price-wise.	Mar 2, 2012 2:18 PM

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	Look where it's gotten us. The museums are nicer now, however, but that's the university. Decent shopping for locals and cultural and educational activities are probably the best bets for Ann Arbor.	
580	No. No downtown hotel, sidewalks are in poor condition and too many panhandlers, especially during warmer weather.	Mar 2, 2012 2:17 PM
581	Becoming harder to shop	Mar 2, 2012 1:57 PM
582	No, because there isn't a waterfront and the major museums are up on campus.	Mar 2, 2012 1:45 PM
583	Sometimes, especially with community events they all seem to be clustered around one another leaving a lot of time especially in the winter months sans any events. Le sad.	Mar 2, 2012 1:35 PM
584	I often run into people I know, but the fact that there are so many UM-gear and shops near state/liberty and shops that are targets towards the 50+ crowd on main makes me feel like there's not many specific places that aren't bars/restos where I'll run into people. I'd love more practical stores downtown.	Mar 2, 2012 1:33 PM
585	no. there are too many cars and too few open public spaces.	Mar 2, 2012 1:15 PM
586	That same type of community experience? No. Downtown Ann Arbor has much fewer stores, ethnic food, and small-time entrepreneurs. A food/art community festival on a Saturday in downtown Ann Arbor I just don't see happening - the environment is not as welcoming, there aren't enough people, and there are far too many closed businesses. I also don't see people in downtown Ann Arbor being a friendly community base, frankly.	Mar 2, 2012 1:11 PM
587	Sometimes I can have the same great experience in downtown Ann Arbor - there are always people about, and most of the roads are very bicycle-friendly. But I notice that I rarely go there just to sight-see; it's always to run an errand or celebrate an occasion with friends and family. Most of it isn't free, after all. When you do have money in your pocket, though, it's a fun place to be, with a great variety of destinations.	Mar 2, 2012 1:08 PM
588	I would like to see the development of a safe walkway through downtown Ann Arbor, enabling pedestrians and bikers to safely transit the downtown area. Green plantings (parks) and places to sit would enhance the community meeting and mixing. This would also encourage people to pass through downtown. The expense and congestion of parking deter people from coming downtown in their cars. Also, I must shop for groceries, clothing and hardware on the periphery of Ann Arbor. They used to be available in the downtown in the 1970s.	Mar 2, 2012 1:00 PM
589	While our transit system is workable it needs to be much better before it reaches the level of that evening.	Mar 2, 2012 12:56 PM
590	more so in years past, less so as time goes on....taken over by pricey boring boutiques and themey restaurants for suburban well-to-do tourists	Mar 2, 2012 12:56 PM
591	Somewhat. It can be tight at times, but that's to be expected.	Mar 2, 2012 12:55 PM
592	No. Parking is the major issue with Ann Arbor. Just trying to see a Michigan	Mar 2, 2012 12:52 PM

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	game can be a huge hassle unless you know someone in the neighborhood who will let you park.	
593	Because there is no large down town park. However, since there is no space in Ann Arbor for a park as large as Central Park, four pocket parks would do.	Mar 2, 2012 12:29 PM
594	Kind of- Dublin reminded me of A2 quite a bit architecturally, but you still need a car even if you live right downtown. That's incredibly exasperating.	Mar 2, 2012 12:18 PM
595	Not the same experience because of panhandlers and being harassed by people hanging out. Let the police do their job here in Ann Arbor to make it more comfortable for everyone.	Mar 2, 2012 12:04 PM
596	Sometimes. I feel that way at the Farmer's Market on occasion. FoolMoon felt that way last year. Same for Top of the Park.	Mar 2, 2012 12:03 PM
597	Sometimes, depending on the weekend	Mar 2, 2012 11:59 AM
598	Yes, to some extent.	Mar 2, 2012 11:55 AM
599	public transportation is okay, but needs to improve. parking is pretty good if you want to drive downtown. too much construction makes getting around difficult.	Mar 2, 2012 11:51 AM
600	parking problems and traffic congestion keep me from visiting downtown more often.	Mar 2, 2012 11:48 AM
601	Pretty much.	Mar 2, 2012 11:35 AM
602	The city's population is probably too low to generate this without concentrating it. The project should concentrate it.	Mar 2, 2012 11:22 AM
603	No, but it's understandable because San Fran is much larger.	Mar 2, 2012 11:12 AM
604	Not really. The buses stop running really early and are inconvenient after 6 and on weekends when they only run once an hour. I would love to not have to take my car to go out to dinner or have drinks downtown but it is impossible to take the bus if you are out late.	Mar 2, 2012 11:10 AM
605	There are few hotel options for visitors (though I live here) and less frequent travel from my house to downtown by bus (though I'm on a bus route I take daily to work), there is an emphasis on large-scale entertainment events and not smaller, more intimate events that are "spontaneous."	Mar 2, 2012 11:02 AM
606	no, there are too few green areas- even to put down astroturf	Mar 2, 2012 11:00 AM
607	Not enough parking	Mar 2, 2012 10:45 AM
608	Yes and no. The reason I moved to Ann Arbor was because I wanted the ability to move about downtown on foot and feel safe, while having a good time. Sometimes I get that, sometimes I don't. Sometimes there isn't parking so we end up turning around and going to Plymouth, which ALWAYS guarantees us free parking and access to good food, and to me, the short drive over is comparable to the price you pay for parking and waiting for a table somewhere around here.	Mar 2, 2012 10:24 AM

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609	I love to walk around town but....so many cars with drivers that aren't paying full attention are a serious hazzard. I WISH that we could create an efficient system where people could leave their cars in free lots "outside" a pedestrian (and commercial vans making deliveries) ONLY area for shopping, eating, busking, dancing, sitting, playing board games etc...Right now in AA, the car-pedestrian ratio means neither can enjoy their surroundings.	Mar 2, 2012 10:22 AM
610	Varies with time. Right now, for me, there are too many restaurants of middling quality (and often very strange food) and expensive boutiques aimed at young folks. Not enough variety in the retail stores. Several 'wastelands' around and in downtown - long stretches where all there is are parking lots or U buildings.	Mar 2, 2012 9:58 AM
611	Ann arbor doesn't have any parks like that in town.	Mar 2, 2012 9:43 AM
612	Sometimes here there is a sense of superiority, it annoys me.	Mar 2, 2012 9:41 AM
613	Downtown Ann Arbor could use more public art and more green space. Would be great to have a small park where children could play	Mar 2, 2012 9:09 AM
614	no, mostly due to the ambiance	Mar 2, 2012 9:04 AM
615	I wish we had a nice fountain. I don't find the parks to be as pleasant.	Mar 2, 2012 6:53 AM
616	Ann Arbor has no central location or city park (beyond the University campus.)	Mar 2, 2012 4:39 AM
617	no, not as many good outdoor seating environments that foster a more european seating environment	Mar 2, 2012 2:43 AM
618	No, too small and gov folks too afraid of making anybody mad. Good projects will always make some people mad, that's how you know you're on the right track!	Mar 2, 2012 1:46 AM
619	We have so much here in a small area--many great restaurants with a variety of types and prices, the Michigan and State Theaters, many kinds of music and museums, events on campus.	Mar 2, 2012 1:25 AM
620	No. My friends get in trouble for (essentially) being poor and having nowhere to sleep (because the warming center lost funding). Other friends of mine are turned away from the domestic violence shelters because of lack of space and funding. While meanwhile, the city spends more money than I will ever make (I work two jobs) in the entirety of my life on a statue in front of City Hall. The City of Ann Arbor only cares about rich, white people who benefit from the services of the working class people who keep the city running. It is not somewhere I feel supported. There is no sense of community.	Mar 2, 2012 12:42 AM
621	See above.	Mar 2, 2012 12:20 AM
622	Sometimes, but we tend to park as close as possible to restaurants and avoid walking stretches that are less pedestrian-friendly, like those in this project.	Mar 2, 2012 12:07 AM
623	No, A2 is more car-oriented than pedestrian oriented.	Mar 2, 2012 12:05 AM
624	only on eg festifools events	Mar 2, 2012 12:04 AM
625	For the most part, yes. Obviously, Vancouver is much bigger and benefits from	Mar 1, 2012 11:42 PM

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	its location but Ann Arbor has many of those same qualities.	
626	It used to be possible. But it's become so expensive, too up-scale-y. However the Top Of Park near Burton Tower is a good try at it.	Mar 1, 2012 11:28 PM
627	No. There is no nature in downtown Ann Arbor. It is mostly concrete, it has no natural beauty.	Mar 1, 2012 11:24 PM
628	No, because there is no central park. The local parks, lovely as they are, are far away and cannot serve as meeting places. The Diag is not a public space.	Mar 1, 2012 11:17 PM
629	not all of it downtown	Mar 1, 2012 11:10 PM
630	Most of the time. I can no longer say it's enjoyable to walk State St. as I once used to do. I find that now the local flavor is more limited to Kerrytown and Main Street.	Mar 1, 2012 11:09 PM
631	This is where it occurred; but the area is changing	Mar 1, 2012 11:06 PM
632	sometimes. Parking prices have gone up and traffic often discourages me from driving there. Bus routes have changed and were canceled..	Mar 1, 2012 11:03 PM
633	Not everywhere. Would be great if there were more restaurants/cafes/shops to make walking around more interesting. Would love more character in new buildings and more green/garden spaces.	Mar 1, 2012 11:00 PM
634	I have not found a place to get the same experience in Ann Arbor.	Mar 1, 2012 10:59 PM
635	I am able to get the Ann Arbor equivalent. Don't chase the phantoms of other downtowns! Why would I want the same experience in Ann Arbor? I want the Ann Arbor experience. I can only get that here.	Mar 1, 2012 10:50 PM
636	Downtown AA has limited number of open cafe. Even seasonal ones would be nice. my hometown has summer time street cafe and markets, people of all ages and dogs are strolling around. That "no specific plan nor destination" feeling is missing...	Mar 1, 2012 10:39 PM
637	No. Too much traffic.	Mar 1, 2012 10:38 PM
638	Places in the William street area seem to have nothing for people as they walk from Main street to State street. It seems more like a pass through than a destination. Along some of the north/south streets it seems deserted.	Mar 1, 2012 9:43 PM
639	No. Ann Arbor is expensive a town that seems to cater more to football and it's engineering students. There's not much creativity.	Mar 1, 2012 9:21 PM
640	Yes,from Marks Carts...would like to see no traffic on Main St.	Mar 1, 2012 9:20 PM
641	Sort of. Ann Arbor is too small of a city to have much diversity. The area between Main Street and Campus could become more commercial/residential if there were more 3 to 5 story brownstone style apartment buildings with retail on the ground level. The focus should be on keeping it feeling connected, rather than these large all-in-one condo monstrosities like Paragon West, etc.	Mar 1, 2012 9:14 PM

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642	Not really, partly because Madison is bigger and has more to offer in terms of culture and diversity. However, I do think there should be more effort to connect UM to the downtown area, and the study area, which is about halfway between, may be an ideal place to work toward that connection. Focusing on mixed use development may attract more students and young professionals to that particular area. In addition diversifying the dining options (especially with regards to price), shops, and nightlife could improve the area. However, I would be hesitant to sell any public land downtown. I think the City could also benefit from providing more green space in the downtown area, especially family-friendly green space!	Mar 1, 2012 9:05 PM
643	At Summer Festival and Street Fair. Nothing downtown attracts people to a central spot on a regular basis.	Mar 1, 2012 8:19 PM
644	Difficult parking, no museums downtown. Do not feel safe in structures unless close to street.	Mar 1, 2012 8:02 PM
645	Pretty much, except for the everyday needs: Muehlig's, Kline's, etc.	Mar 1, 2012 7:35 PM
646	Not enough high quality national and local retailers William sonoma, Apple, Coach, Crate and Barrel	Mar 1, 2012 6:48 PM
647	Too many cars and bad air quality. No pleasant places to sit if tired or waiting to meet someone outside.	Mar 1, 2012 6:48 PM
648	As Above	Mar 1, 2012 6:38 PM
649	No--it's not NYC.	Mar 1, 2012 6:21 PM
650	Yes to an extent, but even more would be beneficial.	Mar 1, 2012 6:13 PM
651	No, but our parks throughout the city can give a similar experience and I wouldn't expect our smaller town to give the same experience as a large city. What is nice about Ann Arbor is the small town feel but with some cosmopolitan culture. I don't think we should try to be like a big city - we have a nice flavor right now.	Mar 1, 2012 6:12 PM
652	To some extent. The added sidewalk eating/drinking space helps a lot. AA doesn't have as many shops, bookstores etc as Boulder's Pearl St seems to	Mar 1, 2012 6:08 PM
653	Yes but on a limited scale.	Mar 1, 2012 5:58 PM
654	No. There is virtually no place in downtown Ann Arbor, where people can be comfortable without having to buy something for the right to sit. There is no place one would want to be for its intrinsic beauty, like is a park or public garden, a place made with the intent of people's enjoyment, rather than commerce first.	Mar 1, 2012 5:44 PM
655	No...I can have a great dinner and attend a dance concert, but the shopping downtown is almost non-existent and there isn't a downtown attraction like Millennium Park. Also, AA's public transportation isn't as efficient.	Mar 1, 2012 5:31 PM
656	Kind of...but there could be more variety of businesses and places to go	Mar 1, 2012 5:11 PM
657	No, everything is the same or constantly changing in a fashion that does not keep the view fresh nor interesting.	Mar 1, 2012 5:10 PM

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658	Yes.	Mar 1, 2012 5:09 PM
659	Sometimes, although public transportation is not readily available and parking can be atrocious. Summer Fest is nice but more green space would be welcome.	Mar 1, 2012 5:06 PM
660	Sometimes during Farmer's Market, but it doesn't have the same quality of all of the town's culture being based on the market.	Mar 1, 2012 5:03 PM
661	The intensity/numbers of people and the greater numbers of retail businesses are something Ann Arbor does not have. A more vibrant retail mix would help.	Mar 1, 2012 4:52 PM
662	Yes, absolutely. I love downtown Ann Arbor. I live close enough to walk and do so most days in Spring, Summer, and Fall. I wimp out and drive in Winter. I would love to be an Ann Arbor tour guide. I was born here. My mom was born and raised here. I love this place.	Mar 1, 2012 4:48 PM
663	Food is huge in downtown and is better in many ways but parking is horrible there is no where to stay downtown and shopping is boutique at best. I mean Bivouac is a real store so is Whites Market. I used to love Borders and that is all gone.	Mar 1, 2012 4:46 PM
664	No, because we have no permanently closed-off streets that I can think of. Parking and traffic are problematic. Our streets can no longer adequately handle traffic at rush hour. Sitting at the outside cafes on busy streets is not as nice as it would be if they were located on a street with no traffic.	Mar 1, 2012 4:43 PM
665	No, not with Main Street the way it is designed. I would love to see the street closed during Spring and Summer to allow increased foot traffic and outdoor activities.	Mar 1, 2012 4:27 PM
666	Only when the streets are closed for a festival. But then, it's always crowded and hot, which is not what you get with a permanent pedestrian-only "street".	Mar 1, 2012 4:05 PM
667	Not as diverse, with a downtown seeming to be more interested in wealthy tourists, students, rather than town folk.	Mar 1, 2012 4:05 PM
668	yes but want more	Mar 1, 2012 3:52 PM
669	No, there are no inexpensive places to stay downtown, or even outside of town.	Mar 1, 2012 3:45 PM
670	It's not the same, but still enjoyable. I like the sidewalk cafes and shopping.	Mar 1, 2012 3:37 PM
671	Not enough independent businesses, too many gift shoppes, not enough sidewalk dining/drinking spots	Mar 1, 2012 3:35 PM
672	Sometimes. I've been tired and bone-cold or sweating after long hikes, too many times.	Mar 1, 2012 3:19 PM
673	Yes, it's great.	Mar 1, 2012 3:15 PM
674	You can when Taste of Ann Arbor comes to town or Art Fair or an outdoor festival.	Mar 1, 2012 3:02 PM

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675	Yes	Mar 1, 2012 2:54 PM
676	No. Not a lot of hotel options downtown. No real grocery stores or pharmacy's; can't see top notch entertainment on a weekday night.	Mar 1, 2012 2:54 PM
677	The open parks in downtown Ann Arbor seem to be blocks from stores and restaurants that we visit. For small children, this is considerable amount of walking distance. Parking and traffic seem to be really congested downtown. In the other town, we parked in a commuter parking structure and rode the buses to the downtown attractions. Chattanooga, TN.	Mar 1, 2012 2:53 PM
678	panhandlers. little to no open space (parks) within the shopping district.	Mar 1, 2012 2:45 PM
679	No lake but we could have a great park for relaxing.	Mar 1, 2012 2:42 PM
680	The panhandling has become unbearable.	Mar 1, 2012 2:33 PM
681	Yes and no. Ann Arbor does offer pockets of great places to explore, i.e. Main Street, Kerrytown, and State Street and Liberty, but these areas are small and not connected with the same busy atmosphere. Williams Street is a boundary where Main Street restaurants and shops stop, and is otherwise devoid of attractants to visitors or residents, save the public library and transit terminal.	Mar 1, 2012 2:33 PM
682	Yes - at several of the existing downtown events - Summer Festival, Art Fair, Taste of A2, Rolling Sculpture, 4th of July Parade	Mar 1, 2012 2:31 PM
683	I haven't found an Ann Arbor restaraunt that is B.Y.O.B., but Ann Arbor is a very walkable downtown. It would be nice to have a larger, more active market space to buy groceries and specialty items, with food carts and vendors around it. The farmers market is great, but its seasonal nature and open air restrict its use on most days.	Mar 1, 2012 2:22 PM
684	Yes...convrenient restaraunt and club locations.	Mar 1, 2012 2:14 PM
685	I haven't done that in downtown Ann Arbor in quite awhile--parking is a disaster here.	Mar 1, 2012 2:12 PM
686	No such space in downtown A2.	Mar 1, 2012 2:08 PM
687	The space in front of the federal building is "dead" space, splitting up our downtown areas. likewise, the area between Division and the Maynard parking structure and the loss of Borders makes it even deader. High rents have driven out a lot of the independent businesses and parking is forever an issue. Parking structures often feel unsafe.	Mar 1, 2012 2:07 PM
688	only at Art Fair when there are regular busses from outlying lots = frequently	Mar 1, 2012 2:00 PM
689	No, there aren't alot of viable hotels downtown. I don't want to spend \$200.00 for a place to sleep after a night out. There aren't any other viable options right downtown.	Mar 1, 2012 1:58 PM
690	Yes in most areas	Mar 1, 2012 1:53 PM
691	Yes! When it is warm:)	Mar 1, 2012 1:51 PM

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692	Yes, mostly at outdoor cafes or on the UM campus.	Mar 1, 2012 1:40 PM
693	WITH THE LOST OF SUWANEE SPRINGS...THERE IS NOT A "HIP" SHOPPING LOCATION	Mar 1, 2012 1:32 PM
694	Depends where downtown you are, seems to be less and less local retail.	Mar 1, 2012 1:30 PM
695	Yes, I love downtown Ann Arbor which is why I live here	Mar 1, 2012 1:26 PM
696	Housing downtown is unfamiliar to me. In the past, it's either been too unexpense, or too unknown.	Mar 1, 2012 1:11 PM
697	Not as thriving business life or diversity.	Mar 1, 2012 12:58 PM
698	No. Most of the shops are too expensive for me to actually shop in and I am forever concerned about the panhandlers.	Mar 1, 2012 12:45 PM
699	For the most part, yes, but the #1 barrier to A2's downtown is transportation. Parking is hell, and while I often take the bus, it doesn't run late enough for a night out.	Mar 1, 2012 12:29 PM
700	Yes as far as everything above except the greek festival. It would be nice if we had more things such as this in downtown, like in the diag or some place open like that (top of the park?)	Mar 1, 2012 12:28 PM
701	no - biking is difficult here	Mar 1, 2012 12:24 PM
702	obviously not. there is no central green space, there is no interactive fountain, the sidewalks are too narrow to offer much in the way of outdoor seating except on high-traffic streets and there is little retail left	Mar 1, 2012 12:15 PM
703	Health department would have to come up with criteria for food prep in moveable kitchens. Need large outdoor space accessible to vehicles.	Mar 1, 2012 12:03 PM
704	No. We don't have a downtown park or a walking street.	Mar 1, 2012 11:54 AM
705	No...we need more green space	Mar 1, 2012 11:53 AM
706	Not as much foot traffic in A2, outdoor seating was too crowded, wait was too long.	Mar 1, 2012 11:45 AM
707	Not regular events.	Mar 1, 2012 11:25 AM
708	Obviously not, we don't have a courthouse square! But a nice (well maintained and well-policed) downtown park - say where the library lot is now - would be a great alternative. We could even have another bandstand, for outdoor concerts.	Mar 1, 2012 11:11 AM
709	during art fair we have a sense of this in certain areas but otherwise there is no outdoor space to pull the community together	Mar 1, 2012 11:01 AM
710	No; see above.	Mar 1, 2012 11:01 AM
711	no ... there isn't a public garden in the downtown	Mar 1, 2012 10:43 AM

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712	We need a public space that everyone can experience easily--we have no area that allows people to meet unlike many other towns and cities that value the public square.	Mar 1, 2012 10:33 AM
713	Not really---not enough places to sit, enjoy, rest, watch, i.e. Ann Arbor doesn't have enough downtown park space	Mar 1, 2012 10:30 AM
714	No. Would love to see an area with shopping streets closed to cars. Encourage foot traffic, buses, bikes.	Mar 1, 2012 10:27 AM
715	Near the diag is the closest experience. The difference is that this is VERY busy and much more centered on college students.	Mar 1, 2012 10:15 AM
716	No. Not sufficient urban green space to create this setting. Implementation of Allen Creek Greenway might develop some proximate serenity	Mar 1, 2012 10:08 AM
717	No. Outdoor spaces are primarily sidewalk tables with exhaust surrounding you.	Mar 1, 2012 10:08 AM
718	No. This space isn't really there.	Mar 1, 2012 10:02 AM
719	Not fully. Much smaller town, fewer options.	Mar 1, 2012 10:01 AM
720	This is what I like about A2 downtown: walking downtown with my kids. Shopping at Peaceable Kingdom, getting a coffee. It is with family, it is spontaneous, it is within walking distance of our home, it is affordable in our family budget (unlike dinner downtown).	Mar 1, 2012 9:59 AM
721	not so much	Mar 1, 2012 9:57 AM
722	Not quite, Ann Arbor is a bit too spread out, and is not quite as bikeable although it's getting better. It is hard to change our density through land use as most of it is already built, but we can provide more services for bikes and more tools to slow traffic down inside downtown that will make it better!	Mar 1, 2012 9:46 AM
723	There are only certain streets and areas that have this experience. Some streets seem very disconnected. There isn't easy park once for a meal and a movie, show. It's not easy to get from one area of downtown to the other.	Mar 1, 2012 9:29 AM
724	Yes, there are times when this happens. I often get the urge to go "downtown" to walk around. When I choose not to, it is usually because I do not want to deal with parking.	Mar 1, 2012 9:20 AM
725	I come to downtown less often because on popular social days/evenings, the parking is so hard to find and the ticketing is out of control - its aggravating	Mar 1, 2012 9:13 AM
726	Too many buildings everywhere it make me feel like going home.I need rest from businesses.	Mar 1, 2012 9:08 AM
727	No. The DDA values dollars more than people and even creates a survey, among so much clamor for a downtown park by residents, that mostly ignores these calls. How many of your questions included a downtown park? We are already a successful city with fabulous restaurants, exceptional stores, and many businesses down town. What we do not have down town is a real park.	Mar 1, 2012 9:03 AM

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728	not really - there are trees lining the streets, but no grassy areas.	Mar 1, 2012 8:54 AM
729	no, it is not dense enough to offer the variety of cultural sites, goods and services that a larger city can offer	Mar 1, 2012 8:47 AM
730	Sometimes - such as Art Fair and football weekends - the city is alive.	Mar 1, 2012 8:02 AM
731	I get a different but just as enjoyable experience in Ann Arbor. I really like the size AA is, which is why I moved here from a smaller city in Michigan.	Mar 1, 2012 7:52 AM
732	Some but all the new student housing in my downtown area are not appealing to strolling downtown with friends and family.	Mar 1, 2012 7:41 AM
733	Sure I think from Casey's and Angelo's and North Side Grill to South Main Market the variety of small business's and places to eat is quite abundant making walking tours delightful.	Mar 1, 2012 4:16 AM
734	No. Would like books and boutique clothing for women at moderate price	Mar 1, 2012 3:29 AM
735	No because the closest outdoor park/playground is on high street or at fuller	Mar 1, 2012 3:15 AM
736	Pretty similar!	Mar 1, 2012 1:28 AM
737	Ann arbor is one of the places that has great foot traffic and, in turn, is an interesting place to be.	Mar 1, 2012 1:05 AM
738	yes	Mar 1, 2012 12:48 AM
739	some places--Ann Arbor has some unique spots downtown but could do more with green space (green roofs, native plantings between streets and sidewalks)	Mar 1, 2012 12:20 AM
740	Ann Arbor could be more dense, you could pass more stores and shops in 100 ft than you can now.	Mar 1, 2012 12:16 AM
741	It depends. It is getting harder because of high parking rates.	Mar 1, 2012 12:16 AM
742	Nope, there isn't a park area that large around here. We need a "central park" of Ann Arbor!	Mar 1, 2012 12:08 AM
743	Some of it. Can walk around and hang out on Main Street, but too much traffic and exhaust fumes from the cars are very unpleasant and very unhealthy. There are hardly any street musicians or performers, no place for children to hang out.	Feb 29, 2012 11:46 PM
744	Somewhat. The historic buildings are lovely, but there are also many new buildings (banks, the courthouse) which are unpleasant, or in the case of most of the parking structures, horrible eyesores.	Feb 29, 2012 11:42 PM
745	A2 is More urban, it has wonderful dining options, parks are more rare, you have to walk farther to see them. Not exactly the same!	Feb 29, 2012 11:42 PM
746	It's not happening on a regular basis. Music, especially outdoor music, is not part of the cityscape.	Feb 29, 2012 11:34 PM
747	I don't feel that our housing is really suitable for a mix of incomes/ages, and	Feb 29, 2012 11:33 PM

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	there are no grocery stores, really. Also, we do not have regular public bus service to and from the airport with reasonable times and prices. (It cost me only \$11 for the hour plus train and 20 min. bus ride for the other commute, and cheaper with a pass card.	
748	Yes, though an outdoor venue would be nice.. though top of the park does have a similar attraction	Feb 29, 2012 11:32 PM
749	We love Ann Arbor and have lived here for over 10 years. Parking is difficult downtown, but once we are there, there are plenty of restaurants and things to do. Additional stores and restaurants will probably require businesses such as Google locating near downtown as well.	Feb 29, 2012 11:28 PM
750	Yes.	Feb 29, 2012 11:16 PM
751	No. There is NO civic space--no town square. Even Dexter has a park downtown. The Diag is not Ann Arbor's Central Park.	Feb 29, 2012 11:12 PM
752	Sort of, not exactly. Our main outdoor festival- Top of the Park- is great, but in a "roped off" area with food booths, can't really be there and in a cafe. The fountain there is great, but again sort of in a secluded area.	Feb 29, 2012 11:02 PM
753	Only when things are closed for certain events, like Green Fair/ Bike fest and the annual car shows, or art fair	Feb 29, 2012 10:54 PM
754	Minimum retail and no beautiful natural areas.	Feb 29, 2012 10:42 PM
755	Where are the bookstores? Many unique shops are disappearing to be replaced with chain stores and restaurants. Why can't we be more like Petoskey?	Feb 29, 2012 10:34 PM
756	Going to the Ark. Standing in line we had a great opportunity to meet new people. It was a place to see and be seen on the street. We were excited about the evening's activities. Yes.	Feb 29, 2012 10:33 PM
757	Yes, but more dining options, shopping options, movie theaters, just things actually TO DO downtown will bring more people there.	Feb 29, 2012 10:08 PM
758	Yes on Main Street during some parts of the day and evening.	Feb 29, 2012 10:04 PM
759	No. We don't really have a city center.	Feb 29, 2012 10:00 PM
760	No green space available	Feb 29, 2012 9:45 PM
761	see above	Feb 29, 2012 9:43 PM
762	Parking is a hassle. Also, most of the businesses are restaurants. If you're not going to eat, there's not much to do.	Feb 29, 2012 9:24 PM
763	No. No such place exists.	Feb 29, 2012 9:19 PM
764	Nope. Where can you go to sit except the park on Liberty and 5th and that is almost entirely concrete? I want to see flowers and grass and a fountain (that kids can get wet in). Maybe a community garden with plots that grow vegetables but also invite sitting, lingering. We want benches and paths for strolling but	Feb 29, 2012 9:18 PM

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	mostly a place to enjoy the sunshine and watch people.	
765	No. Ann Arbor host one of the biggest football stadiums in the country but doesn't have a nice venue for music or performance shows. Not just classical, I mean like bring a famous pop artist into town like Sting, Kid Rock, etc. Grand Rapids has this as well as Detroit.	Feb 29, 2012 9:06 PM
766	Great restaurants but no central park type location	Feb 29, 2012 8:53 PM
767	Parking is limited, with no open are for seating and conversation with others. Look to Brighton for ideas.	Feb 29, 2012 8:34 PM
768	No lake or green space. Obviously, that's what I am convinced would make a difference downtown!	Feb 29, 2012 7:50 PM
769	There doesn't seem to be a 'feel' to downtown Ann Arbor, as though each block has been considered separately.with an emphasis on generating income rather than how it fits into an overall plan - cases in point being the Fox Tent 9-story building and Tower Plaza towering over very much lower buildings in the surrounding blocks. Probably a necessary expedient but it some how looks unplanned. Also, alleyways throughout downtown seen as 'out of sight' areas by owners that are, in fact, in plain sight rather than as opportunities to showcase how creatively we can deal with this kind of infrastructure necessity.	Feb 29, 2012 7:01 PM
770	While Main Street can be vibrant in a similar fashion, There needs to be more activity on 4th, 5th and Division. FGetting people out of thier cars and on the street. Maybe the parking needs to be as difficult as Minneapolis to get folks out of their cars.	Feb 29, 2012 6:55 PM
771	No - simply because there is no centralized park area.	Feb 29, 2012 6:41 PM
772	See above,	Feb 29, 2012 6:38 PM
773	Generally yes	Feb 29, 2012 6:37 PM
774	Somewhat, but the recent plague of chain stores and high rise buildings, the teardown of Heritage Row, and continuing stratification of classes has made the environment seem rather snooty, obnoxious and expensive. That said, the city has many assets and opportunities as well as embedded benefits, such as the university. Partnering between educational, medical, and social services to build coalitions and support business and non-profits returning our city to truly sustainable (able to regenerate and return to the earth's natural physical systems) roots seems to be beyond the interest of city and business property owners....	Feb 29, 2012 6:32 PM
775	No, but I still enjoy the downtown experience, albeit on a much smaller scale.	Feb 29, 2012 6:28 PM
776	rarely. We have to find more reasons for people to come downtown/live downtown/work downtown. Other than the historic districts we don't have much great architecture. We don't have as much sidewalk activity/people watching as I'd like. We need more jobs, more shopping options, more "more"	Feb 29, 2012 6:20 PM
777	Downtown is vibrant--you can't say that about a lot of downtowns any more	Feb 29, 2012 6:19 PM

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778	I don't want the same experience as in some other place. I want a clean and secure environment in which unexpected or joyful experiences are likely.	Feb 29, 2012 6:09 PM
779	Somewhat. Outside of Main St. & Liberty, the interesting shops and restaurants are sprinkled about. It's tough to know that something great is around the corner if there's nothing else that might draw you down there.	Feb 29, 2012 6:04 PM
780	A jazz combo performance during hicih the listening crowd got up and danced around Liberty Park..	Feb 29, 2012 5:56 PM
781	Sort of, taste of Ann Arbor was kind of similar. Except, I'd like to see the stores/vendors be more diverse and not mostly about food.	Feb 29, 2012 5:54 PM
782	Downtown has good bakeries like Cafe Japon but the only nearby park is liberty plaza, which is not very inviting. Sculpture plaza in Kerrytown is nice but we need something closer to the downtown center	Feb 29, 2012 5:48 PM
783	Yes! Michigan Theater, bars and restraunts.	Feb 29, 2012 5:45 PM
784	No. No place to hold such an event downtown.	Feb 29, 2012 5:44 PM
785	No- no buildings are old enough.	Feb 29, 2012 5:43 PM
786	I can get many of these things, in A2, but not all downtown. There is the Arb, which is lovely, but it's a destination. I can enjoy interesting, but not practical shopping downtown. Adding more practical vendors (I'm all for local vendors, but we also need a normal grocery store and the CVS was a big help help to making downtown a place that people can take care of day-to-day errands, as well as destination shopping.	Feb 29, 2012 5:29 PM
787	No, our parks and open spaces are not contiguous to downtown	Feb 29, 2012 5:26 PM
788	No, principally because there is no pedestrain-only area. A very small approximation is the Ann Arbor Summer Festival. Strolling down Main Street on a weekend night is usually entertaining (vibrant) but sitting outside to eat, inches away from car exhaust, is not my idea of a good or healthy time.	Feb 29, 2012 5:12 PM
789	No. Downtown A2 is not dense enough and too much emphasis is placed on the primacy of automobile traffic. A2 does have similarity in the large number of locally-owned unique businesses, but that seems to be falling away with the recent influx of chain stores. The primary reason why A2 cannot currently create the same experience is the lack of rapid public transit that does not take up surface space, e.g. subway trains. Constructing a streetcar utility to connect the downtown area to outlaying parking lots would be ideal as bus schedules can be capricious. The availability of a streetcar line would help to reduce the major complaint of people visiting downtown A2: too hard to drive and not enough parking. Let downtown A2 be for bicycles and pedestrians, not for space-hungry automobiles.	Feb 29, 2012 5:05 PM
790	These individual components exist in various locations around town, but I don't know of a place that brings it all together like that lovely European courtyard did for me.	Feb 29, 2012 5:04 PM

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791	I can't afford most of what's downtown, and I'm completely dependent on the buses (or other people) for transportation.	Feb 29, 2012 4:58 PM
792	No. Based on how quickly and thoroughly the city doesn't remove snow, I'm guessing Mahler is sort of out of the question.	Feb 29, 2012 4:57 PM
793	No. Large focus on parking.	Feb 29, 2012 4:55 PM
794	Less interesting shopping in Main St area. Wish the Ark also had food...	Feb 29, 2012 4:53 PM
795	Would be better if downtown had access to the Huron River. Extend the DDA to the river?	Feb 29, 2012 4:51 PM
796	In some areas like Main Street and Kerrytown. There are big stretches (for example between State Street and Main Street) that have no real community area or appeal.	Feb 29, 2012 4:49 PM
797	in the summer sometimes,	Feb 29, 2012 4:44 PM
798	Weather is a factor! Too many national chains, and I suspect rent is "too damn high" for local independent businesses.	Feb 29, 2012 4:39 PM
799	Some times not often enough.	Feb 29, 2012 4:29 PM
800	For the most part, yes. There's still a need to educate drivers--or design streets--so there's a safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists.	Feb 29, 2012 4:28 PM
801	Sometimes during specific festivals or events but not all the time.	Feb 29, 2012 4:26 PM
802	I think Ann Arbor has a great downtown in that it is easy to run into friends, neighbors, but I don't think we do a good enough job of supporting local musicians and artisans.	Feb 29, 2012 4:12 PM
803	I love driving down Main St. in the winter, with the lights in the trees! (This year was less impressive due to no snow AND I preferred the whiter lights last year, this year they looked yellowed.)	Feb 29, 2012 4:10 PM
804	Mostly at campus venues such as the Diag. Also at Art fair. Going to top of the park and then wandering around town with the kids. The venue for Top of the Park is excellent. The Diag is also a great space. My kids love to bike on the Diag and play frisbee. But the area where Top of the Park and Art Fair is used are at the whim of the university. Better if we had our own similar space.	Feb 29, 2012 4:09 PM
805	No. The walk from many residential areas is unappealing, especially in bad weather (poor sidewalks, not cleared quickly in winter, poorly lit), there are "buffer zones" of unappealing businesses in some areas between residential areas and downtown (groups of gas stations, car repair, convenience stores, food delivery businesses, etc. - individually they're fine, but they have a negative effect when grouped together). There are no "regular" grocery stores downtown. There could be more unique, affordable & informal food sources downtown. (there's some, but there could be more) There seems to be an influx of chain stores/restaurants (especially near State Street). This is damaging the downtown environment - there is less reason to deal with the inconvenience and cost of getting downtown if it's "just the same stuff" as the strip malls.	Feb 29, 2012 3:57 PM

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806	NO. Need more Retail Boutiques and need to clean up the streets.	Feb 29, 2012 3:50 PM
807	Often, yes. William Street doesn't have as enticing of a streetscape as Liberty, so some redesign would be needed. Please don't try to be 'trendy' like the last South U facelift. That feels forced and now outdated. Hanging plants from light posts may make a special gardenscape identity on William.	Feb 29, 2012 3:47 PM
808	Downtown Ann Arbor is a great place to be, but lacks large green spaces as described above.	Feb 29, 2012 3:46 PM
809	No, too many cars, not enough non-restaurant businesses.	Feb 29, 2012 3:45 PM
810	Sometimes, there is not as much variety and big names are not as likely to come to Ann Arbor.	Feb 29, 2012 3:44 PM
811	not downtown. i get this more in a place like Knights.	Feb 29, 2012 3:41 PM
812	Ann Arbor certainly isn't as big as Toronto, but I feel like many of these experiences could be replicated. What's disappointing for me is when I see independent businesses being replaced by chains (Shaman Drum for 5 Guys, Lab Cafe for Tim Horton's, etc.). That's not what Ann Arbor is about, and I'm concerned we're moving in that direction to cater to the student clientele.	Feb 29, 2012 3:39 PM
813	Downtown is relatively limited to high end restaurants or college student areas. Would be nice to have more options for younger, working people.	Feb 29, 2012 3:28 PM
814	No mountains but we could use a variety of meeting and dining spaces that celebrate the views we have	Feb 29, 2012 3:27 PM
815	Ann Arbor isn't as large - so no- nor should it be.	Feb 29, 2012 3:21 PM
816	yes and no. the only park I can think of downtown is liberty square and it isn't that pretty and I feel like a lot of homeless/unemployed/pan handlers hang out there. I would enjoy a nicer park right downtown.	Feb 29, 2012 3:15 PM
817	To some extent yes, but for the most part no. I still feel that I too often want or need to take the car. To get to Nichols Arboretum from downtown requires a dedicated effort and there is no continuity of street life to pull me all the way there. The downtown is also too small and the single family, single use neighborhoods are way too close to downtown to support the kind of vibrant urbanity that makes cities great. There are too many surface parking lots (ashley and huron is a glaring one) and there are too many dead spots and big roads downtown to maintain the kind of intensity of use that should be blossoming everywhere (not just on main street and on the corner of liberty and state).	Feb 29, 2012 3:14 PM
818	No. No currently available time travel, compounded by the following current deficiencies: Insane parking. High parking fees. Generic strip mall store franchises have crowded out the personality of downtown. I can go to *any* suburban strip mall for the *same* experience and not have to fight for the privledge of paying extortionately priced parking.	Feb 29, 2012 3:09 PM
819	Yes and no. There is too much of a disconnect between Main St and State St.	Feb 29, 2012 2:53 PM

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	areas, and not much space to just stop and sit without feeling like I'm in someone's way. Much of the public art is too abstract for my taste, so I don't stop to pay attention to it.	
820	To a limited degree. A greater variety of businesses (i.e. not just more restaurants and cafes) would be great and seems like an attainable goal. Bus service is already very good. There's not enough to do outside, but I must admit I have no good ideas for improving that.	Feb 29, 2012 2:45 PM
821	Ann Arbor downtown is a great place - lots of places that I can visit or spend time at. The biggest missing piece is lack of affordable housing around town.	Feb 29, 2012 2:38 PM
822	I haven't looked for fairy doors in downtown Ann Arbor, but that might be similar. Otherwise, I don't see a sense of discovery.	Feb 29, 2012 2:27 PM
823	To some extent. There are not enough mass transit connections between downtown and nearby neighborhoods in the county.	Feb 29, 2012 2:20 PM
824	It is becoming more difficult as time moves on. The new buildings going up are so outsized for the size of our sidewalks and streets. Many areas (near South U and Washtenaw, State and Huron, Huron and Ashley) are no longer welcoming to pedestrians and feel barren.	Feb 29, 2012 2:20 PM
825	Of course not. A2 has no waterfront, stunning scenery , or well maintained areas.	Feb 29, 2012 2:13 PM
826	Certainly whenever there's a festival going on.	Feb 29, 2012 1:52 PM
827	No, besides the university grounds there are no parks within the immediate vicinity of the eateries that can be found around the William Street area.	Feb 29, 2012 1:47 PM
828	the closest i can think of is kerrytown. many nice things is a small area. i can normally find parking nearby and then i go off to any number of great stores or food places there.	Feb 29, 2012 1:46 PM
829	Ann Arbor is fine for food and ok for music, plays, and entertainment, but the shopping is dull beyond belief. Losing Afterwords and Borders hurts. Not everyone likes shopping for clothes and trinkets.	Feb 29, 2012 1:42 PM
830	no museums in downtown Ann Arbor	Feb 29, 2012 1:22 PM
831	No - Think Denver's 16th Street Mall or Boulder's Pearl Street or any other big/moderate city's availability of a pedestrian friendly space where you can dine outdoors without car pollution and not have to worry about getting run over.	Feb 29, 2012 1:20 PM
832	Sometimes. I live within a 20min walk to downtown. We have some real local business gems in this town. Occasionally Main street is rockin'. However, we have a lack of public gathering/ sitting spaces in the downtown area. I wish we had a higher density downtown, better foodie-friendly restaurants (local ingredients, innovative flavors, etc.), more mixed use spaces, more public art, and a funkier aesthetic.	Feb 29, 2012 1:13 PM
833	Ann Arbor has become disneyfied. We have very little viable retail. We are told that it is because there is not enough density and the cure is high rises. We	Feb 29, 2012 12:44 PM

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	could have increased downtown density three fold by allowing existing two and three story buildings to add on top. Ann Arbor is becoming uglier by the day. Real estate speculation is on the rise because of the bang for the buck afforded by our new building codes. If we made Ann Arbor less speculator friendly, we would still be able to have funky businesses that could afford modest rents. If we keep on our present path, we'll have nothing but Bar Louies. How much fun is that?	
834	Yes, but wish sidewalks were wider.	Feb 29, 2012 12:42 PM
835	not enough open space	Feb 29, 2012 12:39 PM
836	Lots of foot traffic, intriguing mix of different kinds of folks, except for times of UM vacations our downtown is well utilized and is really enjoyable during street fairs and the Art Fairs.	Feb 29, 2012 12:34 PM
837	No, there is not an emphasis on the arts. A once a year "art fair" does not create culture. There are very few spaces in Ann Arbor to enjoy art outside of the University of Michigan.	Feb 29, 2012 12:33 PM
838	Lots of good food and bars in AA. But music/dance/unique entertainment venues are lacking in AA. Especially for older-than-student crowd.	Feb 29, 2012 11:57 AM
839	No, we don't have enough people downtown and all the markets are controlled by self-interested boards determined to keep their friends in business. it's a shame.	Feb 29, 2012 11:56 AM
840	Pretty much but it would be nice to have more parks close to downtown	Feb 29, 2012 11:54 AM
841	no, can't get home at night or weekends on transit, not safe riding bikes there, during art fair bike parking is removed, difficult and expensive to park, no benches, no fountains, it has potential.	Feb 29, 2012 11:53 AM
842	I work downtown but have to leave the center city if I want a change of scene. I can go to West Parkk but it's no conventient.	Feb 29, 2012 11:50 AM
843	Yes, when I go out to eat in the summer at an outdoor cafe, or just walking around seeing lots of people.	Feb 29, 2012 11:39 AM
844	Yes, but even more of this would be great.	Feb 29, 2012 11:34 AM
845	No. Streets and sidewalks are not clean. Cigarette butts and trash are everywhere. No accountability to maintain the trees and area around them. New buildings have no architectural integrity except for the new UM dorm on State. Slumlord housing is a huge aesthetic problem. The city isn't even killing the weeds in the center islands in the main corridors into the city. No one is weed killing and fertilizing in the parks so that the grass can survive. Parks are now mostly weeds.	Feb 29, 2012 11:32 AM
846	sometimes	Feb 29, 2012 11:31 AM
847	Yes.	Feb 29, 2012 11:21 AM
848	Yes, to a smaller (due to smaller geography) extent	Feb 29, 2012 11:14 AM

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849	No, our architecture isn't as great - we don't have signature buildings like that - we don't have enough museums and cultural destinations - and we don't have little alleys that are inviting to walk into	Feb 29, 2012 11:14 AM
850	Enjoyable experiences in downtown Ann Arbor are limited. It takes forever to find parking. Often long lines for the parking structures / street parking. In addition, I think more independent restaurants would be welcome. I look at Main Street Ventures restaurants as a chain. Overpriced and not very good.	Feb 29, 2012 11:13 AM
851	NO. Consider closing Main Street between Huron and William, either permanently or at least after 5.30pm each day.	Feb 29, 2012 11:03 AM
852	No. There needs to be a stronger and livelier center with a wider range of stores. The commercial streets of downtown are too short and scattered. It is an economic problem that stores are shuttering even on the very limited commercial sections of streets of state, main and liberty. And due to a variety of factors Washington, Williams and Huron and many side streets are dead as a doornail. Aside from that, terrible architecture has caused whole areas to be dead and not naturally expand because they have been designed in a way to have no store fronts, or they are set back in a way that makes businesses fail.	Feb 29, 2012 10:58 AM
853	No.	Feb 29, 2012 10:53 AM
854	Yes and no. Some of the offices and buildings are started to focus on green initiatives and we have good public transit. Due to the limited public transit commute times (no late night, very limited weekends) our community often relies on people having to drive around to get to the places they want to go.	Feb 29, 2012 10:52 AM
855	No, the shopping is limited. Too many art boutiques.	Feb 29, 2012 10:50 AM
856	Limited cafes, no green space, no places to sit if you're not a customer.	Feb 29, 2012 10:50 AM
857	No. There are not any inviting open park spaces. Nor is the downtown biker or walker friendly. And bike/walk trails exist but they are not connected and have dangerous off putting gaps.	Feb 29, 2012 10:49 AM
858	yes	Feb 29, 2012 10:44 AM
859	usually - although restaurant to retail ratio seems high	Feb 29, 2012 10:32 AM
860	No, I avoid downtown Ann Arbor, unless I have to go there for business reasons, because it's so hard to park and there are so many pedestrians stepping out in front of vehicles without looking.	Feb 29, 2012 10:31 AM
861	sidewalks are good, but cars rule here.	Feb 29, 2012 10:28 AM
862	Yes.	Feb 29, 2012 10:28 AM
863	A little, but connecting the main st to state street would help a lot.	Feb 29, 2012 10:28 AM
864	It could happen here, we must develop a better relationship with local artists, including mural artists.	Feb 29, 2012 9:47 AM
865	yes,but more would be better.	Feb 29, 2012 9:46 AM

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866	I Often feel that there are difficulties in getting downtown. Parking, etc. The restaurants are more and more chains or moderately priced and not very kid / hang out friendly. It feels made for tourists and not for people of Ann Arbor. I want more small businesses to be supported and places for people to be and express themselves	Feb 29, 2012 9:38 AM
867	I support all events to connect with the Huron River. Otherwise, Ann Arbor is a bit challenging...	Feb 29, 2012 9:35 AM
868	potentially at the Michigan Theatre and if some other band wanted to give a spontaneous free performance	Feb 29, 2012 8:51 AM
869	Yes. We have all the necessary elements.	Feb 29, 2012 8:49 AM
870	The scale of the city is obviously very different, but there are places in AA that you can walk around aimlessly and have an interesting experience, though use of public transportation as a part of this wandering around requires more planning in AA. This stretch of William is actually one of the places in the City that doesn't lend itself to pleasant aimless wandering - it more likely inspires one to turn around and go back towards the downtown core areas.	Feb 29, 2012 8:44 AM
871	No	Feb 29, 2012 8:26 AM
872	yes. to an extent, though on a small scale.	Feb 29, 2012 8:18 AM
873	almost. No hotels.	Feb 29, 2012 3:26 AM
874	No. There are no such true historic eating places in Ann Arbor.	Feb 29, 2012 1:17 AM
875	No, the restaurants are overpriced and not very good for the prices paid. They are aimed at the out of town suburbanites who want to come to Ann Arbor, but A2 diners are more health-oriented and less wealthy than this suburban crowd. We need the tourists but I wish our entire downtown did not have to be organized around the needs of people who do not actually live and work here. After all we sustain these businesses year-round!	Feb 29, 2012 1:05 AM
876	In some areas - Kerrytown has a vibe that mimics some of this experience.	Feb 28, 2012 11:55 PM
877	Greater Ann Arbor has a lot of this going on, for sure, but what if all the little ethnic markets in the Platt-Packard-Carpenter area could afford to be downtown, or what if something like the new Babo (but less precious and high end) were downtown? Those kinds of amenities would definitely improve the pedestrian and worker experience. And it's shameful that there's no real bookstore in Ann Arbor any more.	Feb 28, 2012 10:43 PM
878	not exactly, but i love it when main street is blocked off and people run into each other	Feb 28, 2012 10:19 PM
879	No. Congestion, too many cars, not friendly you cyclists	Feb 28, 2012 10:07 PM
880	NO! Ann Arbor is cars cars cars, no plantings (except for what the parking lot management does, which is lovely), no place to meet besides restaurants.	Feb 28, 2012 9:48 PM
881	Not entirely. There are places to walk, but not all of them are attractive or easy.	Feb 28, 2012 9:44 PM

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882	No, Shops in Downtown care too much about a profit so the prices are all too high. The homeless are on every corner, we need to spend more money on creating jobs for them and providing them with beautiful low income housing in downtown so they can better their lives and spend their hard earned cash in downtown and boost the city's funds, and image at the same time.	Feb 28, 2012 9:43 PM
883	Not exactly. The diag is similar aesthetically. The Kerrytown area comes closest to being a compact area that's walkable and has varied shops.	Feb 28, 2012 9:39 PM
884	No. The Diag is a great public space, but downtown Ann Arbor itself has no central meeting point, park, or plaza. The park on Liberty is better than people give it credit it for, but it's too small and oddly designed to serve this purpose.	Feb 28, 2012 8:55 PM
885	A few of the blocks are like this. But some blocks have parking structures or lots that create this empty boring space that breaks up the excitement. And some businesses aren't all that interesting or open late enough to go into in the evenings.	Feb 28, 2012 8:45 PM
886	Almost. Main Street has the outdoor seating and the crowds. If you take out the street (and the cars) and replace them with playground equipment, fountains, more trees, etc., you're on the right track.	Feb 28, 2012 8:43 PM
887	The amount of public art is limited. Love the new piece at City Hall. Appreciate the art at the 4th & Washington parking structure. Love the Cube. Let's have more like in Seattle - poems on stair risers, dance steps in bronze in the sidewalks, artists involved in infrastructure.	Feb 28, 2012 8:30 PM
888	downtown too spread out not enough close parking	Feb 28, 2012 8:22 PM
889	Ann Arbor will never be New York, nor should it.	Feb 28, 2012 8:03 PM
890	As noted, aggressive drivers, and I suppose, the lack of a pedestrian mall such as Boulder and Madison have.	Feb 28, 2012 7:33 PM
891	Yes.	Feb 28, 2012 7:28 PM
892	no, we need an ocean!	Feb 28, 2012 7:23 PM
893	The streets are much wider and the sidewalks are not as wide, only Main Street has any semblance of this.	Feb 28, 2012 7:18 PM
894	Our bus doesn't run on weekends nor evenings so parking (easy, cheap) is a problem.	Feb 28, 2012 7:08 PM
895	farmers market but only on Saturday and Wed ams	Feb 28, 2012 6:41 PM
896	Ann Arbor is almost there, but needs to do more of practicing what it preaches in each of the items I mentioned above.	Feb 28, 2012 6:33 PM
897	No. Bad architecture and uninteresting street scenes. No art spaces. Farmers mkt.area best.	Feb 28, 2012 6:28 PM
898	No not for a visitor	Feb 28, 2012 6:27 PM

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899	Somewhat, but not as much. It is annoying to have to worry about meters, tickets are so costly.	Feb 28, 2012 6:21 PM
900	No. Our downtown housing is too expensive and/or substandard.	Feb 28, 2012 6:07 PM
901	new places are more exciting	Feb 28, 2012 5:59 PM
902	No, streets are congested and the parking is an obstacle.	Feb 28, 2012 5:56 PM
903	No. There is not the same sidewalk life partly due to the lack of diversity of typea of businesses. Ann Arbor is majority food services an restaurants.	Feb 28, 2012 5:54 PM
904	Yes! There are many locally-owned shops and restaurants with unique characteristics, there are frequent festivals, ice-carvings, and seasonal decorations that really keeps the place booming and varied.	Feb 28, 2012 5:46 PM
905	no shops, just restaurants. no parking. no planned events. no central common area or parks.	Feb 28, 2012 5:44 PM
906	Yes, but we need new visitors to experience.	Feb 28, 2012 5:37 PM
907	I have not had a chance to go to Top of the Park yet, but if it is similar I'm sure I'd love it	Feb 28, 2012 5:30 PM
908	No - we have nothing remotely on the scale or with the quality of visuals or space.	Feb 28, 2012 5:16 PM
909	If more artists could find affordable housing in A2, there would certainly be a more "yeasty" street life.	Feb 28, 2012 4:57 PM
910	Yes. Ann Arbor has great festivals. More public art, both permanent and temporary (installation and performance art!) would make it even more interesting to walk around.	Feb 28, 2012 4:57 PM
911	Yes. I feel that I can get this in Ann Arbor.	Feb 28, 2012 4:50 PM
912	Yes - Festifools, Friday events during the summer months, Christmas Market,	Feb 28, 2012 4:43 PM
913	Yes, to some extent. It would be nice if more bars/restaurants in the downtown area had more accessible (and nicer) outdoor seating options.	Feb 28, 2012 4:36 PM
914	Omaha is a lot bigger, so for its size DT Ann Arbor has a similar experience and similar elements. I think the addition of innovative public spaces like Mark's Carts enriches the downtown and extends it westward. Sonic lunches are another example of similar dynamic downtown experiences here.	Feb 28, 2012 4:33 PM
915	not really...high end restaurants seem to be the rule on main street and little else	Feb 28, 2012 4:27 PM
916	Not able to get the same experience down town as we don't have a large down town park or outdoor concert area with lots of open play space.	Feb 28, 2012 4:27 PM
917	Many evenings are very active in the downtown so we like strolling the streets with no destination in mind. We get tired of the trash on the sidewalks and lack of care of the public spaces.	Feb 28, 2012 4:21 PM

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918	Yep! A2 has a decent number of good bars and restaurants and places to hang out in close proximity.	Feb 28, 2012 4:09 PM
919	sort of, except that most outside seating is next to the street, thus noisy, with abundant exhaust	Feb 28, 2012 4:08 PM
920	No- Ann Arbor has restaurants and boutiques, that's it. I don't do any shopping here (I go to the mall) and the only nice place to hang outside is UM Diag.	Feb 28, 2012 4:01 PM
921	I think it is beginning to fade. CVS location on State Street - lack of bookstores - --	Feb 28, 2012 3:48 PM
922	no nothing much new	Feb 28, 2012 3:36 PM
923	Some of the pieces are in place; I would like to see more affordable food options, especially some decent Mexican food! I would also like to see more food and drink carts downtown. I think more events like Sonic Lunch in medium sized park places would be fun and add atmosphere. I love it when Main Street is closed for Green Fair, Dancing in the Streets, etc. These events make it really fun to be a pedestrian and cyclist.	Feb 28, 2012 3:33 PM
924	No. Very little affordable dining and shopping opportunities in this area.	Feb 28, 2012 3:31 PM
925	Only the bar and restaurant part. The parking is not convenient nor free. There are no lunch cafes, only bars and expensive restaurants. There are no useful stores, only oddities (things you don't really need.) There is no public open space in which to have a fair or festival, unless you count the art fair, which is far too big, hot and crowded to be enjoyable. There is no beautification in downtown Ann Arbor, nor attractive streetscaping.	Feb 28, 2012 3:27 PM
926	No, because restaurants outnumber retail by quite a bit.	Feb 28, 2012 3:16 PM
927	Yes	Feb 28, 2012 3:07 PM
928	yes but parking is always an issue	Feb 28, 2012 2:54 PM
929	No, not at all. Downtown A2 doesn't promote the same sense of safety ... the same variety of both retail and restaurant options.	Feb 28, 2012 2:46 PM
930	to some extent, could always improve	Feb 28, 2012 2:45 PM
931	Probably not because Ann Arbor is full of cars, does not have a historical downtown that bans all cars.	Feb 28, 2012 2:44 PM
932	used to be places on Main St, gone now, only high-priced restaurants left now	Feb 28, 2012 2:42 PM
933	No. Too much emphasis on promoting motor vehicle traffic and parking spaces.	Feb 28, 2012 2:15 PM
934	Yes and no, I have lived here for a long time so I have seen everything there is to see. At this point I try to avoid downtown during the school year because of the college students. I understand that they are a big money maker for the city but when their around they tend to make the downtown area an unpleasant place to be, they walk right in front of your car, during game days the downtown area seems trashed with cups and beer bottle spread around the ground and this	Feb 28, 2012 2:12 PM

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	makes me not want to visit downtown. In the summertime I do visit downtown and it's a much better visit.	
935	No. There are no actual public spaces other than liberty square which isn't designed well. I can't think of very many other spaces with such a lack of public park space.	Feb 28, 2012 2:09 PM
936	No. Few places for events, especially outdoor entertainment.	Feb 28, 2012 1:50 PM
937	The outdoor spaces in annarbor on campus are okay but the rest of the city is pretty dismal in terms of street life. the sidewalks are too narrow and the close packed buildings funnel too much wind to street level. the parking garrages are dismal at street level without exception...the answer is not to decorate them, but to change the function to shops at ground level.	Feb 28, 2012 1:41 PM
938	Hell no!	Feb 28, 2012 1:26 PM
939	we need more downtown parks and indoor play spaces for families.	Feb 28, 2012 1:22 PM
940	No. We don't offer a midnight New Years Eve run. We don't seem to have the same sort of living spaces in the upper levels of downtown buildings.	Feb 28, 2012 1:20 PM
941	No. There is no park in downtown Ann Arbor.	Feb 28, 2012 1:14 PM
942	I want to get the same experience as much as possible ith the city funding the arts and outdoor music stages.	Feb 28, 2012 1:13 PM
943	No. It is a place where you can walk along Main Street and get a meal. There isn't a real gathering place in downtown.	Feb 28, 2012 1:12 PM
944	no. there is no park to meet in downtown.	Feb 28, 2012 1:07 PM
945	Ever try to buy a dishtowel in Downtown Ann Arbor? Or every tried to get a bus to a store where you could? How could you access a pharmacy from a new downtown hotel if you were a visitor and came down with a cold? Our downtown has driven out everything needed for daily life..(at least we now have a CVS on State Street) .Main Street is now a "specialty shop"....and has no outdoor gathering space, or even a nice place to sit on a bench and eat a sandwich on a spring day. Liberty Plaza has been improved, but still is unfriendly to all but the Ocuppyers. Liberty Street is a great candidate for a pedestrian zone (closed to traffic) for a few blocks, for example, S.Ashley to Fourth, with continued traffic on North-South Streets. Parking has to be considered and simplified, as well as simpifying pedestrian street crossing (not different on every block.) Other cities mentioned have made this work successfully! Ann Arbor would be a more inviting place if oedestrians were considered in planning. Once you get out of the Car, everyone IS A PEDESTRIAN!	Feb 28, 2012 1:04 PM
946	Not really. Not enough out door cafe's with room and no many panhandlers	Feb 28, 2012 1:03 PM
947	Yes, I can get the same experience in downtown Ann Arbor. The shops aren't usually big corporate stores like that of PetsMart, which I actually prefer. There aren't too many park areas downtown, however.	Feb 28, 2012 12:49 PM
948	Depends on where one is. Main Street is like that; State St., to a certain extent.	Feb 28, 2012 12:46 PM

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	There are not many places to buy normal things (like drugstore items).	
949	No. Way too many boutique high end (for top earning customers) shops and restaurants.	Feb 28, 2012 12:46 PM
950	In parts! That's why I love it. But chains are rapidly expanding throughout downtown.	Feb 28, 2012 12:43 PM
951	Not exactly; while we have excellent sidewalk dining, we lack, in large part, sidewalk bars and cafes.	Feb 28, 2012 12:40 PM
952	Main Street comes closest, but noise and exhaust from the traffic ruins it. A large public space at the library lot would be useful for that, be we desperately need hotel accommodations downtown to transform the city, bringing new people and new money in to sample the many cultural, academic and sports offerings we already have.	Feb 28, 2012 12:37 PM
953	No, the city does not offer a lot of hotel choices in the downtown area and has very few green areas. Too much concrete and buildings. The city should require new buildings to have more green space at corners especially.	Feb 28, 2012 12:31 PM
954	Not quite. Ann Arbor is beautiful, but it is a small city with big city traffic.	Feb 28, 2012 12:29 PM
955	Not always, Parking is a frequent problem, often events are crowded and congested, sometimes it doesn't always feel safe. Street people be be excessively assertive when panhandling.	Feb 28, 2012 12:26 PM
956	Only in some aspects on some days of the year	Feb 28, 2012 12:24 PM
957	Downtown is not very kid friendly. Makes it very hard to come down.	Feb 28, 2012 12:19 PM
958	No. The clothing and boutique stores are all going out of business... We're getting too many restaurants, bars and coffee shops. What am I supposed to do downtown besides eat and drink?	Feb 28, 2012 12:16 PM
959	No. Here I've had to run to catch a bus (or remind myself not to if it's cold, because I'll have an asthma attack and wheeze for 3 hours if I run in the cold air), because if I miss it, I'll have to wait half an hour or an hour for the next one. And I can't even go anywhere Saturday or Sunday night.	Feb 28, 2012 12:14 PM
960	No. Downtown is so small; I don't think we have enough or the right mix of retail here. I'm not sure there can ever be too many restaurants, but we should support independents. Because rent is so high, it's hard to support a "regular" store where you could buy necessities, including food. How come there is no bakery or ice cream downtown?	Feb 28, 2012 12:12 PM
961	In parts. Needs more activity and the newer buildings are visually unappealing and have a terrible relationship to the street. There are few seamless/continuous experiences of the downtown in Ann Arbor.	Feb 28, 2012 12:09 PM
962	I feel that Ann Arbor does this, however it is inundated with restaurants and boutique type shops. It might be nice for more opportunities for physically active activities, something other than eating and shopping.	Feb 28, 2012 12:04 PM

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963	Mostly. Main problem is parking, the lack and cost of which makes going downtown feel like it's not worth the trouble.	Feb 28, 2012 12:02 PM
964	Yes and no. The homeless/panhandling has gotten quite out of hand. Why bother spending time at Liberty Plaza when it is full of wasted drunk individuals at 10 in the morning? Walking down State street, the streets are cracked and covered in gum. Graffiti is on nearly every building- not nice, large scale art pieces, but illegible tags scrawled on walls and corners. The street lamps are disgusting even. Should I bother mentioning the rubbish bins throughout the city- not enough, poorly cleaned, covered in graffiti and old posters. No standards regarding the exteriors of buildings are in place or enforced- why can't we insist that all buildings must be free of chipping paint and stains? Empty storefronts (ie Borders) are not maintained. There is no beat cop, so the drug and alcohol using street folks have literally set up shop.	Feb 28, 2012 12:00 PM
965	More green space and public bathrooms needed!	Feb 28, 2012 11:56 AM
966	Downtown is lacking a fun little play / play area for toddlers. When I bring my toddler downtown, we have to "pay to play" - A2 museum, YMCA, etc.	Feb 28, 2012 11:55 AM
967	Not open enough to pedestrians not shopping.	Feb 28, 2012 11:54 AM
968	Not as much - there aren't as many places to be able to wander into unless you want to do boutique shopping.	Feb 28, 2012 11:52 AM
969	The national chain stores have a very negative impact on the experience of downtown (Starbucks, CVS, 7-11, Noodles & Co, etc etc). It gives Ann Arbor a very tacky vibe. It seems hard for small businesses to thrive downtown. I wish this were different. Portland, Oregon is a city where small businesses seem to thrive.	Feb 28, 2012 11:52 AM
970	Almost. The public transit options are more limited in A2.	Feb 28, 2012 11:43 AM
971	There are a lot of blank, unlively streets between the campus and main street.	Feb 28, 2012 11:35 AM
972	Very close, though interesting retail seems to be losing out to restaurants and chains. I can see Starbucks, CVS, Panera, Ben & Jerrys, Jimmy Johns, Five Guys, and sports clothing spaces just about anywhere.	Feb 28, 2012 11:33 AM
973	some. not the hassle free parking. the parking seems hostile, aggressive, and expensive	Feb 28, 2012 11:27 AM
974	No in that Ann Arbor's downtown - from State Street to Main Street - is increasingly NOT clean and NOT as safe as you would like	Feb 28, 2012 11:24 AM
975	No, for reasons named above, not enough corners to walk around and continue the vibrancy. More live/work/play opportunities downtown.	Feb 28, 2012 11:19 AM
976	Yes, but not always at my favorite places.	Feb 28, 2012 11:18 AM
977	There are not enough residential options downtown. It is important to, at some point, build a full-service grocery store (kroger, busch's, etc.) in the downtown area to serve residents who may not have a car.	Feb 28, 2012 11:13 AM

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978	no; no space for it.	Feb 28, 2012 11:13 AM
979	in the summer, but only in certain places	Feb 28, 2012 11:11 AM
980	No. Too hard to park.	Feb 28, 2012 11:07 AM
981	No. Parking is difficult to find and expensive, even for short periods of time. No open spaces for gathering as a group. Restaurants are crammed onto one block - Main Street - making it incredibly crowded during peak times. Crowds make it difficult to gather with friends and talk without yelling. No opportunities for outside entertainment/enjoyment without spending a great deal of money.	Feb 28, 2012 11:04 AM
982	Not really. Too many boutiques, bland restaurants all owned by the same two companies. Too heavy traffic trolling for few parking spaces on Main. No reason to go downtown for shopping essentials: food, toiletries, clothing, etc. The mix of shops is very limited to fatty food and cheap gifts. Not enough park benches and places to sit and gather.	Feb 28, 2012 11:02 AM
983	No a lot of the shops are too high priced	Feb 28, 2012 10:58 AM
984	Not enough "browsing" shops	Feb 28, 2012 10:42 AM
985	similar, without the downtown waterfront. We end up running into more people we know which is a better trade.	Feb 28, 2012 10:40 AM
986	I am, like many, pretty frustrated with parking...and because the public transit doesn't run when I need it to for my job, I do have to drive downtown most of the time and try to find parking.	Feb 28, 2012 10:38 AM
987	No, it seems like the city only worries about parking revenue. The city has done more to encourage sprawl by chasing out the retailers on Main St.	Feb 28, 2012 10:32 AM
988	Sometimes. Too many panhandlers and people just hanging out at the bus station smoking.	Feb 28, 2012 10:20 AM
989	somewhat but not enough	Feb 28, 2012 10:18 AM
990	Of course not.. no character, other than expensive eateries....and parking is expensive	Feb 28, 2012 10:14 AM
991	sometimes	Feb 28, 2012 10:04 AM
992	No, not enough diversity of businesses & cultural opportunities in downtown	Feb 28, 2012 10:02 AM
993	Yes, I can (and have) but often I choose non-downtown areas due to parking problems.	Feb 28, 2012 9:53 AM
994	No. And it makes me sad. Ann Arbor has so much opportunity for outdoor activities-eating, entertainment, shopping. All we have downtown (and I work on State St) are storefront holes, empty businesses, creepy street people, unkempt and dirty appearances. I use to socialize all the time up here, summer and winter, now hardly anyone I know comes down, especially after dark. My age group is mid-late 40's. I got my CPL because I have to work some evenings. My friends have even stopped shopping where I work (State St). And I even	Feb 28, 2012 9:51 AM

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	offer them a deal.	
995	Can't really have this experience downtown. Rents necessitate that prices are generally higher for goods and services than at the mall plus I don't like to have to pay to park and just browse. I think I pay enough taxes to my city that parking fees should be nominal to non-existent.	Feb 28, 2012 9:33 AM
996	I love when you close Main Street to traffic, not so much for the Art Fair (too crowded) but for the other events that are so much fun.	Feb 28, 2012 9:30 AM
997	Sometimes. It will be nice to expand it and making it children friendly	Feb 28, 2012 9:27 AM
998	Sometimes. We have our crunch times, such as weekend evenings and sporting events days that make driving downtown and parking a nightmare.	Feb 28, 2012 9:17 AM
999	Not now. Too little retail or arts	Feb 28, 2012 9:10 AM
1000	The scene - the buildings - are not designed to be as aesthetically cohesive as Plymouth. Some are run-down, they don't match each other at all. And the pan-handlers are to be avoided. Did not have this problem in Plymouth.	Feb 28, 2012 9:10 AM
1001	No. Stores are closed, empty spaces, nothing to draw me to walk etc.... Too many student shops and "eateries" and not enough for young professionals etc.. Movie theaters, galleries, etc....	Feb 28, 2012 8:56 AM
1002	No. There is Main Street and State Street in A2. The other street are horribly organized and not interesting with banks and real estate offices.	Feb 28, 2012 8:33 AM
1003	No. There is nothing like it, or even any place to put one. But we could do our best to provide a green grassy spot with seating, shade and perhaps some flowers.	Feb 28, 2012 7:00 AM
1004	Well, part of the attraction is being away from home, but sure - we could... but we don't really do it here. Mostly because my husband doesn't enjoy running into people he knows.	Feb 28, 2012 1:27 AM
1005	In a limited way yes. The Ark and eateries. Overall, we delude ourselves into thinking that a tiny area constitutes a healthy downtown and ignore unkempt areas (weeds, litter, dead street trees, winter salt and sand that sits on sidewalk thru the summer). Allow the William street area to be redeveloped, think about bridging the gulf between South Main/West Washington and Kerrytown; and in the meantime, clean up and create expectations that everyone needs to spruce up.	Feb 27, 2012 11:43 PM
1006	AA's library is pleasant, but far from breath-taking! Ypsi's Whittaker Road library is close to the quality (though not the size) of Salt Lake's or Seattle's.	Feb 27, 2012 11:38 PM
1007	Hmm, not to the same extent. Downtown Ann Arbor is very "boutique-y" and car-dependent. I think it's the focus on cars everywhere that detracts from the experience of downtown. You can't really sit at a sidewalk cafe anywhere in town and have a pleasant experience with all the car, truck and bus traffic going by. Same if you're walking somewhere.	Feb 27, 2012 11:23 PM
1008	no, no water sculptures or projects	Feb 27, 2012 11:20 PM

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1009	Downtown needs an independent bookstore: books not comics, a news stand, a small hardware store and an all purpose store. Get Mr. Hodash to come up with sustainable useful ideas, we can't just eat and drink coffee.	Feb 27, 2012 11:13 PM
1010	Not available	Feb 27, 2012 10:52 PM
1011	No. Loiterers, solicitors, panhandlers constantly bother you wherever you walk. Incredibly obnoxious so don't even bother.	Feb 27, 2012 10:34 PM
1012	yes. you get the sense that care has been taken and thought has been given to growth--both positive and negative.	Feb 27, 2012 10:32 PM
1013	too small! and afraid of density.	Feb 27, 2012 10:20 PM
1014	no, it's a little too much bars and restaurants without much variety along with some very ugly buildings	Feb 27, 2012 9:58 PM
1015	Theater venues are near campus, where one can have similar experiences. However Friday night art gallery viewing is a delightful experience, preceded by dinner at places such as the Earle or Conan O'Neil's	Feb 27, 2012 9:48 PM
1016	No, to many management companies just looking for the deepest pocket business and turn over for more bonuses.	Feb 27, 2012 9:43 PM
1017	No. Not enough really interesting streets, and too car-oriented.	Feb 27, 2012 9:40 PM
1018	the plumbing unions were having a conference during the summer; lots of out of town visitors, they remarked how friendly the city and its people were.	Feb 27, 2012 9:39 PM
1019	City planning sucks. No real perimeters for the future. Always worried about the wrong developers getting sold of the land	Feb 27, 2012 9:38 PM
1020	Yes, although there are limited B&Bs available in this community w/in walking distance of downtown and sports venues. Plenty of dining choices.	Feb 27, 2012 9:35 PM
1021	No, sidewalks are crowded w/outdoor diners, no attractive safe, car free areas to socialize	Feb 27, 2012 9:03 PM
1022	It is possible that there is something like this happening in Ann Arbor--and certainly the games bring tons of people into the city. But it seems that most activities tend to be for college kids or alumni, and not the entire population.	Feb 27, 2012 8:29 PM
1023	Yes at times (good weather) on Main Street.	Feb 27, 2012 8:26 PM
1024	Yes. Although it is not at the scale a major city, it offers many of the same choices in restaurant selection, city activity, and diversity.	Feb 27, 2012 8:13 PM
1025	Too much traffic. Restaurants all very similar and formulaic	Feb 27, 2012 7:29 PM
1026	kind of with cafe felix and the washington street restaurants.	Feb 27, 2012 7:20 PM
1027	A little bit. Downtown is vibrant but small. Walking the U-M campus buildings can be pleasant. Walking nearby, like along huron or up S Main, is unpleasant. Commuting into or through town takes time, and taking the bus into town	Feb 27, 2012 7:18 PM

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	requires planning, nut just to to the station and wait as you would in Chicago or NYC.	
1028	Sometimes. If i go to the downtown library, JGarden, The Ark, ABC, or the Blind Pig- those are some of the quintessential A2 places, sure they're not the best in the world (except maybe the Ark). But I can't get that at Bar Louie looking toward Google and Starbucks. I don't want boutique, i want ann arbor.	Feb 27, 2012 7:14 PM
1029	Sort of but not really. Things are very separate in Ann Arbor. The downtown has many of the same amenities but they aren't connected to one another... and certainly not anywhere near where we live. We could never casually walk out our door and stroll into downtown. It's a trip. Plus... and I don't mean this in a racial way... Ann Arbor is very segregated. You have the Michigan Theater and a few shops at Nickels Arcade but then it's a bit of a hike to Main St if you want a decent meal. Over all, the retail feel haphazard. It's not like you can stumble across something unexpected because it's like everything has its own little kingdom and it doesn't in interact with other downtown kingdoms. That probably sounds weird but there you have it. And there are too many parking lots. They seem to be everywhere. Walking along that street in Portland there were almost no parking lots and certainly not with more than 10 spaces. The big lot was at the end of the street. Everything else was oriented toward walking... or riding a bike.	Feb 27, 2012 7:07 PM
1030	See above, mostly. Downtown is too restaurant-heavy and homogenous. The price of entry is so high as to discourage any but the surest of things when opening a business. The Ride is too slow/not often enough (bicycling is always faster, oftentimes walking 5+ miles across town would be roughly the same amount of time as walking/waiting/riding/walking/waiting/transferring/riding/walking). Ann Arbor doesn't seem to have the same amount of infrastructure in terms of establishments that cater to students that Columbus does, so a greater number of students 'spill over' to the rest of the city than do in Columbus.	Feb 27, 2012 6:57 PM
1031	Yes, but Ann Arbor IS a smaller city.	Feb 27, 2012 6:38 PM
1032	Nope. No sports downtown & very little jazz anymore. Very little parking on weekends after 5 pm.	Feb 27, 2012 6:20 PM
1033	Everything for grown ups closes early. I'm over 30, I'm not ready for the rocking chair, but I've had my fill of college kids.	Feb 27, 2012 6:12 PM
1034	no	Feb 27, 2012 5:54 PM
1035	Mostly.yes.	Feb 27, 2012 5:42 PM
1036	Ann Arbor lacks the variety of food and shopping options. There are many restaurants, but not that many options for less expensive food or food that isn't brew-pub food. Ann Arbor is also getting overrun by chains, which are not bad in the mix, but need to have plenty of other things as well. the small number of shops downtown is a disappointment at times. Bringing visitors to town is more fun with more shops of all kinds, from artsy boutiques to souvenir shops.	Feb 27, 2012 5:41 PM
1037	No. The bus system does not run often enough, does not run late enough, and is	Feb 27, 2012 5:40 PM

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often not on time. Our bus system is fine, but could be much better. Also the downtown is being slowly converted to more and more dull townhouses rather than unique and/or historical buildings, and independent businesses are being replaced by god awful 7/11's. It doesn't give the same vibe traveling through A2.

1038	To some degree yes. We have amazing cultural resources. But our most attractive and contributing businesses are not resource rich or high profit. Current rental rates demand high-margin businesses-- and high margin businesses (doesn't matter the field) have less heart and integrity. Downtown has become more 'alive' with events like festifools in recent years. I think our downtown vitality has actually improved since the recession in spite of painful losses because we have become less greedy and self-satisfied and hopefully more intentional about the kinds of businesses we want to attract.	Feb 27, 2012 5:31 PM
1039	Yes, sort of ... except our shops close early adn there are so few of them anymore that walking the streets isn't all that interesting.	Feb 27, 2012 5:22 PM
1040	Yes. Mark Hodesh and Zingerman's are the reason.	Feb 27, 2012 5:11 PM
1041	Only during festivals and art fairs. Should be a weekly ting down town.	Feb 27, 2012 5:11 PM
1042	Ann Arbor could have been like this, yet we continue to allow others to destroy the historical sites & culture we currently have. So many business in town have little real cultural identity. They serve to make money, not to be part of a community. It's a giant restaurant, and a boring one at that. Ann Arbor used to have lots of interesting things to do, but every year that aspect shrinks. Rows of homes knocked down to make for an apartment building that won't last half the age of the average displaced home. A government & DDA more focused on attracting out of town development & parking than helping local businesses succeed. 20 years ago I would have never imagined a 7-11 downtown, yet we have two. Our local pharmacy on State? Lost it's lease due to the building owners desire to house yet another restaurant. Now we have a godforsaken CVS. I used to get the Wiemar experience in Ann Arbor; but now half the time I spend money in a business there, I feel I'm merely padding some corporate coffer, who care nothing for my city. Ann Arbor lacks variety in terms of Art, Music & necessities. A restaurant does not make a downtown or a culture; it is merely an ingredient in it. Most of downtown is currently geared to those who have greater means and of an older generation; we should make an effort to attract all types, races & generations, not just those who mirror the DDA. We need to stress our VAST cultural contributions. Ann Arbor, not including U of M, has contributed greatly to music for example, not just music Ark goers would like to hear. We do not nurture our arts, we stifle them. The city does not provide anyplace for actors, musicians, artists to promote their work; fliers are torn down & not one city owned kiosk exists that I'm aware of. I'm afraid Ann Arbor is going to become Anywhere, U.S.A. or worse, Columbus.	Feb 27, 2012 5:11 PM
1043	No. There's no central gathering or passing through space downtown. The corner of 4th and Catherine is probably the best example of townie and out-of-town activity, especially on Farmer's Market days and game days. The Diag is too campus-centered, I don't really consider that community-centric. There's no central stop-off or pass-through area between the State St. and Main St areas. One would be nice. Liberty Park is lame, but that area is ideal for something of this sort.	Feb 27, 2012 5:10 PM

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1044	No, too many people, things are much more spread out, don't get the sense of community	Feb 27, 2012 5:09 PM
1045	I enjoy some of the music events in Ann Arbor and think of them as being in a safer environment. There are not as many events as Detroit, so I would suggest more outdoor music/cultural events to be scheduled. I would like Ann Arbor to be more supportive of downtown businesses such as restaurants bars and such to draw more people downtown. I think a major factor in that is parking so I would like to see more parking and lowered parking fees especially as more high density apartments and condos are being built downtown.	Feb 27, 2012 5:07 PM
1046	Quite good as is but you have to occupy a table at a commercial restaurant to do much.	Feb 27, 2012 5:00 PM
1047	Yes, but those places are pretty spread out. A better experience is to have them all near each other.	Feb 27, 2012 4:56 PM
1048	Sometimes, music is decent, food is good but always have that desire to be great!	Feb 27, 2012 4:55 PM
1049	I don't think our transit setup is particularly welcoming to visitors and tourists.	Feb 27, 2012 4:53 PM
1050	Downtown Ann Arbor has many of the things that make for a great experience. For me, the primary hindrance is the price of things, although amenities come with a certain cost.	Feb 27, 2012 4:53 PM
1051	For the most part. I would like to see more public art displayed.	Feb 27, 2012 4:51 PM
1052	Some what. Why not: too many tall buildings and too much ugly, cheap architecture	Feb 27, 2012 4:39 PM
1053	For the most part, although on a much smaller scale.	Feb 27, 2012 4:32 PM
1054	somewhat - things are more spread out in AA	Feb 27, 2012 4:28 PM
1055	Yes. We have all of those elements,	Feb 27, 2012 4:23 PM
1056	No, there's not a central hub of activity. There are things to do, but they are quite spread out. It doesn't evoke the same energy or seem purposely planned for such an experience.	Feb 27, 2012 4:16 PM
1057	yes except parking is such a pain. I take the bus when I can.	Feb 27, 2012 4:15 PM
1058	somewhat. Ann Arbor has a great downtown, walking feel to it. I wish that Liberty between main and division was not so scary to walk trough.	Feb 27, 2012 4:13 PM
1059	Probably similar. Biggest difference would be cost. Show tickets, dinner, and parking are more expensive in Ann Arbor.	Feb 27, 2012 4:09 PM
1060	No. There is one hotel with parking, and too many streets with empty storefronts and little variety. In MI we go to Plymouth, Chelsea, or even Dexter. We also go to Dayton, Cincinnati and Louisville by car, and Chicago by train.	Feb 27, 2012 4:09 PM
1061	No interactive artwork or free outdoor performance space	Feb 27, 2012 4:09 PM

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1062	I love the park areas around the Huron River, and other city parks are enjoyable as well. However, not many parks are located in very close proximity to the density of Main Street shops and restaurants. Ann Arbor already has a great reputation for being a tree city, and William Street could only benefit from more vibrant, dense green space close to city amenities.	Feb 27, 2012 4:03 PM
1063	Bizarre downtown retail - touristy/kitschy; main street dining options largely vapid; downtown living too expensive	Feb 27, 2012 3:54 PM
1064	Yes, in particular areas; certain blocks on Main, State, Liberty, Fourth	Feb 27, 2012 3:53 PM
1065	Ann Arbor's downtown is great!!	Feb 27, 2012 3:41 PM
1066	no. No outdoor space with trees where you can gather that is away from car sounds and fumes.	Feb 27, 2012 3:35 PM
1067	I'm fortunate that I have a company parking spot downtown - it can still be more trouble than it's worth doing things downtown.	Feb 27, 2012 3:35 PM
1068	To some degree. Certainly the mix of retail and restaurants is there. A larger venue for outdoor entertainment or green space would be ideal.	Feb 27, 2012 3:20 PM
1069	At times, depending on location	Feb 27, 2012 3:15 PM
1070	sometimes. not the same always-on feeling of some other downtowns (even small ones).	Feb 27, 2012 3:08 PM
1071	Not to the same extent. Downtown Ann Arbor is far too focused on being car and student friendly with little regard to citizens.	Feb 27, 2012 3:04 PM
1072	Yes, I think you can. Ann Arbor is a great downtown with a lot to offer.	Feb 27, 2012 3:00 PM
1073	Not so much. It feels like food, food and more food. Downtown is too spread out along Liberty and there are major dead zones. Main street is basically 3 blocks long, between Washington and William. The Washington to Huron is barely there and past Huron is basically non-existent. Kerrytown only sort of connects via 4th.	Feb 27, 2012 2:59 PM
1074	Sometimes. it would help to have more people living downtown and close to downtown.	Feb 27, 2012 2:58 PM
1075	no.	Feb 27, 2012 2:45 PM
1076	No. For whatever reason, too many restaurants have the same mediocre menus. Too much emphasis on beer, not enough on authentic and inventive food. For a town with so many overeducated foodies, it's baffling. It's hard to get excited about our downtown.	Feb 27, 2012 2:36 PM
1077	Yes, although Traverse City's main drag has fewer gaps in it -- no dead zones like Liberty between, say, Fifth and Division, or Washington between State and Fifth.	Feb 27, 2012 1:57 PM
1078	Not enough green	Feb 27, 2012 1:36 PM

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1079	we are not a big city, we are a midwestern college town. the soon you get this, the better	Feb 27, 2012 1:25 PM
1080	Not really. Everything is very stuffy and over done downtown, probably because of the cost of doing business.	Feb 27, 2012 1:12 PM
1081	no -- can get good food in AA but not the "character"	Feb 27, 2012 12:55 PM
1082	I know of no comparable place in Ann Arbor.	Feb 27, 2012 12:42 PM
1083	To some degree, yes Not as pedestrian friendly & no museums	Feb 27, 2012 12:32 PM
1084	No - missing that great public open space	Feb 27, 2012 12:24 PM
1085	Always a tense time trying to park, figuring out the hours of the meters, finding change....	Feb 27, 2012 11:41 AM
1086	More crowded, harder to find a place to park, too many restaurants--not enough retail diversity	Feb 27, 2012 11:05 AM
1087	Yes.	Feb 27, 2012 10:38 AM
1088	mostly-- I'd like to see downtown be more comprehensible and connected-- it's not that big, but it can feel disjointed.	Feb 27, 2012 10:13 AM
1089	almost. we have to be very careful as we fill the empty storefronts downtown that we have a good mix of retail and not over run it with only food establishments.	Feb 27, 2012 9:16 AM
1090	Yes!	Feb 27, 2012 9:11 AM
1091	Yes. Midnight madness reminds me of that experience because there are a lot of people and the stores stay open late. You can eat and then still have time to browse the stores. Normally we just eat and go home because nothing is open.	Feb 26, 2012 11:49 PM
1092	In some parts, yes, but unregulated new construction is degrading some areas. You could be more thoughtful about pedestrians. Biking in the street is dangerous. How many need to die to prove this?	Feb 26, 2012 11:14 PM
1093	I love Ann Arbor. But I can summarize my frustrations with downtown Ann Arbor in three points: - Nothing but Restaurants - Too homeless-friendly - Too car-friendly (I never eat outside on Main Street because I don't like the taste of exhaust)	Feb 26, 2012 8:51 PM
1094	I am not able to feel the same experience here, because there is no centralized park and common space for people to have.	Feb 26, 2012 6:52 PM
1095	No. Not a lot of sitting places (without being in a sidewalk restaurant).	Feb 26, 2012 1:35 PM
1096	No, there is no central park in the city of Ann Arbor.	Feb 26, 2012 12:56 PM
1097	no - very difficult to park	Feb 26, 2012 11:48 AM
1098	We don't have a big square like that.	Feb 26, 2012 9:56 AM

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1099	Yes except now that there are more Subways and other chains opening, downtown is getting less and less special	Feb 26, 2012 1:35 AM
1100	No. Ann Arbor has a history of allowing spectacularly ugly and dysfunctional development downtown. Access is becoming more and more difficult, fewer amenities, services etc. that are useful to me. Only store downtown I still patronize is Downtown Home and Garden.	Feb 26, 2012 1:24 AM
1101	are you kidding! did you hear about the christmas lights DDA put up outside of earthen jar and j garden...they are really something to see...the way they twinkle when mixed with all that lung-choking dust is amazing!!	Feb 26, 2012 12:31 AM
1102	No. It is an automobile-saturated environment by design: noisy, smelly, not a place to take a child (except INSIDE the library), jammed with vehicles, and destined to be more so with the underground parking.	Feb 26, 2012 12:16 AM
1103	No. Not enough urban character to attract young professionals. Need taller buildings. Denser land use. Buildings need to visually create "walls" along the streets.	Feb 25, 2012 11:53 PM
1104	It seems the "city fathers" do a good attracting and scheduling events in the area in question. This is good for downtown businesses and those that live there.	Feb 25, 2012 11:28 PM
1105	no--there are no parks downtown	Feb 25, 2012 11:20 PM
1106	More than most places in Michigan, but you still need to play frogger to get across streets.	Feb 25, 2012 10:39 PM
1107	Sometimes. Dining quality is mixed. Strolling ease varies.	Feb 25, 2012 10:15 PM
1108	I get frustrated getting in and out of downtown. I feel like we don't interact with people haveing more of a city feel. I miss oz and ineternational dance night.	Feb 25, 2012 9:42 PM
1109	Thankfully, no!! I wanted to come home to A2; the charm, and draw, of A2 is that it is not overwhelmed with high-rise buildings! I preferred downtown A2 when one could actually meet one's neighbors there (as opposed to crowds of tourists), shop for household goods (rather than tourist trinkets), and stroll down tree-lined streets with historic buildings interspersed with lovely old homes. Now we have grid-lock traffic and exhaust fumes like D.C.!	Feb 25, 2012 8:52 PM
1110	No. Few shops in down town area now. I don't enjoy sitting out side next to traffic.	Feb 25, 2012 8:44 PM
1111	At some places on Main St but they're not the most reasonably priced places in town. Bar Louie is a perfect example of this though.	Feb 25, 2012 8:35 PM
1112	All my GREAT EXPERIENCES downtown HAVE BEEN in Ann Arbor!!!	Feb 25, 2012 7:59 PM
1113	No - Parking is expensive and inconvenient, it is difficult to get in and out because the roads aren't maintained downtown, and construction projects always end up getting finished late. Outside of the UM campus, there is little green space/public areas to congregate outside of shops and restaurants.	Feb 25, 2012 7:16 PM
1114	No. Too much traffic. Don't know of an area with quiet street, lovely homes, and	Feb 25, 2012 6:14 PM

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	shade since Fifth Ave. has been destroyed.	
1115	Never. There is no public square. The people in Ann Arbor have no desire to have community. They instead desire to keep up with the Joneses. Ann Arbor caters to the suburbanites. A public square and community will happen in Ypsilanti but not in Ann Arbor.	Feb 25, 2012 6:06 PM
1116	Somewhat, although in recent years it seems like there's more corporate/chains cropping up, like potbelly or 7 11.	Feb 25, 2012 5:36 PM
1117	Not in my opinon. Though there are a variety of dining and shopping venues available to the consumer, the low visibilty of Police Officers and the subsequent high number of panhandlers make for a potentially less safe and care free trip to Ann Arbor possible. Business districts should be clean, well illuminated and safe.	Feb 25, 2012 4:50 PM
1118	When I was there through Thanksgiving, I didn't see the shoppers patronizing the local Main Street, State Street, and downtown businesses. It was sad.	Feb 25, 2012 4:18 PM
1119	Not so much because so many of my favorite shops and stores have been drive away by exorbitant rents and parking rates are becoming prohibitive. Makes it harder to find a reason to bring my \$ downtown.	Feb 25, 2012 4:18 PM
1120	No. I am alarmed by the decline of downtown Ann Arbor. There is no place to shop for basic necessities, and many of the boutiques are closing or relocating to Kerrytown. If I want to go downtown to spend an afternoon, there isn't much to do--lots of restaurants, but I need to do more than eat to entertain myself.	Feb 25, 2012 4:18 PM
1121	Yes - on a lesser scale.	Feb 25, 2012 4:04 PM
1122	I would say yes, although the pedestrian-friendly zone of Ann Arbor is much smaller than San Sebastian's. However, the only transit option that comes straight to downtown at the moment is the Amtrak and Greyhound, neither of which I'd recommend. The new Michigan Flyer service to downtown will change this, perhaps. I'd like to see Megabus offer service nearer to the center as well.	Feb 25, 2012 3:25 PM
1123	Ann Arbor downtown is a great place to be during the art fair and such other festivals as the Rolling Sculpture show. In good weather on Main Street it's fun to eat outside and people-watch. A key part is using the street for pedestrians, displays and dining. The downtown merchants' First Friday offerings of music are good. I wish Main Street could be regularly closed on weekends. If shops are open it could add to downtown business.	Feb 25, 2012 3:18 PM
1124	No, there are no more non-used bookshops.	Feb 25, 2012 3:16 PM
1125	No parking. Too many meter maids.	Feb 25, 2012 3:07 PM
1126	Not enough space that allows people to interact together outside	Feb 25, 2012 3:04 PM
1127	We have the food and music. I'd like to see a downtown branch of the university work gallery - we have an inordinate amount of talent in town and at the university, showcase it! And, dear god, enough chains!	Feb 25, 2012 2:46 PM
1128	Yes and no: Yes, we have active sidewalks in parts of town during certain	Feb 25, 2012 2:39 PM

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	seasons and times. We have a lot of cultural institutions for a city our size. Public transport is decent for getting you downtown, but a) not very good at getting you AROUND the business districts, and b) doesn't run late enough to get you back after a night out.	
1129	More true of some sections of downtown than others. We need banks, but they never tempt me to browse. neither do offices. They could be on upper floors. The library lot was so easy to pull into that I would be open to meeting a friend at a near-by restaurant for lunch. Now I suggest other places. When we only have a limited amount of time for lunch, we do not want to use half of it looking for or walking from a parking place. Once in the area, I sometimes noticed a store that I wanted to come back and check out, again if it was easy to do.	Feb 25, 2012 2:21 PM
1130	Almost. No enough hotels in downtown AA.	Feb 25, 2012 2:18 PM
1131	Downtown Ann Arbor lacks the same quality of hotel accommodations. We were staying at the Delta Chelsea in Toronto- I think a smaller hotel offering similar accommodations would be attractive here. Shopping for fine quality goods and clothing is also lacking in Ann Arbor- or doesn't present itself as well. As for dining, theatre and culture- A2 has it all!	Feb 25, 2012 2:16 PM
1132	Downtown Ann Arbor doesn't have the right mix of stores to make it a regular shopping destination.	Feb 25, 2012 2:16 PM
1133	No, because our city has no downtown green space.	Feb 25, 2012 2:11 PM
1134	Yes, but it could be better. On the street in the area, we need more lights and a bigger police presence. You need to develop an anchor restaurant or a series of restaurants close to the library side. Parking should help to get more people there.	Feb 25, 2012 2:04 PM
1135	No. We lack a central, urban park. We don't have an a place where people can watch as children play in a water feature or ice skate. The Cube at Regents Plaza offers an example of what we could do in a public space downtown. We have a mini-park at Liberty Plaza but its design discourages the kind of uses that I saw in Chicago.	Feb 25, 2012 1:44 PM
1136	I love Ann Arbor in the summer, and I can go from place to place relatively easily.	Feb 25, 2012 1:40 PM
1137	We need a tram around the city to step on and off	Feb 25, 2012 1:19 PM
1138	Sometimes. We have Main Street on a Friday night. We need & deserve to have more!	Feb 25, 2012 1:13 PM
1139	Room for improvement.	Feb 25, 2012 1:06 PM
1140	Ann Arbor is obviously a smaller town, but aside from the key hubs there aren't good routes between. Liberty is the only real corridor between State and Main that's pleasant to walk - it'd be nice to have a similar experience on William Street where it's a pleasant alternate route to Liberty.	Feb 25, 2012 1:02 PM
1141	yes	Feb 25, 2012 12:43 PM

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1142	For the most part yes. Less so for the 4 block area in question.	Feb 25, 2012 12:38 PM
1143	No. few places to live, too much surface parking, no outside public seating areas, no daily shopping...groceries, drugstore, etc.	Feb 25, 2012 12:28 PM
1144	no way ...it's all parking structures (truly ugly architecture in every instance), restaurant after restaurant...boring,boring,boring...!	Feb 25, 2012 12:22 PM
1145	Somewhat. Main street is getting to be all restaurants...it's good to try to keep a mix in there.	Feb 25, 2012 12:16 PM
1146	No--worried about traffic. Need a great big tree!	Feb 25, 2012 12:09 PM
1147	While I love Downtown A2, space in many restaurants and coffee shops is limited, making it difficult to have any type of intimate evening. There is a sense of community being surrounded by high rise buildings with a type of fountain square/park in the middle.	Feb 25, 2012 12:02 PM
1148	Yes, but only in a small section of downtown (main street)	Feb 25, 2012 11:57 AM
1149	Not often enough.	Feb 25, 2012 11:54 AM
1150	As mentioned above, I think AA brings very different things to the table than a larger city atmosphere and this is what it should strive to retain. It's intimateness and the unique quality of its business are what make it a worthwhile place to come to. With the university there is already a plethora of education and cultural/art opportunities for a town of this size.	Feb 25, 2012 11:50 AM
1151	I haven't enjoyed dining downtown since the underground parking work has made all the streets more congested.	Feb 25, 2012 11:40 AM
1152	Not very many places to sit down and talk	Feb 25, 2012 11:36 AM
1153	independant small businesses in every nook and cranny	Feb 25, 2012 11:25 AM
1154	Somewhat. However, closing Main St for two or more blocks would create a downtown mall where performance venues, cafes, boutiques, and outdoor activities could be lodged.	Feb 25, 2012 11:20 AM
1155	Not yet, sometimes on a nice day. There is no central anchor of public space that is flexible. A2 downtown is great, don't get me wrong. To be world class we need an anchor/signature building for the arts surrounded by open public space,- think a mid town west park that actually gets used!!	Feb 25, 2012 11:15 AM
1156	I think Main Street is similar, but could use more "hang out" areas. Perhaps like a small public square with surrounding shops and cafes, where people mill around in the middle.	Feb 25, 2012 11:14 AM
1157	Absolutely not. Tired of the begging and more tired of the parking fees. Way too greedy and it shows. Why go downtown when many other small towns offer shopping and restaurants that are just as nice and without the hassles that Ann Arbor offers. Not patron friendly and there is nothing that has been done to make it patron friendly - what has been done is clearly to grab more money from anyone going downtown.	Feb 25, 2012 10:55 AM

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1158	Yes.	Feb 25, 2012 10:51 AM
1159	no, no structured event. This type of thing needs to be an organized and well marketed event. There are many place in the study area as well as adjacent to it where many local stages could be erected over a Friday, Sat., Sun long week-end with all kinds of music being played from one end of town to another. the draw could reach close to that of the Art Fairs. It would compliment the rolling sculpture event, the Art Fairs, Top of the park etc. Easy to build upon Ann Arbor's reputation for creativity but expand outside the merely visual arts. People would com from miles around as they do for Art Fairs.	Feb 25, 2012 10:43 AM
1160	No. The cops in Ann Arbor would rather put all citizens in jail. Then they will turn on each other.	Feb 25, 2012 10:41 AM
1161	No, Ann Arbor is boring as a downtown and too car focussed. Even the outdoor cafe's along main street aren't appealing as you are just sitting in the road adjacent to cars and fumes.	Feb 25, 2012 10:39 AM
1162	Yes.	Feb 25, 2012 10:01 AM
1163	yes, but mostly on Main Street	Feb 25, 2012 10:01 AM
1164	nope, there are so few north-south pathways	Feb 25, 2012 10:00 AM
1165	yes	Feb 25, 2012 9:56 AM
1166	No. It's too small and conservative.	Feb 25, 2012 9:47 AM
1167	No. The closest place would be the Diag, but it's such an academic mono-culture. We need someplace that gives us respite from cars and that is the pulse of the City (not the University).	Feb 25, 2012 9:36 AM
1168	I won't be able to have easy access to downtown if we eliminate these lots. Thus, I won't be as inclined to come downtown.	Feb 25, 2012 9:33 AM
1169	Yes, but more would nice.	Feb 25, 2012 9:14 AM
1170	Unfortunately, in Ann Arbor, too many of the restaurants are BORING. Nothing exciting about coming downtown, especially not the retail; which is mostly useless trinkets for out of towners to buy as kinds of souvenirs.	Feb 25, 2012 9:03 AM
1171	No. Ann Arbor Hands on Museum, Downtown Library, Summer Festival are the only things that get me near/in downtown.	Feb 25, 2012 8:59 AM
1172	On a smaller scale you can do something similar in Ann Arbor. Ann Arbor could use more large events to draw people downtown during the summer. The number of panhandlers lately has turned a lot of our friends from out of town off coming into town.	Feb 25, 2012 8:54 AM
1173	nope - more and more cement and less and less of a feel of community	Feb 25, 2012 8:49 AM
1174	Not really - the downtown seems to have some nice sections [Liberty Street, parts of Main Street] but also some sections that sink into the student/University mentality [chains, bars]	Feb 25, 2012 8:48 AM

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1175	no, but it's more because the nature of humans is migrating to a more "home-body" species. fostering some type of method to move people easily and effectively might be as big an issue.	Feb 25, 2012 7:08 AM
1176	Not enough solid businesses downtown - vibe is more restaurants and novelties.	Feb 25, 2012 6:31 AM
1177	Yes.	Feb 25, 2012 6:27 AM
1178	Kerrytown is the closest experience I can think of.	Feb 25, 2012 5:49 AM
1179	This year, sure, because the winter has been mild. During typical winters, walking can be less fun. Skyways are pretty expensive I'm sure, but any way to connect places without having to go outside is a bonus.	Feb 25, 2012 3:22 AM
1180	too many homeless ppl around	Feb 25, 2012 2:54 AM
1181	no---no pedestrian mall	Feb 25, 2012 2:18 AM
1182	sort of.... missing the retail late night shopping	Feb 25, 2012 2:14 AM
1183	Limited bus service on the weekend evenings keeps me out of downtown ann arbor.	Feb 25, 2012 1:57 AM
1184	Close, but need more daily necessity options. Grocery, Drug Store, Mainstream Retail (clothing, electronics, etc)	Feb 25, 2012 1:46 AM
1185	Downtown Ann Arbor is great and unique, but we should not be content and satisfied with the way things are when there is the potential to improve. This initiative is a great idea and will prove dividends to the city and the people who spend time here, unquestionably.	Feb 25, 2012 12:46 AM
1186	No. Downtown increasingly lacks tolerance and appropriate outdoor spaces for ad hoc performance and street culture.	Feb 25, 2012 12:27 AM
1187	To some extent, yes. A2 isn't a major city and so can never be that dense, but I like that I can walk around downtown for fun without needing to buy anything and still feel stimulated by seeing the people around me having a good time. That said, downtown density, as well as visually interesting architecture, would create even more of the scene I'm describing.	Feb 24, 2012 11:50 PM
1188	Haven't found any...	Feb 24, 2012 11:45 PM
1189	Mostly yes, but no comparable hotel.	Feb 24, 2012 11:25 PM
1190	No, they don't have a lake downtown, and they don't have a place just for pedestrians to walk. (Except during Top of the Park!)	Feb 24, 2012 11:08 PM
1191	Yes, but with far fewer options and a less grand scale. For instance, we have the fantastic Michigan Theater, but that's the only brew & view. Portland has several in a variety of refurbished historic buildings like the Perry School and others. If our Farmer's Market allowed dogs I'd walk, not drive, there all the time.	Feb 24, 2012 11:08 PM
1192	No lucky if we have military representation in our parade. parade route not very clean, no trolley and buses don't run on holidays.	Feb 24, 2012 11:06 PM

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1193	Yes	Feb 24, 2012 11:01 PM
1194	No.	Feb 24, 2012 11:01 PM
1195	Sometimes, but rarely. The restaurants here do not cater to young couples who want a night out. We would go broke if we ate here even once a week.	Feb 24, 2012 10:50 PM
1196	rarely, only on special occasions in limited locations	Feb 24, 2012 10:44 PM
1197	Nope. There are no parks in the downtown area (even small ones), and people who live downtown have to travel outside of downtown to procure most basic necessities.	Feb 24, 2012 10:41 PM
1198	No. People do not have a reason to simply wander and hang out outside.	Feb 24, 2012 10:40 PM
1199	Similar, but not the same. The Ark attracts excellent artists, but rarely enough demand for there to be a late show. Nor are downtown retailers routinely open until 11 or 12 at night on weekends.	Feb 24, 2012 10:20 PM
1200	Ours comes close.	Feb 24, 2012 10:19 PM
1201	To a limited degree by walking Liberty St, Main st, South U.	Feb 24, 2012 10:12 PM
1202	yes, but there needs to be more retail. it seems skewed towards dining	Feb 24, 2012 10:06 PM
1203	No! They refuse to shut down a portion of Main Street for any regular time - sooo many places do this, and make more money...why can't we!?	Feb 24, 2012 9:59 PM
1204	Huron River is not large enough nor is it surrounded by imposing architecture-- Thank goodness!	Feb 24, 2012 9:55 PM
1205	Can't. Too many street people.	Feb 24, 2012 9:50 PM
1206	Sometimes... I would prefer more retail stores in the downtown area	Feb 24, 2012 9:40 PM
1207	I'd like to see Liberty Plaza be more useful as a "green" space to picnic, take the family, etc. Love the free music on Thursdays, so more of that kind of thing would be nice.	Feb 24, 2012 9:35 PM
1208	Sometimes, yes. I think Ann Arbor just needs to find other opportunities to attract more people downtown.	Feb 24, 2012 9:29 PM
1209	No. Architecture, shops, transportation are not as attractive and interesting, to put it mildly, and sidewalks are not laid out for pleasant walking. Paris has plenty of free parking for scooters and motorcycles. By letting them use sidewalks, they are telling people, "we want you here." Everything in Ann Arbor is oriented toward punishing people so as to get money from fines.	Feb 24, 2012 9:24 PM
1210	no. The architecture is mostly mediocre	Feb 24, 2012 9:12 PM
1211	Nope!	Feb 24, 2012 9:08 PM
1212	No. I no longer feel safe walking in downtown Ann Arbor alone at night. There are small pockets of great places, but they are disconnected and don't feel like a	Feb 24, 2012 9:03 PM

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	whole, vibrant city that a person can just explore at will.	
1213	Usually I see some new aspect of my hometown. Love the fairydoors.	Feb 24, 2012 8:58 PM
1214	Yes - except the panhandlers are too numerous in my opinion. I work downtown and feel I see 3-5 panhandlers every time I go out at lunch for a walk or to do errands or get something to eat. It interrupts my enjoyment of being outside of my cubicle, and makes me both sad and mad, to have to say no to so many people. (Of course, I could give everyone money but that would make me even more sad and mad. I feel as though most of the panhandlers are people who have given up and prefer to beg than work. I don't think they are victims.)	Feb 24, 2012 8:54 PM
1215	Yes and No. Downtown is beautiful and has more than enough locations to dine and drink. It lacks a central focal point or points which would serve to draw more people in for activities other than dining and shopping. You will draw more people downtown this way, which lures them to retail/dining, but without that being the actual focus. We have vital points of interest that are too spread out (river, train/bus stations, and markets - consolidate or efficiently link them. The traffic congestion and ease of entry/exit to downtown are vital. Many don't want that battle. A tram, monorail, ped mall, etc could efficiently move people in/out/through the city and reduce congestion. At times sidewalks are jammed with people and tables from the cafe's, at times you can barely walk much less utilize a bike. Look @ Festifool - no room for people on Main. Also, no one likes to eat and hang out 3 feet away from noisy traffic and the smell of exhaust. There are not many options to hang out downtown unless you buy dinner at a cafe table. I envision an atmosphere closer to that of the Summer Festival (picnic, families, etc)-they have good turn-out too	Feb 24, 2012 8:42 PM
1216	NO, most shops are gone and turned into food establishments.	Feb 24, 2012 8:37 PM
1217	Not quite, downtown. Would love to have a place to bring the family and visitors downtown to combine with lunch and shopping -- skating, fountain, art, nature, etc.	Feb 24, 2012 8:35 PM
1218	Somewhat but there are visual a physical gaps between Downtown, Kerrytown and the State Street area.	Feb 24, 2012 8:16 PM
1219	No. Downtown here is unsafe, it is dirty, unkept, retail is limited to a handful of extraordinarily outdated oddball shops, the gastronomy is boring (does anyone in this town EVER redo a menu?), the bars are overrated, parking is extremely limited, public transport is virtually nonexistent. BTW I own a home 10 min walk from Main St and walk almost each day downtown.	Feb 24, 2012 8:11 PM
1220	No, mainly because of the cost of parking. The new policy to charge by the hour in the parking ramps just goes too far.	Feb 24, 2012 8:08 PM
1221	Yes, but not in as many locales.	Feb 24, 2012 8:06 PM
1222	actually yes, though on a smaller scale.	Feb 24, 2012 8:03 PM
1223	no -- no shopping, no people, no selection, no ambience	Feb 24, 2012 7:53 PM
1224	In some parts of downtown I do feel this way. Places such as Main Street and	Feb 24, 2012 7:41 PM

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	State Street where we have taken steps to preserve our historical buildings do evoke the same feeling. If we must develop, we should develop a downtown where the buildings are human scale and where we take pains to preserve our history and architectural heritage (again, not City Place). The University's development of North Quad demonstrates that new development CAN add to the character of downtown. Building buildings such as North quad and unlike the new city hall, adds to the sense of uniqueness that Ann Arbor has taken pride in for decades.	
1225	because ann arbor is much much smaller	Feb 24, 2012 7:40 PM
1226	No. No large open gathering space as a focal point (such as outdoor skating rink in winter).	Feb 24, 2012 7:36 PM
1227	Not even close, too much traffic.	Feb 24, 2012 7:25 PM
1228	Everything cost money so by the time I am done I leave before I eat and drink!	Feb 24, 2012 7:22 PM
1229	Possible, but not done as yet. What I mentioned was a programmed event that took a lot of planning to organize. It was multiple stations of art sites, set up in different categories, with participants nearby to discuss their displays. The theme was colors, and each site used one color for all items in their display.	Feb 24, 2012 7:18 PM
1230	yes but only on University property which is only enjoyable in the summer when there are less students.	Feb 24, 2012 7:16 PM
1231	Not really, finding parking is extrememyl difficult at times and expensive if you do -- no spontaneous trips downtown, or being able to go to the Post Office -- and athletic events are not in easy walking distance to the Downtown Core in the evenings.	Feb 24, 2012 7:16 PM
1232	No. There is only one neighborhood really. But all the rest is possible with mixed use, housing/retail/office	Feb 24, 2012 7:14 PM
1233	to a very limited degree, just a few spots to stop rather than several blocks in other towns	Feb 24, 2012 7:08 PM
1234	Yes.	Feb 24, 2012 7:06 PM
1235	yes -- downtown Ann Arbor is thriving!	Feb 24, 2012 7:04 PM
1236	Almost everything I mentioned I am able to do in Ann Arbor. I think it's insane that the AATA service ends at 6pm on the weekends. I don't own a car, so AATA is my mode of transportation, and I really have to restrict what I do on the weekends because of the early end of service.	Feb 24, 2012 7:02 PM
1237	No, too small, downtown too homogenized and the buildings are very pedestrian and bordering on BLAND.	Feb 24, 2012 6:57 PM
1238	No, I don't feel there is much in the way of retail (affordable) shopping in downtown AA. Lots of high end shops (probably to support their high end rent), but not much in the way of cute, pick-up-and-go shopping.	Feb 24, 2012 6:55 PM
1239	parking is terrible and too expensive	Feb 24, 2012 6:51 PM

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1240	no...	Feb 24, 2012 6:48 PM
1241	This experience requires good access to downtown via regional/state-wide transit networks, and downtown hotel and conference venues. Does Ann Arbor have such places? The only conferences I've attended in downtown Ann Arbor have been at UM's League or Union--I'm not sure A2 has any downtown venues where we could host visitors and enable them to easily explore and enjoy the town.	Feb 24, 2012 6:48 PM
1242	no - the businesses are too geared to the college-aged students	Feb 24, 2012 6:45 PM
1243	I expect Ann Arbor to be Ann Arbor, not the same as anywhere else. It is much much smaller.	Feb 24, 2012 6:45 PM
1244	Too many restaurants and not enough other attractions.	Feb 24, 2012 6:44 PM
1245	Most of the time except that the late night public transportation is such that I have to stay sober in Ann Arbor. I can still enjoy sitting at the sidewalk cafes people watching but I have to drink tea.	Feb 24, 2012 6:42 PM
1246	Yes.	Feb 24, 2012 6:40 PM
1247	Not as much anymore. Too much concern about safety and being asked for a handout.	Feb 24, 2012 6:39 PM
1248	The spontaneous social interaction and character of the downtown area is part of what makes Ann Arbor so special. As many say, it's a small city with big city amenities, culture, and experiences. The ease of meeting friends and the feeling of community should be preserved and enhanced.	Feb 24, 2012 6:37 PM
1249	Ann Arbor (although it is improving) needs to not only increasing the # of broad-spectrum housing units downtown, but also provide the amenities that are needed to support residents living downtown.	Feb 24, 2012 6:28 PM
1250	the sidewalks are too narrow for the amount of foot traffic there is, and not just on Main St.	Feb 24, 2012 6:26 PM
1251	No. Businesses don't clean sidewalks	Feb 24, 2012 6:25 PM
1252	Somewhat- the university area and Main Street area are really nice for walking around, dining al fresco, shopping, etc., but it seems like there is nothing much in between. Also, there are a lot more people begging on the streets here than I have seen anywhere else.	Feb 24, 2012 6:25 PM
1253	Of course not - but AA has its own unique qualities, and it is where I live - it's a great city as well.	Feb 24, 2012 6:24 PM
1254	Unfortunately not, the entertainment districts are more spread out versus concentrated in one area.	Feb 24, 2012 6:21 PM
1255	No. Streets are terrible. Lane markers are worn. Bike lanes end at intersections, and are confusing and unsafe. Bike lanes are pothole & debris laden.	Feb 24, 2012 6:13 PM
1256	No, there never seem to be family friendly festivals in downtown A2. I take my	Feb 24, 2012 6:12 PM

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	family to downtown Chelsea and Saline several times each year because they have such festivals. Most events I see happening in downtown don't really seem like they would be enjoyable for children.	
1257	Ann Arbor has only one large building which is the Tower Plaza. There is lots to do, but not anything new and different. Ann Arbor does get a lot of people for Michigan Football, Ann Arbor Art Fair, and the Ann Arbor Summer Festival. There is some family activities like the Hands on Museum, the exhibit of natural history, and going to city parks/the arb. Ann Arbor is still my favorite city over any other city in the world because I lived here for over 14 years. Ann Arbor has great things to do and see.	Feb 24, 2012 6:10 PM
1258	There are fewer opportunities in A2 to shop retail for clothes, necessities, food. I would like to be able to shop for everyday needs.	Feb 24, 2012 6:07 PM
1259	try sitting on Main street at one of the sidewalk cafe spaces, it's stinky and noisy with cars. Traffic is always congested downtown, trying to find parking is a nightmare, and still I prefer walking downtown than out to mall areas, to driving out to shopping areas. The Kerry town area is a great place to support local!	Feb 24, 2012 6:02 PM
1260	In Ann Arbor not much retail, other than very boutique high end, and no focus shopping area. Not much diversity in entertainment or daytime entertainment other than bars and eating.	Feb 24, 2012 6:01 PM
1261	No -- because the town has become fractured with failed businesses, a city government that is hobbled by political visions and is out of touch with daily life patterns of different groups of residents.	Feb 24, 2012 5:58 PM
1262	Yes but I am some times hesitant to walk around because I hate being asked for money from the homeless/less fortunate people around town. I work hard for my money and these people should too. or at the very least not be allowed to cause such a problem.	Feb 24, 2012 5:56 PM
1263	yes. Main St. has interesting buildings of varying ages. A cool p ark or cool building would help.	Feb 24, 2012 5:56 PM
1264	Things feel spread out and not very diverse in the types of retail or restaurant options.	Feb 24, 2012 5:52 PM
1265	sometimes, depends on the venue	Feb 24, 2012 5:52 PM
1266	This is what downtown is BEST at! MORE, MORE, MORE!	Feb 24, 2012 5:52 PM
1267	Not right now with construction, congestion, and poor parking	Feb 24, 2012 5:51 PM
1268	the walking places are predictable, little interactive art, too many restaurants	Feb 24, 2012 5:51 PM
1269	I am able to get the same experience walking around the U-M campus. But when one approaches the area around Main Street and the Black Transit Center, I do have this experience. Cars seem to rule this area, and at lunch time, for instance, there is a strong gas fume smell along Liberty Street because of heavy traffic. While this might be a very radical step, I almost wonder if closing Liberty to vehicle traffic from Main to State would be something worth investigating.	Feb 24, 2012 5:50 PM

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Many communities in Europe, and even some in North America, have found that this approach pays huge economic, social, and environmental dividends.

1270	No. Crap parking arrangements. I hate structures. Lots of panhandlers these days; more than I remember in 30 years.	Feb 24, 2012 5:49 PM
1271	Most days, yes.	Feb 24, 2012 5:48 PM
1272	Yes. Weather prevents some outdoor dining, but heated patios would be a nice addition for cold months.	Feb 24, 2012 5:46 PM
1273	Sort of -- but not really during the week. Even in the summer, the Kerrytown market is a bit far to walk from many downtown businesses. It's a smaller scale here, which can be fine (as long as it's as dense), but we're also missing dramatic scenery, which we can't really do a lot about.	Feb 24, 2012 5:46 PM
1274	No! because there is a lot of construction! I am angry at all of this construction! It is why I no longer go to the library. Also there is no beach in downtown Ann Arbor. CLEARLY YOU SHOULD ADD A BEACH.	Feb 24, 2012 5:45 PM
1275	No Too many restaurants, not enough interesting stores (including small specialty stores and Crate and Barrel; art galleries they can all co-exist!	Feb 24, 2012 5:44 PM
1276	Since the majority of Ann Arbor housing (locals and hotels) is outside downtown, a trip to town is a bigger production and thus happens less often. Plus, off campus, there really don't seem to be any "hangout" areas on the streets... unless you're soliciting or performing. No fountains/squares, etc., where people sit around. Plus, unless I'm a student (willing to live in a Student-type place/environment), the only housing downtown is ridiculously expensive (more than I paid to live in downtown Bethesda, by FAR).	Feb 24, 2012 5:43 PM
1277	No. No sheltered sitting places, The ,planters on Main St are the only seats but no shelter. No public gathering places, not even lobbies no plazas , one arcade.	Feb 24, 2012 5:43 PM
1278	Unaware of opportunities to meet new like-minded people in AA.	Feb 24, 2012 5:40 PM
1279	Ann Arbor is not a large town and it never will be (I hope), and it's not even as large as Grand Rapids. Having said that, even maintaining current levels of population can be difficult these days, particularly in the industrial midwest. Ann Arbor is in competition with a hundred other cities of its size for talent, whether business talent or artistic talent, or young talent or mid-career talent. Ann Arbor has good character that doesn't need to change, nor does it need to become a city it isn't, but it does need to be prepared to innovate in order to maintain that character, and to let it grow and evolve naturally. And I personally think that focusing on young artists and professionals is the best way to innovate. Having said that, good cities also pay attention to providing services for the less fortunate. Ann Arbor so far doesn't need to do more in this area, but it shouldn't do less, either.	Feb 24, 2012 5:40 PM
1280	Yes, A2 has downtown street fairs with ethnic food.	Feb 24, 2012 5:39 PM
1281	No, not enough businesses, restaurants, and people (esp. not enough coming from out of town!) Would also love more places to stay downtown	Feb 24, 2012 5:36 PM

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1282	the car traffic on main st really takes away from a pleasant evening sitting outside.	Feb 24, 2012 5:34 PM
1283	No, the Huron River is not going to run through town anytime soon. The older homes are let go and not as attractive as they could be. This is a terrible loss.	Feb 24, 2012 5:33 PM
1284	No as things are not central, they are spread out over many blocks and not focused on one location.	Feb 24, 2012 5:31 PM
1285	No. The City has failed to provide green space within the densely developed downtown.	Feb 24, 2012 5:31 PM
1286	somewhat...on main street when it is shut down for festivals and other events. Then it is full of things to see and do, people to visit with, and no cars!	Feb 24, 2012 5:30 PM
1287	Yes - obviously we don't have ocean access here, but someday I would like to see more development near the river for opportunities to eat near the water, but that doesn't relate to this project.	Feb 24, 2012 5:27 PM
1288	No. Because we have no town square.	Feb 24, 2012 5:26 PM
1289	Yes	Feb 24, 2012 5:24 PM
1290	Only when buying a cup of coffee and sitting at an outdoor coffee shop in the seasonal weather.	Feb 24, 2012 5:24 PM
1291	In some locations, but there are a lack of compelling buildings, height, and too many open areas like parking lots. Ann ARbor should be denser.	Feb 24, 2012 5:23 PM
1292	To some degree - we need more density, more people living downtown, more every day retail and bus service that is also oriented toward the visitor/shopper	Feb 24, 2012 5:00 PM
1293	Downtown Ann Arbor has few of the necessities of daily life, and the flow of buses downtown is frequently confusing. Affordable housing is very limited.	Feb 24, 2012 4:56 PM
1294	No. Bus service isn't good enough and vehicle traffic/parking is given priority.	Feb 24, 2012 4:38 PM
1295	No. There are no damn bowling alleys in downtown Ann Arbor.	Feb 24, 2012 4:19 PM
1296	No. Surprising absence of festival or other gathering space. I've never seen a town this big in the United States with such a lack of public space, in particular parks, in the core of the downtown.	Feb 24, 2012 4:14 PM
1297	No. Housing either overpriced or non-existent; few opportunities to shop for basic necessities at a reasonable price (e.g. not Babo's, not Replenish; more like White Market); still too automobile-dependent.	Feb 24, 2012 3:52 PM
1298	Yes, in a different scale	Feb 24, 2012 3:08 PM

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1	I think the area under review is ripe for so many exciting development opportunities. I hope the focus will be on nice casual cafes/shops with light open spaces in the winter, and outdoor capacity in other seasons. I think getting cars out of downtown by encouraging more park-n-ride use with connecting buses is good. Remove some of the street parking and use that area for more productive uses like outdoor seating, bike paths -- and force people to park in the structures (which are cheaper than street parking anyway!). Thanks for doing this survey.	Mar 13, 2012 12:12 PM
2	One more time: The Library--let's make it beautiful, the central reason to come the area and build from there. Next would be the Bus Terminal---perhaps think of it as a transportation hub---keep it diverse and busy, thus enhancing safety. The top of the parking structure seems to be arriving with concrete barriers, so I don't see a park growing there---we could still have playground and/or an ice rink in winter. We don't have control over most of the property in the city(the changes on Fifth attest to that); however, we own these properties---so I appreciate your taking time to see how best to put them to civic use.	Mar 13, 2012 12:09 PM
3	Please allow this to be apart like setting for all of us to enjoy not just another business venture	Mar 13, 2012 11:43 AM
4	Where would the lost parking spaces be allocated?	Mar 13, 2012 9:29 AM
5	Planning should befriend spontaneity.	Mar 12, 2012 11:42 PM
6	It is a mistake to frame this discussion only in terms of private commerce, when a key parcel of this land--the Library Lot--is still a matter of dispute given the best PUBLIC use for this space. Public spaces should not be sold off to the highest bidder; sometimes public use and FREE access and enjoyment should be given highest priority. I don't see any inkling of this sentiment in your process or in your survey.	Mar 12, 2012 11:25 PM
7	please don't pave over ann arbor. no more sun blocking high rises	Mar 12, 2012 10:58 PM
8	Not clear what the "Connecting William Street process" is	Mar 12, 2012 10:30 PM
9	Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please continue to see to our community's heart. A public space like a library, filled with neighbors & children & citizens, will keep our community thriving more than a convention center, with its transient population and energy that is the exact opposite of how our library sustains and grows our sense of and actual community. Thanks again, and thank you for all that you do.	Mar 12, 2012 9:01 PM
10	I've never been much of a walker or user of public transit, alas, but know many who are.	Mar 12, 2012 8:19 PM
11	Dump the DDA and give the city back to its residents, and not to all the hugh buildings, etc.	Mar 12, 2012 8:17 PM
12	Thanks for the survey. This is an incredibly important issue. We get one shot at this. Our choice will communicate our identity. I agree with folks in "Transition Towns," Do we choose a city that focuses on civic quality of life in an era without cheap energy? I hope so.	Mar 12, 2012 7:39 PM

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13	While I do not oppose increased downtown greenspace, I believe that most of the available parcels are difficult locations because the existing buildings are all turned away from them. Part of what I've enjoyed about downtown visits is the sense of vibrancy, and looking at the backside of Seva's or The Chop House does not create a sense of vibrancy. The successful downtown parks I've seen in other cities are generally fronted by enough ground-level activity to put them in a context of vibrancy. I believe the City should find a way to restore the 100 units lost when the Y was torn down. If the project has a private gain (e.g. privately-owned convention center or retail/housing development), I believe it should be on the tax roles so that the city receives the funds necessary to provide services to that facility. I've seen some specific constituencies organize to fill out this survey, so the results are not likely representative of Ann Arbor as a whole.	Mar 12, 2012 7:28 PM
14	Please no more ugly buildings and do not destroy any existing historical or aesthetically pleasing structures	Mar 12, 2012 6:27 PM
15	Seek ways to control businesses' rents so moderate income service remains available	Mar 12, 2012 5:29 PM
16	I liked the rear entrance to the U of M Credit Union lot, the rear entrance from the Library parking lot to Seva and the diagonal walk to the Library going through the entrance to the park at E. Liberty and Division. I don't like walking around the block to go to Seva or UMCU.	Mar 12, 2012 5:26 PM
17	Library Lot...Park Y lot.....leave it. Palio....Leave it Kline's....Do whatever you want...You'll do it anyway	Mar 12, 2012 5:06 PM
18	PLEASE DO NOT PUT UP A BUILDING.	Mar 12, 2012 4:55 PM
19	A convention center would be a travesty, appropriating a large area of our valuable downtown for the exclusive and infrequent use of large organizations paying for private space, with little benefit to the local community.	Mar 12, 2012 4:09 PM
20	Our city spent a lot of time and money on the Calthorpe study. That study makes NO mention of a conference center, but specifically recommends "a Town Square or central civic area".	Mar 12, 2012 3:52 PM
21	Please consider a park next to the library. It would be a great extension of some of the library activities. I saw the High Line presentation at the Michigan Theater and was impressed with the beauty and the fact that it also revitalized the long New York neighborhood in economic ways as well.	Mar 12, 2012 3:39 PM
22	I would like the top of the underground structure to be a public park	Mar 12, 2012 3:38 PM
23	Stop focusing on making money and listen to residents needs. More or supposedly better buildings will not attract anyone. Think green, but not green buildings. I'm talking plants and open air	Mar 12, 2012 3:11 PM
24	dda seems to be doing what it can, rather a lot actually. city government seems to suffer from lack of solid long term goals leading to chaos.	Mar 12, 2012 3:06 PM

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25	I think outdoor gardens/parks would be a welcomed improvement in our downtown. I think people would spend more time outside if they had a specific destination.	Mar 12, 2012 2:59 PM
26	This is a nice first step but the whole process of envisioning needs to be more accessible to the community. We need to be tolerant of a slow evolution of community process. We must protect public spaces and realize that the public process can be slow but it builds a community is stable and attractive to both new residents and businesses. The drive to "attract more business" can kill the soul of a community if we forget to honor the fact that a sense of community is attractive to residents tourists and therefor business	Mar 12, 2012 2:50 PM
27	1) Thanks for providing "other" options; 2) Visually, this area should play off of/complement - not necessarily imitate - its historic surroundings to keep AND update Ann Arbor's look-and-feel; 3) Cafes + green gathering spaces = great urban experience 4) a genuinely vibrant city attracts/serves the locals; that's what makes it genuine, not Disneyland.	Mar 12, 2012 2:15 PM
28	I hope you build a park on the library lot. It would add natural beauty to the surrounding area.	Mar 12, 2012 1:55 PM
29	It would be a big mistake to lose the "Klines lot". That is parking in a convenient location.	Mar 12, 2012 1:49 PM
30	First, the city should look to partner with existing building owners to fill open lease space before starting new construction. Also the large hike in parking fees stop me from visiting downtown merchants to make purchases on Saturdays, I would rather drive out to another store on the city outskirts to avoid paying for parking.	Mar 12, 2012 1:27 PM
31	The streets of AA are DIRTY. Merchants don't seem to care to clean their sidewalks. Outside the doors of many restaurants the sidewalk looks disgusting. No civic pride, no cleanliness, no work ethic==what???	Mar 12, 2012 1:14 PM
32	Willaim street is a primary vehicular and pedestrian connection between old west side , down town and central campus it should be developed as denser housing 3 to 10 stories in hieght.	Mar 12, 2012 1:13 PM
33	Essential services for people living downtown would be welcome. The new CVS on S State is a lifesaver.	Mar 12, 2012 12:16 PM
34	Please create a public open space on the Library lot that coordinates with the Library to create cultural experiences for residents. It should be the Central Park of Ann Arbor. With the Library there could be an indoor/outdoor venue to showcase all the local talent we have. Concerts, lectures, presentations, fairs, family events could all be centered there.	Mar 12, 2012 11:00 AM
35	Concentrate on bringing people downtown, not providing green things to look at from afar.	Mar 12, 2012 10:44 AM
36	Enhancing quality of life and quality of place is about creating jobs and attractions for those with means. But, it MUST go beyond that, to use revenues	Mar 12, 2012 10:36 AM

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	and wealth to create benefits and opportunities for all to participate, including those who have less!	
37	Please invest in making the downtown an affordable place to live!	Mar 12, 2012 10:08 AM
38	An Urban Green space would enhance the quality of development around it!	Mar 11, 2012 11:58 PM
39	Keep the giant corporate restaurants to a minimum (Main Street Ventures, et al) even if they're local, they might as well be a national chain.	Mar 11, 2012 10:00 PM
40	Please honor your commitment to 100 units of supportive housing.	Mar 11, 2012 9:33 PM
41	If a city corridor/courtyard doesn't fit, some more places for good food and music never hurt anybody.	Mar 11, 2012 6:48 PM
42	I think it would be in the best interest of all the residents of Ann Arbor to get this right. Thank you for providing a place for me to contribute.	Mar 11, 2012 5:30 PM
43	Understand that central open space parks create increased pedestrian flows, business opportunities, and higher land values in adjacent private properties. This is not a surprise. It is the reality in many cities large and small.	Mar 11, 2012 4:57 PM
44	An area that can be central for event fairs	Mar 11, 2012 4:23 PM
45	the people at Shelva have a beautiful store. Talk to them. Talk to Karl Pohrt. I want a place where I can walk around. Sit outside with an ice cream cone or a coffee, consider some discount parking days. The major reason I do not go downtown more often is parking is expensive and inconvenient. I never thought I'd say it, but since I moved to A2 three years ago, I stick to strip malls, where I can get easy parking. Downtown and Kerrytown are rarely worth the hassle. I would take the bus, if it came more often, but in my neighborhood, it's a once an hour event.	Mar 11, 2012 1:09 PM
46	I read of the idea to make a connecting green space in this area. I would wholeheartedly support such effort.	Mar 11, 2012 11:39 AM
47	Please don't sell out this opportunity for creating more green beauty in Ann Arbor in favor of perceived short term economic benefits.	Mar 11, 2012 12:36 AM
48	Downtown Ann Arbor could be a lot cleaner. Follow the model of Toronto. There streets are washed frequently.	Mar 10, 2012 11:23 PM
49	I am curious why you are referring to this study as "Connecting William Street" yet you have confined the boundary such that the focus does not allow you to actually connect William to the state street / campus area. This appears short sighted. The re-purposing of the surface lots highlighted within the study area must take into account potential activity and development considerations from State Street to First street, bounded between campus and the old west side residential neighborhood, as well as addressing William Street's function as a downtown border with the neighborhood to the south	Mar 10, 2012 8:24 PM
50	Please make the projected parking lot space into a garden space!	Mar 10, 2012 5:45 PM

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51	Again, I wasn't aware the city was looking to change the area.	Mar 10, 2012 3:32 PM
52	I appreciate being able to share my thoughts. My wife and I moved to Ann Arbor in July 2011 and I think this city is a nice place to live and has the potential to lead in sustainable Midwestern urban living.	Mar 10, 2012 12:15 PM
53	Thanks for the survey. Go for the intermediate and long term. Use existing commercial space more efficiently.	Mar 10, 2012 10:39 AM
54	It's crucial to get this right - long-term thinking is what is needed here	Mar 10, 2012 12:15 AM
55	why no questions about park spaces	Mar 9, 2012 7:57 PM
56	The DDA has too much sway here--not very happy with your handling of parking--prices rising, access more difficult, etc. And some ideas for street treatments and pedestrian facilities are wacky.	Mar 9, 2012 7:31 PM
57	It would be great to see bioswales and rain gardens in the right-of-ways that help manage stormwater - with educational signs and placards to make it a learning experience too! They would both help with pooling and flooding during storm events and also be a great aesthetic addition to the downtown area.	Mar 9, 2012 7:27 PM
58	I appreciate the formation of vision for this section. I walk downtown every day, but have little reason to explore William.	Mar 9, 2012 5:46 PM
59	I think a green space would be much better for the city socially and economically than a conference center, especially given the fact that it will be a long time before the nation's economy is really strong again.	Mar 9, 2012 4:53 PM
60	I can see a park, but not a garden, unless it is botanical.	Mar 9, 2012 4:51 PM
61	We need more public green space, with trees, gardens, plazas, outdoor seats, places to eat brown bag lunches, etc.	Mar 9, 2012 4:32 PM
62	I value the opportunity to park in a surface lot as opposed to a structure.	Mar 9, 2012 3:55 PM
63	Please replace the 100 units of affordable housing that were lost when the Y was torn down.	Mar 9, 2012 3:54 PM
64	I believe reclassifying the existing but still never filled to capacity parking is just a ruse to force people to use the new hole in the ground parking that I, not being stupid, will ever park underground close to Liberty Plaza.	Mar 9, 2012 2:26 PM
65	The survey was geared to development and did not provide choices for those who feel there is already enough development downtown. I would like to see more public park space in this area.	Mar 9, 2012 2:01 PM
66	Downtown should be a community resource first and a tourist attraction second. Affordable housing with access to infrastructure and resources should be a huge priority for Ann Arbor residents. If you work in Ann Arbor you should be able to afford to live in ann arbor.	Mar 9, 2012 1:11 PM
67	As stated in a comment on an earlier question, I feel strongly that surface	Mar 9, 2012 1:00 PM

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	parking lots do have a place downtown and also that there need to be more trees and more green space in this area.	
68	Please add site # 6 at 1st and William to the discussion	Mar 9, 2012 12:35 PM
69	Ann Arbor is probably the most planned city in the country if not the world. The problem lies with our elected officials who wouldn't know what the plan is if it hit them in the forehead. Instead, they are busy reacting to the prevailing public opinion. I know that the U of M has done plans, consulting engineers have done plans, citizens and resident Architects have done plans. The answer is already there, we need to implement it!	Mar 9, 2012 11:30 AM
70	We have an opportunity to create some green spaces to compliment what is already a great and thriving downtown.	Mar 9, 2012 11:27 AM
71	adjacent ot library, park / playground --- other locations, businesses, sell the land,	Mar 9, 2012 10:47 AM
72	I would love to see a creative, functional urban park using preexisting resources like the high line accomplishes.	Mar 9, 2012 10:17 AM
73	Keep the unique personality of Ann Arbor, walkable, friendly, and more green space	Mar 9, 2012 10:02 AM
74	Don't just sell of the properties - lease them for development and keep the tax revenues (IE DONT SELL ANYTHING TO U-M!!!); encourage use of tranist as much as possible; OK to charge for on-street parking after 6 PM (at reasonable rate, e.g. \$1 / hour) to help raise revenue for security / police / streetscape improvements	Mar 9, 2012 8:35 AM
75	Please do not turn Ann Arbor into Chicago. Chicago is a fun city, but Ann Arbor is a caring, people centered community.	Mar 8, 2012 10:43 PM
76	I really like that you're engaging the community about this project. I think that it says a lot about the people running the City of Ann Arbor and that's it not just going lease the land to the highest bidder for business tax revenue (unless that's what the community decides).	Mar 8, 2012 10:33 PM
77	Ann Arbor a unique opportunity to use these spaces to foster a greater sense of community,spaces which would attract folks to relax and visit, to keep our downtown vital and beautiful.	Mar 8, 2012 10:27 PM
78	I think I did that above - didn't I?	Mar 8, 2012 10:12 PM
79	I think that the problem with Williams street in particular is how poorly the street wall is maintained. It doesn't feel like a part of downtown because the building density and building heights aren't the same as, for example, Washington or Liberty. It would be nice of some of the gaps (a lot of the parking lots on williams) could be converted to something built (even if that's a parking garage with street level shops), and it would also be great if that could happen along the south side of the street, which feels very residential.	Mar 8, 2012 9:37 PM
80	Have I mentioned Highline?	Mar 8, 2012 9:21 PM

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81	KEEP THE LIBRARY LOT A PARK...AN OPEN SPACE.	Mar 8, 2012 8:36 PM
82	This is our chance to build our downtown commercial core. Large sites provide an opportunity to attract quality developments that encourage more large businesses to locate or expand downtown. We as a City can no longer afford to wish for luxuries like more park land without a means to pay for the daily policing, maintenance, and programming they require. We need to use these properties with an eye toward economic development. Let's strategize and get a bunch of cool businesses to locate in downtown on these sites. Let's be strategic and bring the WCC downtown, as their offerings would work well with the Library and AATA.	Mar 8, 2012 8:23 PM
83	The underground structure should allow the surface parking lots to be repurposed to green space uses. This would make a walking experience downtown much better. Use of this space for events has potential to really activate the area. For more than just restaurant patronage..	Mar 8, 2012 8:12 PM
84	Please a a grip on where and what Ann Arbor wants to be, a univeristy town or a real town/city. Currently, this is just a university town. I see little hope for it to become anything else. It needs transit to get to Detroit easily. It let historic distrits be ruined by signs. (7/11 looks really nice and historic on State Street) The university is the elephant in the room and the city council is a pawn of the DDA.	Mar 8, 2012 8:04 PM
85	The real test will be the public hearings.	Mar 8, 2012 6:44 PM
86	The reason I am taking the survey is because a friend told me about it. The existence of such a survey needs much more publicity.	Mar 8, 2012 6:36 PM
87	Make AA more bike/ ped friendly.	Mar 8, 2012 6:32 PM
88	There is nothing worse than creating an underutilized park space. Ann Arbor has plenty of parks. We should understand the street as a public space rather than full fledged open spaces. Incorporate quirky low budget pocket parks or art spaces, but relate them to buildings and the street rather than making them the focus. A street should have a somewhat logical progression that makes you want to move along it, rather than stay in one place. Thats what small businesses, employment areas, and other forms of small scale development can provide.	Mar 8, 2012 6:08 PM
89	draw the residential streets to the south up to the north side of william. EARTHEN JAR	Mar 8, 2012 6:06 PM
90	Question #6 does not offer a positive answer.	Mar 8, 2012 6:02 PM
91	Look at model of Rittenhouse Square in Philadelphia - great open green space with benches, dog walking, street performers/fairs/markets, surrounded by very high quality restaurants, shops and apartments/condos.	Mar 8, 2012 5:56 PM
92	We need a diverse mixture of housing options in order to have a diverse mixture of people. Affordable supported housing is paramount to creating this situation. mixed use is grand; the supports are necessary.	Mar 8, 2012 5:44 PM

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93	The success of the Main St. environment needs to be expanded within the target area. If you go East or West of Main St. the magic diminishes.	Mar 8, 2012 5:43 PM
94	We need to remember that this is our city, and that anything that is done will be with us for a very long time. We want to be proud of it and happy it is there. Developers may have a different perspective and should not be allowed to call the shots. Nor should we sell our future to the highest bidder. This survey is definitely a step in the right direction in shaping Ann Arbor's future--so, thanks.	Mar 8, 2012 5:40 PM
95	It would be nice if more of the structures were underground and hidden and if they were better priced and did not need to be attended by parking attendees. The old meters that took change seem to work fine and you did not need to walk 150 ft. away from your parked car to pay the meter and walk in the other direction to attend to your event. I am confused by the term connecting William St.	Mar 8, 2012 5:18 PM
96	The area highlighted is a parking support to other downtown areas. It's always been a middle ground between Main and State. More business makes it more inviting to shop.	Mar 8, 2012 5:10 PM
97	I'd really like the development of this area to emphasize walkability, with a variety of reasons to stop along the way, and with a solid emphasis on locally-owned, independent businesses.	Mar 8, 2012 4:19 PM
98	PLEASE start giving some more support and consideration for local businesses already in this location that are being hurt by current construction. I would love to see some type of compensation for businesses affected by the underground parking structure being built. These are quality places that we should be encouraging to stay in the city!!!	Mar 8, 2012 3:14 PM
99	your survey is biased toward commercial development - it gives the appearance that it's a done deal. Too bad.	Mar 8, 2012 1:59 PM
100	Please give it some green grass & benches and make it welcoming to going there and staying a while. Maybe more bicycle police.	Mar 8, 2012 1:14 PM
101	Please don't make it any more difficult to get downtown and park than it already is.	Mar 8, 2012 1:08 PM
102	What is it connecting? No mention of this. Williams is the south fringe corridor from main street to State Street. It lacks vitality and defined presences along the entire length of this route, because of this disconnect it will always be the lesser connection corridor in town.	Mar 8, 2012 1:04 PM
103	Thank you for offering it! I am almost a 40 year resident, and William Street has been very important to me over the whole time.	Mar 8, 2012 12:46 PM
104	Need convenient farm markets within city. A great idea might be something like Detroit's Eastern Market within the downtown. It should function year round. Deli, fresh meat and seafood. Fruits, veggies, prepared foods and seasonal flowers. This would bring young people and visitors to the downtown, as well as those who can afford the fine restaurants.	Mar 8, 2012 12:45 PM

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105	This is an incredible opportunity to create a central pedestrian plaza in Ann Arbor. Rather than reinventing the wheel, why not follow the tried and tested model of the central urban plaza?	Mar 8, 2012 12:42 PM
106	I have lived in Ann Arbor since 1974 - my family moved here when I was 12, and all continue to live & work here. I have worked for the U 20 years, & owned a home here since 1994. I use AATA, I walk, I use the public libraries, & feel a real connection to this city. I consider it my town. I have contributed to making it what it is. I want to enjoy the real Ann Arbor for the rest of my life. So, now that I think about it, I think that above all, this project should serve the residents of Ann Arbor & what we want, not turn downtown into more of a tourist attraction than it already is.	Mar 8, 2012 12:41 PM
107	I do not own a car and rely on the bus to commute to work and to run most errands (I work at U-M). I live on the south side of Ann Arbor, but if there were affordable housing downtown, I would consider moving there, as a way to sustain my lifestyle going car-less. Please consider using some of this space for affordable housing!	Mar 8, 2012 12:21 PM
108	I'm worried about removing these parking areas. The Kline area and 4th and William parking areas and spots that I use often. I see removing these as creating more difficulty in parking downtown.	Mar 8, 2012 12:00 PM
109	This is WAY TOO VAGUE. I feel like you are not telling me enough so I can make a informed choice, nor do I care for your grouping of the 'old' parking areas and the new, horrible, changed area next to the library. They are hugely different resources. Why did you group them together? Duh, I know it's for parking, but are you thinking of getting rid of the surface lots? That would be good and would better inform my answer choices!	Mar 8, 2012 11:46 AM
110	Would like an outdoor space for multi use such as meeting people, street performers etc	Mar 8, 2012 11:43 AM
111	People will park and walk 2 blocks, HOWEVER WHEN there is no parking within 2 blocks, BECAUSE THERE ARE NO PLACES TO PARK, ONE WILL CHOOSE TO STAY IN THEIR CAR AND GO ELSEWHERE. - Whats wrong w/you people.	Mar 8, 2012 11:38 AM
112	Get the roads fixed in other parts of town, too! Jackson Road from Maple to Revena, and Huron Road from Revena to downtown are ABSOLUTE EMBARRASMENTS!!	Mar 8, 2012 11:35 AM
113	I would like an area set aside for alternative food trucks,carts, with tables to sit and eat.	Mar 8, 2012 11:35 AM
114	closed streets with canopies over street. cleveland has a great place like this.	Mar 8, 2012 11:24 AM
115	Thanks for your efforts to collect info from residents!	Mar 8, 2012 11:15 AM
116	public space away from vehicle exhaust is most desirable including allotment of space for bicycle usage and bus stops nearby.	Mar 8, 2012 11:10 AM
117	Please keep it environmentally friendly and devoid of large retailers or other	Mar 8, 2012 10:56 AM

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	corporations which would not have an interest in keeping Ann Arbor fun, "green" and liberal.	
118	Area on the north side of William needs a little TLC. Looks forlorn	Mar 8, 2012 10:55 AM
119	i think it's a great idea to try and unify the space	Mar 8, 2012 10:50 AM
120	look at peer cities and places that ann arbor can learn from and find out what worked for them (or didn't) and why. I'm not sure what the title "Connecting William Street" signifies. Consider the sustainability impact of any proposed development - how will an office building impact the environment over the next 50 years verses housing, hotel or open space? Look at the implications on planet, people and prosperity. density, if well designed creates vibrancy	Mar 8, 2012 10:28 AM
121	Utilize alleys for opportunities for store fronts	Mar 8, 2012 7:11 AM
122	William Street should have a similar feel/scale as Main St. to promote the energy and walkability. It should provide everyday retail needs to city residents and have an urban character.	Mar 8, 2012 4:12 AM
123	William Street is usually dead compared to adjacent Liberty Street. I live on 1st Street and often walk along William to get to Central Campus, but I always prefer walking down Liberty because it's more connected, vibrant, with things to look at as I go.	Mar 8, 2012 2:07 AM
124	I think it is very important that the library lot be held as public land, away from any commercial interests. We have a bus station right there and adding bike paking/rentals would add to the focus of this being a place to congregate.	Mar 7, 2012 10:28 PM
125	These decisions will help decide the future of Ann Arbor, and the attraction and retention of young people. Thank you.	Mar 7, 2012 7:20 PM
126	thank you for this survey	Mar 7, 2012 6:52 PM
127	Thank you for taking this survey. Need more small businesses, not more niche foodie joints.	Mar 7, 2012 6:30 PM
128	Region is still very car dependent and as a result can not overlook the importance of maintaining ample parking spots. Underground parking may be an answer to free up above ground. Last thing we want is someone to drive to downtown, has trouble parking and decides to go somewhere else because of parking.	Mar 7, 2012 6:16 PM
129	bridges the gap between main and state with stimulating streets.	Mar 7, 2012 6:03 PM
130	There is alot of all types of foot traffic, w/o much greenery or open space.	Mar 7, 2012 5:46 PM
131	The DDA has shown itself to be massively unqualified to run downtown planning efforts in Ann Arbor and I fear that this survey is more evidence of that: most of your questions are those you could answer yourselves or require us to prioritize things that are not in conflict. You really need to examine carefully the proper uses of surveys and your goals. Then maybe you should hire a really good planning firm and not the disappointing consultants that were engaged for the	Mar 7, 2012 5:33 PM

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	recent A2D2 and previous planning studies.	
132	MIGHT ASK SPECIFICALLY WHAT MIGHT BE ENVISIONED FOR THE PARTICULAR SITES- I.E; TEAR DOWN 4TH AND WILLIAM PARKING STRUCTURE OR INFILL BASE WITH RETAIL OR TURN PALIO LOT INTO A TYPE OF VEST POCKET PARK (POSSIBLY WITH LIMITED ACCESS OR FOR A DEDICATED RESTAURANT USE (OUTDOOR CAFE /BER GARDEN ETC)	Mar 7, 2012 5:17 PM
133	PLEASE persuade Council to simply sell the property and rely on the revised downtown zoning to take care of the rest; let the market work. PLEASE do not lead developers on and then just halt the process half way through. PLEASE take some action.	Mar 7, 2012 4:59 PM
134	Glad this conversation is happening!	Mar 7, 2012 4:53 PM
135	Good luck!	Mar 7, 2012 4:32 PM
136	None.	Mar 7, 2012 4:23 PM
137	thanks for asking for input!	Mar 7, 2012 4:06 PM
138	Too much of that space is a void. And the federal building/post office is a black hole of 1970s bad architecture. And an oversized park/plaza would not work well -- whatever public space is provided should be accessible, connected to the pedestrian flows, and have "eyes on the street".	Mar 7, 2012 3:57 PM
139	Do not reduce parking! Do not turn over parking areas to developers that enrich them and make it more difficult for A2 residents to access downtown.	Mar 7, 2012 3:46 PM
140	This is the first time I have heard of this project, so I am not familiar with what you want to connect or why. If this is a plan to sell off parking lots to developers, then please be careful that the scale is appropriate to Ann Arbor.	Mar 7, 2012 3:27 PM
141	Much ado about...?	Mar 7, 2012 3:27 PM
142	I support converting the parking structures to more diverse programs, because parking is starting to overpopulate our city, where every other building is a parking structure. We should encourage more people to take buses but increasing bus service and convert parking structures to more cultural productive places.	Mar 7, 2012 3:12 PM
143	To beef up William Street, you'd need destinations at either end to draw people down the street. That end of Main street is weak. The other end at the diag should be very strong, but the William streetscape at that end is dismal	Mar 7, 2012 3:03 PM
144	I just want to see the lot done so that I can stop taking the bus. My work won't give me a GoPass because my downtown work location (even though I'm here twice a week) says I don't work enough to get one. Maybe have more relaxed rules for that if the city can't provide better parking for me. It is ridiculous to have to pay \$10 a day to park at my work. They don't provide parking for part-timers like myself.	Mar 7, 2012 2:48 PM

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145	Create RFP/RFQ's that favor proposals that can succeed economically, not proposal that tell us what we want to hear.	Mar 7, 2012 2:35 PM
146	I have a perception that parking near downtown is difficult at busy times. Wondering about taking away parking and adding something that will generate the need for more parking?	Mar 7, 2012 2:20 PM
147	Campus Martius in Detroit is a great example of a great use of precious downtown space... it's incredibly active, both in winter and summer, the activities changing with the seasons.	Mar 7, 2012 1:49 PM
148	Summer Top of the Park-listening to FREE live music, eating Zingermans, having a beer, running into old friends. Diverse, multi-generational appeal melding art, music, food, social interaction for families, couples, singles, students, teens,	Mar 7, 2012 1:30 PM
149	Promote unique and local businesses with diverse pedestrian links and urban spaces. This creates a rich urban fabric that is difficult to achieve if the area is dominated by national chains.	Mar 7, 2012 1:28 PM
150	Parking can be an issue downtown. I would like the peripheral streets to offer better lighting to promote safety when walking to/from my parked car.	Mar 7, 2012 1:26 PM
151	Please continue to push for covered bike parking and bike lanes and signs. Interesting open space for community art and music events is key.	Mar 7, 2012 1:18 PM
152	I don't get it and why is this a "project" and what is the "project." Connecting parking areas seems like a totally disconnected idea unless I am most certainly missing something.	Mar 7, 2012 12:55 PM
153	A grocery store and a gym would be huge additions to downtown Ann Arbor	Mar 7, 2012 12:15 PM
154	Ann Arbor has SO MANY fancy restaurants and specialty shops, we really do not need any more, especially in that area. Coffee shops, too. I experienced looking for rental housing downtown - thankfully I was one of the lucky few who actually was able to find a place to rent downtown, but I know for most people it's simply impossible. Currently I know many extremely talented young professionals in the 23-26 year old age range - people who Ann Arbor should REALLY want to hang on to - who are being forced to move because affordable housing simply does not exist near downtown Ann Arbor. These are people who could add a ton of value to Ann Arbor but simply can't afford to. I would definitely support more housing in this area, I think it's a home run. Aside from housing, I think it'd also be good to look at the success of Mark's Carts for inspiration - it'd be great to see something community driven, open and social in this area. I know tourism is probably a major source of revenue, and I don't want to destroy that completely. But I know there's also a lot of empty office space downtown, and making downtown more "livable" (with more housing and more social options) could help entice people to move their businesses downtown. Whereas the rug shops and junk shops offer no value to the someone who lives downtown.	Mar 7, 2012 12:10 PM
155	thanks for asking!	Mar 7, 2012 11:57 AM

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156	Not much is likely to happen until economic demand improves, unless you want to have more student housing built.	Mar 7, 2012 10:30 AM
157	Maybe a building with roof access for restaurant/cafe seating	Mar 7, 2012 10:17 AM
158	I like the idea of a place for festivals, yet closing streets for things like Taste of Ann Arbor and having this right in the middle of downtown is part of the ambiance of the experience.	Mar 7, 2012 12:34 AM
159	I live just off William Street, and am very interested in this development. Please keep local residents in mind during potential construction.	Mar 7, 2012 12:26 AM
160	There has been so much new development in the downtown area recently resulting in so much new housing stock, office and retail space, which makes it essential to use the parcels that this survey is addressing for purely public spaces, at least half of which should be open space in the form of parks, walking paths, and public plazas.	Mar 7, 2012 12:19 AM
161	We do not need to sell any of these properties to developers. Then the process moves out of people's control and into more business space which we don't need; we have a high vacancy rate at present. We really need green space, parks, public space to be carved out or preserved from some of these possibilities.	Mar 6, 2012 11:02 PM
162	As a new resident, I hope that the city will grow taller and denser rather than succumbing to NIMBYs who want to freeze the city for all time.	Mar 6, 2012 10:06 PM
163	how are you ensuring participation by a wide demographic rather than just the hippy elite	Mar 6, 2012 8:43 PM
164	Thanks for working towards creating a vision and dynamic future for Ann Arbor.	Mar 6, 2012 7:50 PM
165	For inattentive citizens like me, a URL to a quick summary of the process thus far would be useful. This survey seems very pie in the sky to me, as if these parcels could become anything just for the asking. I can value open space for festivals & more citizen interaction in the abstract, but I'd rather be asked to compare truly viable competing options that whatever entities are willing to commit to. Mark's Carts is an example of an initiative that is harnessing self-interest & entrepreneurial opportunity to create a dynamic place to visit behind Downtown Home & Garden.	Mar 6, 2012 7:46 PM
166	I love the idea of doing something with the lot near the library that expands on a consumer-free public space that isn't the library.	Mar 6, 2012 5:39 PM
167	Frankly, I have no clue what the project is, I just was referred this link.	Mar 6, 2012 5:22 PM
168	Perhaps Liberty can be made into a pedestrian street and William converted into a bypass for traffic. This would increase development in the central core.	Mar 6, 2012 4:46 PM
169	This is not so much about connecting William Street per se as completing downtown, filling in the missing teeth.	Mar 6, 2012 3:40 PM
170	I really wish we could have remote parking and shuttles into town, but since that	Mar 6, 2012 3:33 PM

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	isn't going to happen, then have a quieter, more peaceful atmosphere, greener, happier.	
171	I appreciate you asking for this community input. I have lived in Ann Arbor for three years and enjoy the downtown area already, but I am excited about the possibility for further development between William & Liberty Streets.	Mar 6, 2012 3:08 PM
172	Get designing!	Mar 6, 2012 2:30 PM
173	If more people can afford to live downtown, it will keep downtown businesses afloat, create a more vibrant atmosphere, and attract more businesses, arts venues, etc. Everything follows from encouraging density.	Mar 6, 2012 2:28 PM
174	Green space does not bring visitors into town!	Mar 6, 2012 2:08 PM
175	The city has a huge opportunity to make this area a showcase for what a 21st American city could look like	Mar 6, 2012 1:54 PM
176	No questions about Connecting William Street and the University/State St. area. Why not?	Mar 6, 2012 1:05 PM
177	Any discussion of downtown use MUST include a plan to deal EFFECTIVELY with pan-handlers. You can have the most beautiful architecture and interesting stores but if people are being accosted every ten feet, they will stay away. I know I do.	Mar 6, 2012 12:54 PM
178	Please consider bike lanes, motorbike parking and other infrastructure to increase the viability of these alternate modes of transportation.	Mar 6, 2012 12:38 PM
179	reach out to small business owners, so that you TRULY UNDERSTAND the needs of a small independent business owner	Mar 6, 2012 12:10 PM
180	Build a new library on top of the almost-completed parking structure, then offer the former library site to developers for proposals.	Mar 6, 2012 11:42 AM
181	Preserve these spaces for the people and activities and push the parking lots out to the edges since it's easy to access this zone by bus, bike or foot.	Mar 6, 2012 11:38 AM
182	I'm a new Ann Arborite and am looking forward to improvements! I live within a mile of downtown so I'm not as concerned about parking as people who have to come from out of town, but I don't like seeing those unused parking lots and wish there were more options (non-coin! coins are a pain).	Mar 6, 2012 11:25 AM
183	This is the first I heard of the plan so I haven't considered options. Try to get connect each piece of the the development to the other pieces. Make it flow for people movement. Safe, very well lighted pedestrian walkways perhaps.	Mar 6, 2012 11:23 AM
184	I would suggest that every major building downtown have underground parking, that way you could utilize the space above ground more effectively.	Mar 6, 2012 10:48 AM
185	there are several nice buildings on S side of william. and of course, several run-down student rentals. create incentives for restoration. enforce rental code violations. require setbacks on high buildings. don't spot-zone parcels that aren't	Mar 6, 2012 10:44 AM

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	already D1 or D2. imagine you live a block away. even though whoever is doing this survey probably drives downtown everyday and wants more parking structures.	
186	Yay parking, yay sustainability. Any chance this will lessen the amount of bikers on the street?	Mar 6, 2012 10:40 AM
187	make it quick and painless, creativity is lost when it is stretched out	Mar 6, 2012 10:29 AM
188	I just love that the city is taking an integrated approach to this area!	Mar 6, 2012 10:28 AM
189	I walk down William Street between Main and State pretty often and it seems dingy and the most exciting thing there is the glass and steel kinetic sculpture atop the funeral home.	Mar 6, 2012 10:28 AM
190	Make sure there is enough parking for everyone.	Mar 6, 2012 10:23 AM
191	bike lanes, better roads, indoor bike parking	Mar 6, 2012 10:23 AM
192	the library lot is an ideal location for a park that would support outdoor entertainment but also give people a place to meet, wander around, and enjoy outdoor art and landscaping	Mar 6, 2012 10:22 AM
193	Looking at this one area is not enough, understand the context in which it fits. Rather than have a fragmented plan, develop a city wide initiative and identity. Ann Arbor will always have charm to those related to U of M but to others its fading compared to other areas.	Mar 6, 2012 10:08 AM
194	Parking has always been an issue downtown.	Mar 6, 2012 10:08 AM
195	Lower the crime, too, please.	Mar 6, 2012 10:06 AM
196	Please take a sound long term view, but do not let the moment get away from you. Show the long term plan and good short term wins that feed the long term plan. Be fiscally conservative during these difficult economic times and plan on more spending when we can better afford it.	Mar 6, 2012 10:00 AM
197	I'm so glad this survey is available for community response!	Mar 6, 2012 9:53 AM
198	This project may not be suited for a single goal because the properties are disconnected. Would love to see a survey like this for a contiguous property project.	Mar 6, 2012 9:52 AM
199	Please limit road closures and interminable long and complex construction projects such as the Library Lot Disaster. It's better to do nothing at all than do all this harm. "First do no harm".	Mar 6, 2012 9:47 AM
200	I am very in favor of getting rid of most surface lots - they kill downtown.	Mar 6, 2012 9:43 AM
201	Make the sidewalk very walkable - wide, inviting. Seating. Plants, bricks, etc. Not chain link. Public art!	Mar 6, 2012 9:43 AM
202	Somthing really needs to happen on that area. it is not attractive at all. Not to	Mar 6, 2012 9:39 AM

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	those leaving here and not to those coming to visit. Right now the only street that is relatively nice is Main street. William Liberty need some serious updo!!! :)	
203	Part of the problem is getting there - traffic is horrible due to all the one way streets and un-timed lights, and then you have to find parking, ouch! Fighting traffic and waiting at lights makes customers grumpy.	Mar 6, 2012 9:34 AM
204	If I don't have access to easy parking, I won't come downtown. My friends and I share rides to downtown; mass transit is a surly environment and a safety issue for us.	Mar 6, 2012 9:34 AM
205	Parking for the library needs to be retained. The downtown library branch needs to be retained.	Mar 6, 2012 9:32 AM
206	If there is no where to park, people won't come. You can have all the restaurants and retail but if there's no way to get there, what's the point?	Mar 6, 2012 9:30 AM
207	Make it nice and beautiful... attract more businesses, but make it part of the city. A space that it can be use outside of business hours by the town's people.	Mar 6, 2012 9:27 AM
208	Think big!	Mar 6, 2012 9:23 AM
209	The development should be visually appealing, use sustainable practices in its construction/operation, but also be of economic benefit. Multilevel buildings suit the downtown better than single story (and allow for more interesting architecture).	Mar 6, 2012 9:21 AM
210	I'm concerned about parking as well as increased foot traffic. This is definitely an underutilized corridor but a lot of Ann Arbor just gets too busy as it is. I'm not sure how, but it would be great if this wasn't as densely populated as other parts of downtown, maybe by creating green spaces rather than packing in as many businesses as possible.	Mar 6, 2012 9:20 AM
211	not clear to me whether loss of parking structures/options would occur. There is a need for the parking... seems to be always filled on weekends, when large events/games are occurring	Mar 6, 2012 9:05 AM
212	I don't think too much power should be given to commercial developers. Density is good, but so is an open green space. There are already too many boutiques and restaurants in the area. Ann Arbor is a place people live, including some people of modest means, not just a tourist destination.	Mar 6, 2012 9:03 AM
213	Make sure there is still plenty of parking for all jobs in the area.	Mar 6, 2012 8:53 AM
214	Parking gets a lot of emphasis because the perception is that out-of-town dollars due to day trips is contingent on easy parking. This is true; but, as a university faculty member, being able to invite people to stay _in_ the downtown setting would be great. Campus Inn, Bell Tower, are not enough options.	Mar 6, 2012 8:45 AM
215	I think we should focus on creating a sustainable environment!	Mar 5, 2012 8:43 PM
216	Your survey does not allow for much comment on what already exists in your study area, or the fact that some of the buildings are in historic districts and how	Mar 5, 2012 7:29 PM

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	that could be viewed as a positive force in the planning.	
217	Green space would be good to have in the downtown area, like a mini park for people to go to and enjoy.	Mar 5, 2012 6:57 PM
218	We do need parking to be adequate, safe, and convenient. I am not sure after taking this survey, what your intentions are with the parking lots. Perhaps there could be fewer one-level lots in favor of multi-level lots. You can't attract more into downtown unless you solve the parking/mass transit problem first. One lot is underutilized (between Ashley and 4th) just because it is north of Huron St. Perhaps we could consider pedestrian walkways above street level, connecting the lot to Main St., like they have in various parking areas around the medical school and hospital. These areas could include bike racks, etc. Hope this helps!	Mar 5, 2012 5:05 PM
219	Well-lit areas are important for safety and a busy downtown. In addition, parking structures can tend to be ominous and seem unsafe. The new use of a part of the structure might actually alleviate this issue, but it is still something to consider in terms of planning.	Mar 5, 2012 3:40 PM
220	N/A	Mar 5, 2012 2:54 PM
221	I wish you good luck. You won't be able to please everyone- just remember that there are different types of people (in addition to myself) that are likely not going downtown because there are simply NO OPTIONS for them to take root in. The worst thing you could do is make something identical to what is already nearby.	Mar 5, 2012 2:33 PM
222	Plan carefully!	Mar 5, 2012 2:27 PM
223	thanks for conducting this survey!	Mar 5, 2012 2:21 PM
224	Don't put the city's finances at risk or follow ideas that are money-losers like the convention center idea. And I wish people would think things through before starting. It's ridiculous that we spent so much time and money on an underground parking structure without a plan for the aboveground portion. I miss the library lot and I don't like parking structures for running in to run a couple of errands or grabbing a quick lunch. If I am not able to do that downtown I will probably do that out of downtown.	Mar 5, 2012 2:19 PM
225	Combining business attraction and retention in question 5 doesn't allow for the distinction between the more appropriate role of government in retaining existing businesses and the less appropriate role in attracting them. This would have been an interesting survey for which to see responses prior to the construction of the underground parking structure.	Mar 5, 2012 2:03 PM
226	Don't forget that you have a great resource in the students and faculty here at U of M! We love volunteering!	Mar 5, 2012 1:52 PM
227	too much construction, or construction takes too long to complete. Underground parking structure was supposed to be finished summer 2011, makes it a problem for restaurants/shops around it.	Mar 5, 2012 1:33 PM
228	Thank you providing this survey.	Mar 5, 2012 1:32 PM

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229	At the end of the day, get rid of the surface parking lots at the very least. Too much space in downtown is spent on warehousing cars and not enough on developing business/ liveability -- whether that be museums, restaurants, cafes, or businesses, or more downtown housing options.	Mar 5, 2012 1:14 PM
230	Whatever is done, make sure it supports Ann Arbor's diverse community, and welcomes even further diversity. Make sure it is worthwhile, and is something useful for the community that will actually be beneficial, and not a waste of money.	Mar 5, 2012 12:44 PM
231	Best of luck. It can't be easy trying to find something that works for everyone, but I'm sure it will be nice assuming you take the survey comments into account	Mar 5, 2012 12:38 PM
232	Please don't reduce the amount of public parking!! It's already scarce enough :(Mar 5, 2012 12:36 PM
233	I would like this planning process to agree first on a time horizon for our financial outcomes. Do we want to incentivize the kind of buildings and features that will enhance the city (and our tax revenues) in the long term? Or go for the quick buck now, with architecture that looks cheap and will grow worn-looking instead of classic? In other words, do we want more buildings and streets that look like Main/State/Liberty, or another Division Street? I vote for the long-term payback, even if it requires sacrifice of tax/land sale income now.	Mar 5, 2012 12:33 PM
234	Good luck.	Mar 5, 2012 12:11 PM
235	Please, remember that not everyone living or spending time in Ann Arbor has a lot of money to spend on entertainment.	Mar 5, 2012 11:50 AM
236	DON'T SACRIFICE MORE PARKING FOR YOUR IDIOTIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS AS IF MICHIGAN WERE NOT A CAR CENTRIC STATE!!!!	Mar 5, 2012 11:40 AM
237	Thanks for asking!	Mar 5, 2012 11:37 AM
238	Some of the survey questions on the previous pages are extremely difficult to answer, specifically regarding quality of the downtown experience (questions 7 and 8)--the choices are all closely related attributes of a downtown, so prioritizing them is difficult.	Mar 5, 2012 11:25 AM
239	I wouldn't want to lose too much parking, since, unfortunately, it is still mostly the only way to get downtown, so you still need it - but I applaud improving amenities and especially sustainable living elements (day-to-day shopping experiences, small businesses, residences) to make the downtown more vibrant and livable	Mar 5, 2012 10:50 AM
240	All of the great cities have important green spaces downtown.	Mar 5, 2012 10:34 AM
241	I love the fairy village on 4th Ave, unique mobile on top of Muehlig's, wish the library lot and old Y lot could be green grass parks or even basketball hoops.	Mar 5, 2012 1:38 AM
242	What took so long but really don't care anymore as I no longer go downtown. Got everything I need at the malls.	Mar 5, 2012 1:16 AM
243	A little parkland with some trees could do alot for this area. Built in transit hub can be useful here.	Mar 4, 2012 11:33 PM

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244	I would like to see some public art on a large scale similar to the red sculpture in front of UMMA	Mar 4, 2012 10:39 PM
245	Though cutting edge building designs are important if they increase efficiency, I believe that a consistent aesthetic appearance and feel contributes greatly to what make a city have a cohesive feel to it	Mar 4, 2012 10:38 PM
246	This site should be developed. We can't afford the many parks we already have. It should bring jobs and density, not be a maintenance burden in perpetuity. We already have a downtown park that is not used except by vagrants.	Mar 4, 2012 8:52 PM
247	I see what looks like too great an emphasis on parking. There is plenty of parking in downtown Ann Arbor. Let's encourage people to walk!	Mar 4, 2012 7:42 PM
248	I would like to see the results of this survey posted online as soon as they are available. I am interested in attending the open meetings of the LOC and plan to attend the 3/26 meeting.	Mar 4, 2012 7:09 PM
249	I strongly feel that the DDA and City need to consider turning these spaces into a garden or park space, a place where we can create a sense of community. Thank you!	Mar 4, 2012 1:25 PM
250	require projects to be built on vacant land, before allowing existing buildings to be demolished	Mar 4, 2012 12:28 PM
251	Please focus on long-term opportunities / sustainability.	Mar 4, 2012 12:05 PM
252	there needs to be a destination- a reason to go to that area, that is different than main street- that draws people in.	Mar 4, 2012 10:17 AM
253	economic benefit question should be a continuum, not an either/or. thanks for reaching out!	Mar 4, 2012 1:10 AM
254	Good luck.	Mar 3, 2012 10:05 PM
255	I just wonder what percent of the cars on the streets downtown at any given moment are looking for a parking space. How can you convince people to head straight for a structure instead of circling around looking etc?	Mar 3, 2012 8:43 PM
256	Safety is important. Long term businesses bring me back. Afternoon Delight, Seva, too bad we lost Borders	Mar 3, 2012 7:53 PM
257	Must work on mass transit. See story above.	Mar 3, 2012 7:04 PM
258	this is one of the most thoughtful surveys I've ever participated in. I hope you demonstrate as much thought when interpreting and trying to implement our suggestions (not easy I know!) But THANK YOU!	Mar 3, 2012 6:00 PM
259	This survey makes it look like the plan is to do something with the parking lots either sell them to Republic parking or put something else there. I hope that's not the plan or it will make me really dread going downtown.	Mar 3, 2012 5:36 PM
260	I generally support a dense downtown with respect to employment centers and	Mar 3, 2012 2:46 PM

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	residential housing accompanied by small pleasant parks and good public transit -- plus friendly o walkers and bicyclists	
261	Thank you for doing this.	Mar 3, 2012 1:56 PM
262	KEEP. McKINLEY. OUT.	Mar 3, 2012 11:39 AM
263	Thanks! Good luck!	Mar 3, 2012 11:38 AM
264	Thank you for seeking our opinion! I look forward to seeing the plan for this project.	Mar 3, 2012 11:19 AM
265	why not coonect it more with some integrated greenspace?	Mar 3, 2012 8:23 AM
266	Ann Arbor is the best downtown that I've seen - but there are streets that are more preferable, such as liberty / south u / mainstreet. As for Williams street, it is currently dark, and rather unpleasant to walk down.	Mar 3, 2012 2:24 AM
267	I think it would be in the best interest of the city to have these sites turned into public-use/natural use space, for example parks walk/bike ways - this would benefit the most residents and visitors, now and in the future. When I look at the attached map it seems that these spaces help form a natural connecting corridor to and through the heart of the city. We need to consider the benefits of all the places the city current has that are essentially public use or natural - and use this city land to supplement and enhance the them. Have you asked children what they would want? I will pass this survey on to some of the future users of this city owned space so you can get their input.	Mar 3, 2012 1:00 AM
268	Stop cattering to cars. I saw downtown St. Louis destroyed by just this kind of thinking. People stopped coming to downtown St. Louis even though they had a lot of great parking!! 'Cause that's all they had!!	Mar 2, 2012 11:13 PM
269	maintain open parking lots at current level	Mar 2, 2012 10:44 PM
270	Most of my friends and I cannot afford to live in Ann Arbor so to get downtown we drive. However our biggest frustration, and biggest deterent to coming downtown, is the lack of adequate parking. Thus, I'm dismayed by any project that will result in a net loss of parking spaces.	Mar 2, 2012 10:10 PM
271	I have no idea what Connecting William Street is trying to accomplish, other than to claim that whatever eventually is done can be described as "sustainable"	Mar 2, 2012 8:36 PM
272	Please do not "connect" everything with cement.	Mar 2, 2012 8:22 PM
273	Please read and carefully compile the open-ended responses to the survey questions. Through the particular options specified in the survey, the survey emphasizes building buildings or selling the properties. The option of creating Nature areas can only be written-in and only in a very sketchy way, biasing the survey against Nature areas. Also, each of these properties is very different so it is difficult to make general recommendations that would hold for each and every one of them. There is not enough space to give a clear idea of a vision for the area.	Mar 2, 2012 8:02 PM

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274	Don't listen to every voice you hear in public comments, please. Do what is best for Ann Arbor.	Mar 2, 2012 6:12 PM
275	The emphasis should be on people and people activities rather than economic development.	Mar 2, 2012 6:01 PM
276	I hope we can invest in some amenities that may not be "profitable" in themselves (art spaces, meeting spaces, places to worship, etc.) but would enhance property values and business viability in the whole downtown because of the greater number of people they would attract. Also, I hope that something can be done about Liberty Plaza to make that a more productive community space—I don't believe that open spaces/parks would be beneficial this far off the beaten path.	Mar 2, 2012 5:48 PM
277	I personally would like to see a vision for the entire downtown core considering desired projects (e.g. new transit center), the available land and WORKING TOGETHER. For example, the library and AATA are (or will be) undertaking independent replacement projects for their assets. This irritates me because I pay for both on my tax bill and wish they could/would work together which may yield efficiencies and a better vision for the area. I also find it irritating that there's so much emphasis on a financial return to the City for the Library Lot yet no such emphasis for the AATA transit center, for example. I'm skeptical that a one-time sale of a parcel will yield 'city-changing' dollars or that a marginal increase in tax revenue is more desirable than a true plaza/park which could become the center of Ann Arbor, a symbol of the City and a draw to residents and guests.	Mar 2, 2012 5:39 PM
278	The Kline lot should be used to anchor the destination shopping street that could blossom on Ashley, focused on home goods, with a larger chain store. The other retail spaces and rent structures developed should be set up to support locally owned shops and businesses, both on the Kline lot and the other lots. Also, no more parking. Once the garage opens, let's look at redeveloping some of the above-ground structures as more active uses that draw people downtown. People come downtown because of these uses, not because it's easy to park. Find a temporary use--pop-up beer garden/shops/market, etc.--for the top of the garage, instead of surface parking that we'll have to look at for years.	Mar 2, 2012 4:35 PM
279	When the old Y was torn dow, the city made a commitment to replace the 100 affordable housing units it contained. Given that the city has money to consider the types of developments represented by this effort and the Fuller rapid transit station, there is absolutely no excuse for it not to proceed with its promise to replace those units in a timely manner - and in a thoughtful manner, connecting the new space and its inhabitants with needed services and public spaces.	Mar 2, 2012 4:28 PM
280	I feel like a good way forward would be to establish the zoning for these parcels (currently PL) as D1 or D2, whatever the map says. Then just put it on the market. I don't think the CWS process will give us a better or faster result than that.	Mar 2, 2012 4:11 PM
281	why wasn't the option of the hotel/conference center included in any of the questions? I could not find a conference center in Ann Arbor (closer than Briarwood area) to stage a major conference.	Mar 2, 2012 3:57 PM

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282	fostering a sense of community and a respect for the arts should be priorities. Out door cafes, sculptures, lots of green areas...some diversity of shops rather than only restaurants would be good too.	Mar 2, 2012 3:21 PM
283	You need more handicapped parking	Mar 2, 2012 2:27 PM
284	The perennial plantings in the the little flower bed on the NE corner of Main and William and around the lot across from the funeral home looked very nice last summer. I hope the powers-that-be resist the urge to yank them out and put something different in. Multiple years out of one planting is the point of perennials. The plantings around the Klines lot get fussed with too much, and consequently look very sad.	Mar 2, 2012 2:18 PM
285	I'm excited to see what happens and look forward to some awesomeness.	Mar 2, 2012 1:35 PM
286	I'm happy to see the inclusion of art/cultural concerns (that's usually a big issue for me), but my major concern is more opportunities for public interaction of all sorts of people. Sometimes that's facilitated by art/outdoor fests, but the spaces have to be right first, often...	Mar 2, 2012 1:33 PM
287	stop begging for more "development." we know that is code for more bizness and profit and lower quality of life. fix what's here. keep the big money people out.	Mar 2, 2012 1:15 PM
288	Thank you for inviting us to share our thoughts!	Mar 2, 2012 1:08 PM
289	I encourage the development of businesses and possibly the building of an underground garage in the Kline lot, with a park on top, much as was envisioned in the 1990 Downtown Development Plan, on which I served.	Mar 2, 2012 1:00 PM
290	I think your survey is quite biased toward BUILDING something on these lots.	Mar 2, 2012 12:29 PM
291	Getting rid of parking areas isn't a good idea. You can build new attractions, but where are we going to park to see them?	Mar 2, 2012 12:18 PM
292	Thank you for the time you are putting into this project!	Mar 2, 2012 11:59 AM
293	The questions are important. The survey is pretty long. A disincentive to filling it out.	Mar 2, 2012 11:22 AM
294	Thanks for the opportunity!	Mar 2, 2012 11:02 AM
295	grass or astroturf on top of garage	Mar 2, 2012 11:00 AM
296	thank you for asking for our opinion.	Mar 2, 2012 10:45 AM
297	I am not entirely clear on what the plan is, therefore I cannot provide any useful feedback on what it is you're trying to accomplish. I can tell you, that myself and many others I know are becoming increasingly frustrated with the lack of parking and long lines at restaurants downtown. I enjoy downtown when I get to go, but lately to be honest I've been making the trip to Plymouth or Detroit to avoid the headache of Ann Arbor crowds.	Mar 2, 2012 10:24 AM

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298	I don't have very good suggestions, but I didn't feel the questions really fit my desires for downtown.	Mar 2, 2012 6:53 AM
299	We need some leadership! Do the right thing not the popular thing!	Mar 2, 2012 1:46 AM
300	Communal, free and accessible spaces (indoors and outdoors) for people to meet.	Mar 2, 2012 12:42 AM
301	none	Mar 2, 2012 12:20 AM
302	Very excited about the possibility of more space for outdoor community performances or meetings!	Mar 2, 2012 12:07 AM
303	Parking is far too expensive. And structures don't feel especially safe at night.	Mar 1, 2012 11:28 PM
304	Based on past decisions, I expect that we will just end up with more restaurants and other businesses. We need more culture, art, music and nature. We need ways to connect state street with main street or downtown with the river.	Mar 1, 2012 11:24 PM
305	Downtown businesses would benefit tremendously from a central public park where people can meet up, where concerts can be held, where one could settle down with a book and a cup of local coffee or takeout from Earthen Jar. The community of Ann Arbor could benefit from having a real commons. This is an essential ingredient for a democratic community.	Mar 1, 2012 11:17 PM
306	a park by the library would be a great idea	Mar 1, 2012 11:10 PM
307	Once more with feeling: Big business will always have somewhere to go, but once downtown A2 loses it's charm, I fear we won't find it anywhere else.	Mar 1, 2012 11:09 PM
308	The library is a great asset; Keep the White Market viable.	Mar 1, 2012 11:06 PM
309	Please try to keep corporations and franchises away as much as possible. I understand they provide cheap products and provide jobs, but they may do more harm than good in the long run. They could cause local buisnesses to go bankrupt and people could loose their jobs and homes. Try to keep the William street area in the ann arbor family and the money in ann arbor.	Mar 1, 2012 11:03 PM
310	I don't understand why anything other than tall buildings exist next to a transit center. Having a surface parking lot there seems, to my eye, kinda nuts. Anything that creates a denser, more economically vibrant Ann Arbor has my support.	Mar 1, 2012 10:50 PM
311	I believe that we as a city need an inviting, free-to-use, unstructured space to promote a sense of community. That sense is lacking here and it has distressed me in recent years to find that there's nowhere I can invite my friends where they won't be expected to buy something or pay admission.	Mar 1, 2012 10:42 PM
312	Good to have multiple choice and open questions. maybe specific question about favourite city?	Mar 1, 2012 10:39 PM
313	You should have engaged the Ross School of Business to help you craft this survey. Anocha Aribarg is a professor there, and I'm sure she would have loved	Mar 1, 2012 9:14 PM

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	to put a team of students on this project.	
314	Capitalize on Mark's carts by making the First/William lot into an outdoor seating/public art/park with attractions for kids & parents, green space, water features...	Mar 1, 2012 8:19 PM
315	Very little emphasis here on parking. This is a huge problem downtown. I have not found this to be so in other cities.	Mar 1, 2012 8:02 PM
316	The University campus is a pleasant place to wander and meet because there is space, beauty, and places to sit.	Mar 1, 2012 6:48 PM
317	Try to attain mixed use. Restaurants, retail. Consider an additional downtown hotel within walking distance, but not directly on the main "walking" roadways. Consider parts of Washtenaw or Huron where there is vacant land to encourage a hotel. Make it compulsory for stores/restaurants with sidewalk frontage to have "open" storefronts, i.e. windows or like Real Seafood has with garage doors that open when it is nice. Have the sidewalk interact with the tenant.	Mar 1, 2012 6:13 PM
318	additional ground floor shops, cafes always increase pedestrian traffic downtown. outdoor events bring people downtown to gather, wander, socialize too	Mar 1, 2012 6:08 PM
319	The Library Lot should be separated in consideration from the other city properties and private development possibilities. If, as some people say, it is the most valuable piece of property in Ann Arbor, it should not be sold, but kept as a treasure for the people as a whole. If it is just one lot among many, it should be the one dedicated to a downtown park, and last considered for any commercial development. The other parcels can be developed for all sorts of mixed uses in the dream world where there is money and a market for such development. The Library lot park development can start now, because it doesn't need any city money and can be funded by voluntary contributions. Your survey is very biased in not offering the option or choice of a park, or green or open, whereas you know there is a substantial call for just those qualities, when people are asked what they would like to see on the library lot.	Mar 1, 2012 5:44 PM
320	It would be great to see downtown get back the life it had pre-1990's, when there were fewer restaurants and more shops and a hotel or two. A few big retailers wouldn't hurt either, ie: Ann Taylor Loft or J Crew or Crate & Barrel, as well as a Trader Joe's or Aldi...the mix of local and national would create a healthy environment. Building more downtown housing would also strengthen the core downtown and increase surrounding neighborhood value.	Mar 1, 2012 5:31 PM
321	Make "affordable housing" an option on the survey instead of categorizing it as "a diversity of housing options."	Mar 1, 2012 5:29 PM
322	Nice and thoughtful survey!	Mar 1, 2012 5:06 PM
323	While there is a need to address the financial aspect of what happens, it would be most unfortunate if the City were to lose the only viable remaining open space in the downtown. Having a place of respite between State Street and Main Street is important to life in the downtown. Having open space adjacent to and	Mar 1, 2012 4:52 PM

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	in the midst of the activity area makes it more accessible to those in the downtown as opposed to locating so-called downtown open space on the perimeter to the downtown.	
324	The parking situation in Ann Arbor is out of control. I can't believe the exorbitant cost is contributing to making downtown a destination.	Mar 1, 2012 4:48 PM
325	Personally people do not feel safe here which is why it can't support business. Its horrible when locals wont even walk downtown at night or even late in the afternoon because of all the drunks, stonners and aggressive panhandlers.	Mar 1, 2012 4:46 PM
326	I am very excited about it! I've worked at the corner of Fifth Ave. & Liberty for 13 years. Bravo to you!	Mar 1, 2012 4:05 PM
327	The architecture of any future developments needs to be taken under strong consideration. It is sad to see buildings thrown up over a few months with little consideration of what the architecture does to the visual landscape. New developments need to fit into the landscape and have the sense of substantial quality, not stick out like a sore thumb and smell of cheap materials.	Mar 1, 2012 3:45 PM
328	This is an opportunity for the city to support all of its residents, not just those with money and influence. Instead of perpetuating a "rich-get-richer, poor-get-poorer" scenario, we have a chance to support those who are trying to move towards stability - which will, in turn, increase the city's stability overall.	Mar 1, 2012 3:03 PM
329	Whatever happens, I'm sure it will be an improvement.	Mar 1, 2012 3:02 PM
330	Would love to visit downtown restaurants and stores more. Feel challenged with the parking. It feels like business from people in the townships are not welcomed since we drive in and parking is so challenging.	Mar 1, 2012 2:53 PM
331	seems like a2dda is trying to justify more restaurants/cafes and store fronts, the questions are biased...	Mar 1, 2012 2:45 PM
332	Do not keep discussing the issue, START implementing a solution.	Mar 1, 2012 2:42 PM
333	Whatever the reality, the PERCEPTION of parking downtown is that it is scarce and expensive. Getting rid of some of the most popular lots closest businesses is not conducive to maintaining or increasing downtown's activities and customer base. If development must occur, the old Y lot would be best because it is furthest away from existing commercial, yet would be well served by the adjacent parking at 4th & William and the Library, and therefore less competitive with existing business for parking.	Mar 1, 2012 2:31 PM
334	If one can buy it at Target or Walgreens or the mall, why would one come downtown to battle parking? Downtown needs to be unique and appealing... it has to be worth the effort.	Mar 1, 2012 2:12 PM
335	We have a great library -- it would be nice to have a connecting green space where people could gather.	Mar 1, 2012 2:07 PM
336	Don't give up what little parking we now have. I think this survey was slanted toward using the parking lots for other uses. I am 72 years old and do not ride a	Mar 1, 2012 2:00 PM

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	bike. I need a way to get downtown, and right now my car is it.	
337	Each site provides unique opportunities to meet differing yet complementary goals. i.e. the surface lot at Main & William could be used for retail/restaurant space either by selling to private sector or tying in first floor retail space with the William street parking structure. The Library lot seems a natural spot for an open space and perhaps even an outdoor ice rink like at Rockefeller Center. The Klines lot might be used as a multi-use development to include first floor retail along with some parking and housing on upper floors	Mar 1, 2012 1:40 PM
338	I THINK THE SURVEY IS BIASED, RE: OUTCOMES	Mar 1, 2012 1:32 PM
339	unique stores and attractions.	Mar 1, 2012 1:30 PM
340	The DDA is doing a great job!	Mar 1, 2012 1:26 PM
341	While I don't use the parking structures indicated in the diagram on the first page, I do like to utilize parking structures downtown since I don't live right there. I don't recommend purging downtown Ann Arbor of parking structures; not everyone enjoys finding street parking.	Mar 1, 2012 1:11 PM
342	We do need a green anchor in the downtown as a central outdoor gathering space.	Mar 1, 2012 12:15 PM
343	The Librarly lot seems like a nobrainer to me. I can't understand why the city is not moving forward with it.	Mar 1, 2012 11:54 AM
344	It's important to remember WHY residents patronize downtown and WHAT attracts visitors to the area. A pleasant park would be a great attraction that would benefit the entire area - added parking (especially if it is within the reach of the 99%) will help everyone, too. Meanwhile, while we're looking at this area, WHEN are you going to do something to help the small businesses on Fifth who are being hammered while the grandiose library lot project goes on .. and on .. and on...	Mar 1, 2012 11:11 AM
345	Although I recognize the importance of trying to foster community in the downtown area, I am concerned that removing all the available public parking from that side of the downtown area will seriously inhibit visitors and locals from going there. The remainder of the parking lots in the city are frequently completely full at night, and the public transit here is pretty poor, and nonexistent after 11pm.	Mar 1, 2012 11:01 AM
346	Outdoor park space would work best if surrounded by restaurant/shop space. No more projects please that give developers city money to build non-viable structures.	Mar 1, 2012 10:27 AM
347	Need exists for east west complete street corriodr. Narrow the multiple vehicular lanes to two auto based, include bike lanes and wide sidewalks with patio seating.	Mar 1, 2012 10:08 AM
348	Library lot = Park	Mar 1, 2012 10:08 AM
349	I think it is great idea. I work on campus and it would be nice to have a place to	Mar 1, 2012 9:20 AM

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	walk around at lunch time.	
350	You need an environment where people can hang out with other people, that 's what people want.	Mar 1, 2012 9:08 AM
351	Build a park downtown. It will be forever a place where you and your children, and your children's children can go and sit together in the sunshine.	Mar 1, 2012 9:03 AM
352	seems to be an efficient way to gather information from the public as to their preferences.	Mar 1, 2012 8:54 AM
353	A downtown grocery store is needed... there are many places in Chicago (for example) that are good examples of this	Mar 1, 2012 8:26 AM
354	The underground parking deck is a boondoggle of the DDA. Wait for 10 years and the cost of upkeep will bankrupt the city.	Mar 1, 2012 8:02 AM
355	I love parking in the Y lot! Best improvement in downtown in years. No one seems to know it's public parking.	Mar 1, 2012 7:52 AM
356	NO TALL BUILDING FOR STUDENTS. SOMETHING FOR RESIDENTS TO APPRECIATE, A PARK	Mar 1, 2012 7:41 AM
357	It seems like a lot of litter around downtown and there are too few live music venues on the weekends	Mar 1, 2012 4:16 AM
358	It would show that Ann arbor isn't all focused on retail and revenue.. Which unfortunately has been happening a lot with corporations like Cvs 711 Tim hortons and more infiltrating the downtown community	Mar 1, 2012 3:15 AM
359	We really need to focus on getting some truly affordable housing back in downtown.	Mar 1, 2012 1:28 AM
360	please do not use more city money on expensive artwork/galleries. try concentrating more on bringing in business/employers and creating an area free of homeless/bums. people want to feel safe and enjoy restaurants and stores that are of interest to them.	Mar 1, 2012 1:07 AM
361	There are too many vacant stores. Ann Arbor needs to be less hostile to businesses.	Mar 1, 2012 12:16 AM
362	Build us a park in the library lot!	Mar 1, 2012 12:08 AM
363	I like the easy accessibility of the library and post office. I like ease of parking, though I usually bike or walk. Having Fifth Ave. and Division as one way streets works well, when there is no construction. I like some open spaces. Very nice to have the surface parking lot instead of a tall building that cuts down on sunshine and increases wind.	Feb 29, 2012 11:33 PM
364	Putting a big building on the Library Lot is a stupid idea, with so many other locations available. Putting a parking lot there is pointless, because it would only have a handful of spaces anyway.	Feb 29, 2012 10:51 PM

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365	Would like green space.	Feb 29, 2012 10:42 PM
366	again, i must be missing the boat, but where are people supposed to park if these current parking spaces are going to be transformed into something else???	Feb 29, 2012 10:33 PM
367	Collecting high rent and sales income sounds valuable. It would, however, only be satisfactory if the action decreased homeowner property taxes.	Feb 29, 2012 10:33 PM
368	I'm glad to see the city thinking about improving the core of the city to a people centered attraction.	Feb 29, 2012 10:00 PM
369	This is really our chance to be creative and to be bold -- build a greenway, build a park! Give green a chance.	Feb 29, 2012 9:43 PM
370	This project has gone on way too long. There's also a need for more affordable housing. There are too many people still panhandling on the streets.	Feb 29, 2012 9:24 PM
371	The gap between Kerrytown and the Liberty/Main area is disturbing. Both are vital but there's a waste-space in between them. Lots of visitors don't make it from one to the other.	Feb 29, 2012 9:18 PM
372	Annual student (?) competitions/surveys for general improvement could provide a wealth of 'visions' that may result in a long term context for the area that would be independent of short term situations and issues	Feb 29, 2012 7:01 PM
373	The U has the Diag as a central gathering space. A place to bring fols together. The downtown is lacking any similar gathering space, a focal point. We only have surface parking lots!	Feb 29, 2012 6:55 PM
374	Thank you for this opportunity to share in a somewhat linear way. Please continue to include dynamic public participation at all levels. Integrating existing project within the culture and community of the city will ensure it's success. Thanks again.	Feb 29, 2012 6:32 PM
375	There should be a holistic approach--It should really feel "connected."	Feb 29, 2012 6:19 PM
376	Connect Willam Street to UM campus and Allen Creek Greenway. Emphasize pedestrian experience and the residential borders. The survey is presumptive. Connect with the general public. Don't rely on aged studies (5 years old is dated) The name changing implies lack of understanding.	Feb 29, 2012 6:09 PM
377	Ann Arbor's downtown is vibrant, but could use more variety in retail and street activity. Thanks for working on this project!	Feb 29, 2012 5:55 PM
378	The focus should be to keep Ann Arbor desirable for the people who have chosen to live here instead of focusing on attracting developers and new businesses. Ann Arobr residents like green as demonstrated by our willingness to pass parks millages. Just keep the city desirable for us and the economic benefits will follow.	Feb 29, 2012 5:48 PM
379	Have more interesting things on Williams St..	Feb 29, 2012 5:45 PM

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380	Please do not simply carry forward elements from the downtown planning process that were heavily influenced by connected individuals with ulterior profit motives. This is how we ended up with the conference center fiasco. LISTEN TO THE CITIZENS, NOT THE DEVELOPERS AND POLITICAL INSIDERS!!!	Feb 29, 2012 5:44 PM
381	I would be happy to help! I also have experience developing Street Markets. Tracy Swinburn 734-748-5821	Feb 29, 2012 5:29 PM
382	I would like more details on the possibilities	Feb 29, 2012 5:26 PM
383	Would be good to attract more retail; don't necessarily need more restaurants. Personally I like the surface parking structures but do realize they are taking up space. Make sure parking stays CONVENIENT!	Feb 29, 2012 5:12 PM
384	Thank you for reaching out to the community for feedback. I appreciate the emphasis you have placed on civic engagement.	Feb 29, 2012 5:05 PM
385	The two problems with downtown are parking and the high cost of buying anything. Nothing should be done that decreases available parking.	Feb 29, 2012 4:58 PM
386	To focus on such a small area makes it unlikely that you'll actually have a significant impact. Whether you're thinking about transportation, parking, attracting businesses or consumers, you need to think of a broader area. Downtown is at least from First St to State St and William north to Kerrytown. Addressing issues by breaking that area down to 5 or 6 sub-areas invites failure.	Feb 29, 2012 4:53 PM
387	There needs to be something that draws people to this area to spend an afternoon - not just errands. Otherwise, people on Main Street will never venture closer to State St and vice versa. While a major employer/venue would be nice here, having multiple things to do is most important - like a play area or entertainment area, a couple food places, and also some services.	Feb 29, 2012 4:49 PM
388	who is paying for this?	Feb 29, 2012 4:44 PM
389	All I really want is 5th Ave between Liberty & William to open up again so the sooner that can happen the better!	Feb 29, 2012 4:39 PM
390	No enough emphasis on public spaces. If we are going to be connecting William street, that requires public thoroughfares and thru-ways. The library lot is in a strategic location to facilitate pedestrian traffic diagonally from liberty, william, state and main.	Feb 29, 2012 4:09 PM
391	We miss Borders--not just for the books, but for a place that one can browse, meet up with friends before going to something else downtown. The library can serve this function along William St.	Feb 29, 2012 3:47 PM
392	The Sustainability issues should be part of any proposals	Feb 29, 2012 3:27 PM
393	More retail and arts options; less area for parking. More inviting for walk / bike / bus...	Feb 29, 2012 3:21 PM
394	This is an extremely important opportunity for the city to make a huge improvement in the quality of life of its inhabitants, and to provide more	Feb 29, 2012 3:14 PM

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opportunities for street life and businesses. This kind of thinking needs to happen for the entire downtown as a whole. Look at the lot between 1st street and Ashely and Huron and Washington. Integrate first street better along its entire length. I am very happy that you are moving in this direction, and I will provide as much support for changing parking lots into high quality urban environments as I possibly can!

395	I doubt it will have any impact. Thanks for letting me vent.	Feb 29, 2012 3:09 PM
396	These comments are only peripherally relevant, but here they are, for what it's worth: - Re: sustainability - AATA busses fueled by biodiesel are an expensive non-contribution to sustainability. I think at this point it's generally agreed that the benefits of using biodiesel are dramatically exceeded by the cost (overall cost and opportunity cost) of the resources consumed by the production of biodiesel. Insofar as this survey is concerned, I'd stay away from biodiesel in case that somehow enters into the sustainability-related considerations for this project. 2. I think the DDA itself is currently the biggest burden on the city's budget. It's fundamental effect is to generate new expenditures in a time when the city cannot afford them. City planning is the city council's job; private enterprise should do what the council can't. I say that even though I'm generally a left-wing Democrat. The DDA's administration of downtown parking has added an additional layer of (pricy) bureaucracy to parking administration. The current underground parking structure construction project is a disaster for nearby businesses, and a planning failure. There's no conclusive evidence that this elaborate structure was needed, or that it will ever fill. Meanwhile, the indefinite construction delays that are continuing even as we have the mildest Winter in recent memory indicate to me that this project was not properly planned or thought out. It seems like something the Bush Administration would have come up with. 3. I have to apologize for putting (2) so negatively. It's just my opinion, and that of everyone I ever talk to about the DDA. But I appreciate you generating this survey, for example, and I would rephrase this all more politely if I had more time :)	Feb 29, 2012 2:45 PM
397	If there is not compelling need for the city to own the land they should sell it.	Feb 29, 2012 2:13 PM
398	I think Mark's Carts is a great model for business development- a relatively low cost way for people to start their own businesses and provide important services downtown. More like this! More local businesses!!!!	Feb 29, 2012 1:52 PM
399	Keep parking rates low. Ann Arbor is not New York.	Feb 29, 2012 1:42 PM
400	Drop parking rates! It keeps me out of downtown on a more regular basis.	Feb 29, 2012 1:19 PM
401	This is a great opportunity for our community -Don't blow it! Please consider beauty, the environment and the most vulnerable members of our community in your decisions. Please keep a long-term perspective. Please do not fill our downtown with boring, bland, unwelcoming structures/spaces. Please involve artists and those who work with the homeless in the decision making process. Thank you for allowing community member input, keep it up!	Feb 29, 2012 1:13 PM
402	I was recently in ARDES, France. This is a town of 3,500 souls with no building higher than three stories. There are 4 bakeries, 3 butchers, 3 trateurs, clothing	Feb 29, 2012 12:44 PM

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	shops, a shoe shop, magazine/newspaper/book shop, hardware... Presently the DDA and Council are trying to make Ann Arbor "cool". We should be more concerned with community building (or rebuilding) than the embarrassing effort to be cool. You're either cool or you aint and presently Ann Arbor just aint.	
403	Need to better time the lights to improve traffic flow.	Feb 29, 2012 12:42 PM
404	Be sure to publicize this survey so that you get many people's opinions!	Feb 29, 2012 12:34 PM
405	Again, I would stress developing Liberty Street and retaining the great history with the Michigan Theater and the State Theater nearby. If we lose these landmarks which support art and culture downtown will at best be a place for students to shop and eat, not engaging the other residents or professionals in the community	Feb 29, 2012 12:33 PM
406	Very weird that you didn't ask about the library more. It's the only place in this corridor that people actually GO.	Feb 29, 2012 11:56 AM
407	Thank you for inquiring. I hope you will let your imaginations run wild. Walkways, "upstairs/downstairs" booths for vendors, etc. all of it CONNECTED, as we humans should be....	Feb 29, 2012 11:50 AM
408	Sometimes urban grit is nice. So what if there's an old building or vacant lot. It will take care of itself on its own eventually. Places like Austin can be too pristine and boring.	Feb 29, 2012 11:42 AM
409	This particular study area has challenges from an urban design perspective in creating connections. There are long block of blank walls, or parking structures, or vacant land, or parking lots. Streets should be prioritized in terms of A or B streets, and seek to design buildings that connect one place, i.e. Main Street, with another, i.e. State Street. Build buildings to the zero lot line!	Feb 29, 2012 11:39 AM
410	Great idea!! It would be cool to know if any of our thoughts were incorporated.	Feb 29, 2012 11:34 AM
411	please stop making parking lots and start figuring out how to make mass transit into town easier and more convenient	Feb 29, 2012 11:31 AM
412	None	Feb 29, 2012 11:21 AM
413	Make it more accessible and inviting. Straying from the topic, but I don't understand why the bus station isn't near the train station. The transportation hubs should be near each other. If someone arrives via train in Ann Arbor, there aren't transportation options waiting for them to get them to the city center. I don't think I have ever walked East on Washington from Main Street towards State Street - mainly because it doesn't appear that there are many reasons to do so. It also doesn't look very visually inviting / appealing. I would like to see more rooftop gardens - places to gather - overall, more environmentally friendly.	Feb 29, 2012 11:13 AM
414	Don't try to build on all these spaces - we need gathering places such as a square/piazza. it does not have to be very large, just attractive and peaceful for the community to relax in - take a few mins out of work and be able to sit and relax on one's own or with friends/colleagues	Feb 29, 2012 11:03 AM

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415	I don't understand how these areas are to be "connected?" What is the goal here?	Feb 29, 2012 10:53 AM
416	Due to the economy, many of our local, independent businesses are suffering forcing their doors to close. We need to make sure that we keep the character of our downtown area by helping to maintain these business. I don't want to see large corporation stores in our Downtown area. Also, places that are truly loved in town are suffering due to the parking lot construction without any kind of help from the city (if we lose Earthen Jar it would be a shame) due to the construction of a parking lot that we do not need, which I will never park in as it is underground and as a single female I would not feel comfortable parking there. So, we need to keep in mind what this community really needs and better ways to address them (such as improving the transit center, increasing covered bike parking, better walking paths, increased opportunities for outdoor seating).	Feb 29, 2012 10:52 AM
417	I believe that creating public social green park space that feels safe and inviting with grass, trees, and places to relax is in the best long term economic interests of the City. Creating an inviting downtown will bring employers and people who want to live downtown and spend time downtown. Creating safe walker/biker routes and paths will enhance the desirability as well.	Feb 29, 2012 10:49 AM
418	the ymca had multiple affordable housing options for low income/homeless individuals before it closed. Bringing something like this back would have a positive impact on our homeless population	Feb 29, 2012 10:44 AM
419	make it an integrated design process with many stakeholders and a SUPER good management team.	Feb 29, 2012 10:28 AM
420	I think a diversity of downtown living options is important. Many people are currently priced out of living downtown who could otherwise contribute to the economy and vibrancy of the district.	Feb 29, 2012 10:28 AM
421	Well, since you gave us nothing to actually comment on, such as what you are planning, this is really ridiculous.	Feb 29, 2012 10:00 AM
422	Would like to see better timing of the "walk-don't walk" signals, in favor of pedestrians... hold traffic back in one or more directions to give pedestrians ample time to cross an intersection--thus completing their walks from parking areas to businesses without being stopped at every corner (which may lead them to cut across the street midblock).	Feb 29, 2012 9:47 AM
423	include public transportation.	Feb 29, 2012 9:46 AM
424	I will be glad to see these surface lots gone in place of interesting buildings/businesses that can bring some vitality to the southern edge of downtown to enhance the natural existing anchors of the library and transit station.	Feb 29, 2012 8:44 AM
425	I think what we have to offer each other, as well as the tourists who come in on weekends, is our sense of community: the idea of downtown as a place where we know each other and are known. I like living somewhere my children can roam freely, where people know them, and watch out for them. I like the	Feb 29, 2012 3:47 AM

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	connections that are made when like-minded people find themselves in the same place, and how we invest in that place together.	
426	Not a well designed survey.	Feb 29, 2012 3:26 AM
427	I live in the area: we need "neighborhood" grocery and other retail such as economical clothing and shoe stores.	Feb 29, 2012 1:17 AM
428	with the library on the south it could become a real center of town. liberty plaza should be part of the park.	Feb 28, 2012 10:19 PM
429	I think I've said it all. Oh, except our parking situation: the high-price of meters and fees, and the difficult-to-use credit card meters. Visitors to my store complain constantly. I don't believe the DDA has small businesses in mind at all when it comes to the parking rates....which effects who chooses to come downtown. Also, the one-way streets freak out of towners out....they complain all the time! It is a very confusing town to manage by car if you're unclear where you are going...or that you might need \$10 in change to spend the day here!	Feb 28, 2012 9:48 PM
430	How quickly does this have to take shape? I would say, wait a while after the underground parking is complete and see what happens.	Feb 28, 2012 9:39 PM
431	I think the recent construction-related street closures in the downtown area prove that we can get by with fewer cars/streets and more pedestrian areas and plazas. The world didn't come to an end when those streets were closed. Why reopen them to traffic? Also, a grocery store downtown would be awesome!	Feb 28, 2012 8:43 PM
432	Art connects people as well as streets. Imagine a game embedded in the sidewalks around this area. People would love to walk around and play it. How about some dramatic "found" art constructions? Let's put AA on the art map and bring in those tourists and businesses that appreciate that environment.	Feb 28, 2012 8:30 PM
433	Keep the homeless out, businesses in, and demolition of existing structures stopped.	Feb 28, 2012 8:03 PM
434	The palio lot is stupid as it is too small and introces cars into a pedestrian corner that is a gateway to main street. Make this a people space. Do things to make people spaces busy, not havens for loiterers. This may mean you have to give businesses some control of or influence over these spaces - main street outside dining is fabulous.	Feb 28, 2012 7:28 PM
435	salt-water parks please	Feb 28, 2012 7:23 PM
436	There should be grocery stores downtown, and easy parking.	Feb 28, 2012 7:18 PM
437	Community is very important to Ann Arborites and should be taken into account when deciding how to proceed.	Feb 28, 2012 7:18 PM
438	Good effort - if it's not just trying to build, build, build. Keep an open mind. Have a contest for good architecture.	Feb 28, 2012 6:28 PM
439	Seems like maybe one of the sites could be a nice apartment building for non-students, unless the Fifth Avenue project makes the area too unattractive for	Feb 28, 2012 6:21 PM

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	grown ups	
440	why sell off land when the market is poor?	Feb 28, 2012 5:59 PM
441	I think it's a great idea to develop the area, but not at the cost of losing the bus transit and library - which are essential parts of the downtown area.	Feb 28, 2012 5:46 PM
442	It is commendable to pursue this, as the area near the old YMCA site is SUCH A SCAR ON THE CITY LANDSCAPE, at present, and so user un-friendly.	Feb 28, 2012 4:57 PM
443	More public art, particularly temporary installation and performance based, means that in order to see all the different art, people will need to come downtown more often, making it a destination, and as a result will frequent and support the businesses more often as well.	Feb 28, 2012 4:57 PM
444	Please make sure people get out of the meeting room and actually look at their surroundings. You may encourage participants to take photos of their favorite spaces and host walking tours to identify sore spots and highlights of downtown.	Feb 28, 2012 4:21 PM
445	I know the city needs to generate revenue, so no pie-in-the-sky requests from me, but I do think it's important to think longer term beyond this recession to the future we'd like to see. Thanks!	Feb 28, 2012 3:33 PM
446	Please make this area a fun area for the middle class.	Feb 28, 2012 3:31 PM
447	If you want to get more people downtown you have to ban cars on certain streets such that people can sit outside and reclaim public space.	Feb 28, 2012 2:44 PM
448	I don't trust the DDA to look after the interests of ordinary people who aren't trying to promote more ways to get money and power for themselves and their friends..	Feb 28, 2012 2:15 PM
449	Nothing else to say.	Feb 28, 2012 2:12 PM
450	You need to be clear about what you even want and this is not yet apparent. Connecting what to what? Also you are asking the wrong people the wrong questions. Most of the questions you are asking should be sorted out through careful statistical analysis. Ann Arbor has probably too many restaurants right now, but people like restaurants so they might tell you they want more without realizing that adding space for more may harm existing merchants. I think you should ban the addition of more chain restaurants, and you should go radical in terms of the architecture. stop being so freaking timid. Visit the Pearl District in Portland Oregon. This is the city with conditions most similar to the area you are seeking to address and you will find great examples there of how to add housing downtown, park space that is well used and ground level retail, all in a sustainable manner that increases urban vitality. Like Ann Arbor, Portland is home to a major university and it has found ways to increase the density instead of sprawling. but the key is that they have a comprehensive vision. Contact me if you want help with this.	Feb 28, 2012 1:41 PM
451	The word "connecting" is important. I hope that this survey will lead to an overall plan that is so pedestrian friendly that it will draw people along William Street	Feb 28, 2012 1:14 PM

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from the Diag to the Allen's Creek Greenway. There will need to be green connecting threads and pass-throughs where buildings are constructed. The "Library Green" will be a magnet and conduit for people moving through the area. About the process itself? I am sorry that most of the process is taking place out of view of the public. Meetings are either not listed or not open to public participation. The survey itself is tilted toward construction, which is ok, except that there is no place where a park is offered as an option.

452	Please leave these lots as parking lots!	Feb 28, 2012 1:13 PM
453	How about a new hotel. Some competition for the Campus Inn. We need a new boutique like hotel. Then maybe some upgrades will happen at the Campus Inn because there is some competition.	Feb 28, 2012 1:12 PM
454	Why study such a tiny area?	Feb 28, 2012 1:04 PM
455	Not sure what you are driving toward. Questions do seem pointed to a desired conclusion, though.	Feb 28, 2012 12:46 PM
456	I'd be wary of eliminating easy parking spaces, as then the casual (quick) shopper will quit coming downtown. No one wants to spend 20 minutes parking for a 10-minute purchase. Try to keep the short-term spaces rotating through many shoppers/visitors. Longer term people will go for the structures.	Feb 28, 2012 12:37 PM
457	I think this is a great opportunity for a beautiful hotel for visitors as well as some park space with actual grass would be nice in this area...	Feb 28, 2012 12:31 PM
458	As Ann Arbor gets busier and busier it would be so nice to have a peaceful space in the middle of the downtown area. The students have the Diag, how about a "Diag" for the townies?	Feb 28, 2012 12:29 PM
459	Very happy you are doing this, thanks.	Feb 28, 2012 12:19 PM
460	The Federal Building is a major impediment to the connection between State and Main. It's not going to go away, but its impact can be minimized by making surrounding spaces interesting and engaging.	Feb 28, 2012 12:15 PM
461	As usual, I don't expect you to take any of our opinions or suggestions into account. In addition, the wording of the survey questions are worded so that you will be able to claim that they were used no matter what plans you have already selected.	Feb 28, 2012 12:12 PM
462	Ann Arbor;s downtown has good bones, but is fragmented by poor planning and development choices. Going forward there needs to be an approach toward "repairing" that looks to reweave the parts together into a more satisfying and seamless urban experience.	Feb 28, 2012 12:09 PM
463	While I am most interested in long term financial gain, I believe that with the massive construction that has been going on in that area, some immediate compensation and incentive needs to be given to the businesses in that area that have stayed and struggled to stay while the renovations have been taking place.	Feb 28, 2012 12:04 PM

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464	1. Beat Cops. 2. Unified Buildings-colors, textures, clean 3. Enforce graffiti not by penalizing business owners, but the idiots who actually deface the structure. How to catch them in the act? See Item 1.	Feb 28, 2012 12:00 PM
465	more affordable housing. a grocery store. real bicycle infrastructure (dedicated lanes, boxes at stoplights, etc.)	Feb 28, 2012 11:57 AM
466	I hope there will be more public benches everywhere, more bicycle parking, and more trees!	Feb 28, 2012 11:52 AM
467	I cannot stress strongly enough what an important role that high quality, diverse architecture plays in vibrant cities. Ann Arbor is extremely conservative in its views and often fails to support good architecture (and therefore urbanism) in an effort to mimic exterior styles that are incorrectly associated with nostalgic views of city life. We need better housing options that are affordable to those who design and build them mixed in with other higher scale options if Ann Arbor's downtown wants to move beyond its boutique status. Density and diversity are key components to this along with a continued support of generous sidewalks and street life (such as restaurants spilling to the sidewalks during summer months).	Feb 28, 2012 11:44 AM
468	I am STRONGLY in favor of building up the city to make it even more walkable and focusing greenspace preservation on the urban fringe. I would 100% advocate cutting down on parking, but it must be met with increases in AATA options.	Feb 28, 2012 11:43 AM
469	We already have lots of downtown store and foods. We need to maintain parks and open space and community gathering spots!	Feb 28, 2012 11:41 AM
470	As a downtown practitioner with experience planning in urban areas, I do not believe that the multi level underground parking at the library site will be successful. In a City of 100,000, people will not use it. It will be a huge waste of money.	Feb 28, 2012 11:27 AM
471	Ann Arbor doesn't need more cultural, art, or gathering space. What it needs are interesting and active sidewalks and public spaces that promote retailers and other businesses.	Feb 28, 2012 11:13 AM
472	it will require a mix of housing, retail, restaurants, public spaces with seating, bike racks, etc.	Feb 28, 2012 11:11 AM
473	We frequent the Downtown Library most weekends. However, at the moment, it is an island in a sea of parking lots and current/planned construction. As one of the major gathering points for families in the downtown area, it would be nice if there were other family friendly activities in the area. The downtown strip seems to be primarily geared towards adult enjoyment/gathering.	Feb 28, 2012 11:04 AM
474	Need lower rents so merchants won't leave so quick	Feb 28, 2012 10:58 AM
475	The bank buildings on Main and the parking structure on 4th and William pose a real challenge--they kill those areas, without a mixed use / retail in those big areas, they are pedestrian dead zones. Have the big banks on Main been	Feb 28, 2012 10:40 AM

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	approached for their potential store fronts?	
476	Don't raise property taxes or parking rates encourage developers, business owners and people to be downtown and increase tax revenue collecting a fair tax on these and other parts of downtown that are not generating taxes.	Feb 28, 2012 10:32 AM
477	consider closing some streets to cars and creating pedestrian walkways with green space and bike paths	Feb 28, 2012 10:18 AM
478	Need a light rail station to tie in with the current plans for light rail in this area.	Feb 28, 2012 10:14 AM
479	We'd dine out and go to more shows downtown if there were some sort of childcare drop-off center there -- a place where they could play and eat, with some supervision, while we were enjoying a nice meal nearby. A dream, I know, but I thought I'd plant the idea.	Feb 28, 2012 10:12 AM
480	I'm not sure that the city should be selling some of the parcels. In particular, those in the middle of the area are crucial for the city to keep and control.	Feb 28, 2012 9:53 AM
481	Clean up the entire downtown area. Period. And the downtown will thrive. Entice small businesses. Make it friendly to shop/eat/be entertained (cut the parking fee BS...stop trying to make revenue by jacking up fees,) support businesses by having regular police patrols - who can help direct people who are new down here as well as provide a sense of security. Cosmetics only go so far. Liberty Plaza is a great little park - as long as people aren't SQUATTING THERE.	Feb 28, 2012 9:51 AM
482	great opportunity to generate a space not only for the public but also for small businesses	Feb 28, 2012 9:27 AM
483	We have a tremendous amount of parkland and open space in the city of Ann Arbor. Downtown is not the place to go overboard with those "sustainable" green feelings that run amok among the well-meaning, although often misguided leaders of our city.	Feb 28, 2012 9:17 AM
484	A city, not a Midwest town with all student housing that is ugly and "eateries" and junkie shops.	Feb 28, 2012 8:56 AM
485	We don't need more buldings. We need places where nature rules.	Feb 28, 2012 7:00 AM
486	Bring this dead zone to life. Post Office is awful, no activity after 5 pm and terrible truck storage in downtown. Ditto surface lots.	Feb 27, 2012 11:43 PM
487	Let's not let the "process" become the "product" this time, OK? ;-)	Feb 27, 2012 11:38 PM
488	I really want the city to focus on the needs and quality of life for the taxpaying residents who are committed here - not to providing excess parking for "peak" times when out of town people in cars expect to find parking on the curb outside the restaurant they want to go to.	Feb 27, 2012 11:23 PM
489	PLEASE Remember that you are the DDA and not some corporation! You cannot keep singing the same song, development that is over priced, has vacancies is in foreclosure,. We don't need office space and we don't need	Feb 27, 2012 11:13 PM

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	more places to dine. We need practical things that Green space will attract urban dwellers. Get the Curtis brothers to lower their rents and perhaps small businesses could make it in town!	
490	We need a conference center for the library. too bad a2 walked away from valiant.	Feb 27, 2012 10:20 PM
491	I'm all for connecting these properties in some way but not by raising parking fees which are already much too high	Feb 27, 2012 9:58 PM
492	This area is not very lively, thank you for studying improvements!	Feb 27, 2012 9:50 PM
493	I think it a good idea to help develop this area and it will be interesting to see how it goes.	Feb 27, 2012 9:43 PM
494	Street between the library and post office keep as a green space.	Feb 27, 2012 9:38 PM
495	Given proximity of small Palio lot to large high-rise parking structure, that small space would seem a logical space for a mini-parking like setting for outdoor dining or resting. The Old Y lot should definitely be developed : I wouldn't mind seeing affordable/workforce housing, given proximity to bus transit, library. It does not seem like a prime spot of retail or business. The lot over the underground garage should be for convention/hotel or mega retail space that would provide central city focal point and tax revenue potential, given the number of parking spaces that will be available underneath it. I'd love to see a full service grocery/drug store available downtown.	Feb 27, 2012 9:35 PM
496	What a great way to connect two diverse mainly eating and retail areas with an entertainment corridor As much as we wish it were different, downtown Ann Arbor can't be considered as the commercial hub any longer, other than for food, small retail and entertainment. Most commercial businesses are located out of the downtown area. The Liberty corridor could be another magnet to get people downtown as a specific destination rather than just something different than the malls.	Feb 27, 2012 8:26 PM
497	We have treasure like the Ann Arbor film festival, and the Ark, kerrytown concert hall, i think some kind of civic/public meeting place- something community oriented is important to the williams area- with the removal of houses for apartments on fifth, and the outrageously long closing of fifth for an underground parking garage there's nothing on this corridor to keep people coming- except maybe the library, and raja rani.	Feb 27, 2012 7:14 PM
498	I would love to see all those darn parking lots go away. Especially the surface lots. What an unfriendly waste of space.	Feb 27, 2012 7:07 PM
499	The increasing amount of pan-handlers or homeless on the sidewalks asking for donations. Shop owners in this area... they feel it hurts their business.	Feb 27, 2012 6:38 PM
500	The North side of the block with the Federal building is very unappealing and boring, probably one reason Liberty St. isn't doing well.	Feb 27, 2012 5:42 PM
501	It is important not to leave these spaces open for too much longer. Density is a	Feb 27, 2012 5:41 PM

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must to keep downtown vibrant. Given the proximity of these areas to one another, if developed the William St corridor could become as vibrant as Main or Liberty. Ensure that we don't just get high-rise apartments with CVS's in the ground floor and bland architecture (the hallmark of many Ann Arbor high-rises). Architecture that complements historic downtown styles is a perfect fit. Open spaces and park land like Liberty Square don't serve anyone with so many parks within walking distance, streetscaping along Fifth and Division, and the Diag a few blocks away. The original plan for low-income housing in the Y-lot location needs to be scrapped as so much time has passed since those residents were displaced and the value of downtown property doesn't allow that kind of expenditure with so little hope for return on investment. Thank you for looking for our input. The opportunity to contribute is appreciated.

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| 502 | It seems obvious that we need to provide some means other than cars to get people downtown and there is a rail line right there-- just a spur granted, but I think a lot of people would love taking a train straight to downtown. I don;t know if this is feasible. Even if a commuter rail line just goes to Fuller road I'd like to see some efficient, fun way to get passengers from there to downtown. Also, I've always thought an open space that converts to an open air ice rink downtown would be super appealing to people. There's no reason people can't be outdoors in winter. They are up north and in europe. All you need is an activity, some lights and hot beverages. | Feb 27, 2012 5:31 PM |
| 503 | If adding parking structures, make the ground floor retail. This is much more ped. friendly. Police foot patrols. | Feb 27, 2012 5:11 PM |
| 504 | In order for Ann Arbor to grow, we must look to a future that is LESS car dependent, as surely, we are headed there. While I applauded the protection of our heritage & history, I think the DDA is parking focused, as if it were a panacea to all our ills. Parking is a minor issue; what the DDA fails to understand is that ALL want a spot close to their destination. Except on rare occasions, I have NEVER seen ANY of the structures full. Many people can barely drive on the open road, let alone the confines & dismal light of a parking structure. The DDA should not have control over parking. The City Council should. The DDA is not elected and does not respond in an appropriate manor to citizens concerns, not even business people's concerns. I have owned a business in downtown Ann Arbor for the last decade & I have received very few notices, written, electronic or verbal, of ANY DDA activity, consultation, or meeting. This survey is an rarity. I don't see or hear of any DDA project, outside of parking issues. I believe the Mayor uses the DDA & parking as an additional revenue source beyond voter or City Council control, not for bettering Ann Arbor or it's local businesses. Until the DDA stops meddling in revenue enhancement, it cannot be seriously considered an ally of the citizens or local businesses, let alone downtown development. | Feb 27, 2012 5:11 PM |
| 505 | As a library staff member, I know several employees are hoping that we will be able to receive a discount on parking in the structure here, once it has been completed. Many of us have to pay for parking at least 4 or 5 times a week and it's very expensive. It would be nice to at least receive a discount for employees that work in the area, as most of us do not feel it is fair that we have to pay to work in Ann Arbor. | Feb 27, 2012 5:09 PM |
| 506 | I would like more parking and outdoor community spaces that allow for | Feb 27, 2012 5:07 PM |

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	cultural/music events. I would like to see parking rates lowered because it is becoming too expensive to go downtown and visit restaurants and businesses. I feel if you create a space to draw people into the area, that the money they spend will help the city more than higher parking rates or taxes. I do not feel the need for more money to be spent on public art like the \$750,000 joke sitting in front of city hall. I think that was a complete waste of taxpayer dollars and I find it to be ugly.	
507	This is a one time chance to enhance Ann Arbor's unique character. Don't blow it.	Feb 27, 2012 5:00 PM
508	Survey would suggest you are getting rid of much of the parking in this area. I would object unless alternate PARKING (not transit, buses, etc) close by is built.	Feb 27, 2012 4:48 PM
509	let's put aesthetics and pedestrian use first	Feb 27, 2012 4:39 PM
510	maintain the Ann Arbor, college feel, to the area. NO big chain stores or fly by night businesses (bars who have no vested interest in A2!!) in the area. keep rent down. There are to many cool little resturants and shops going out of businesses in the area. Look at how many vacancy are on 4th between liberty and Washington.	Feb 27, 2012 4:13 PM
511	I think it is important to rely on what actually works in other thriving downtown areas of similar size rather than relying on what people think they want. Unless an accomplished urban planner opinion is just that, opinion.	Feb 27, 2012 3:53 PM
512	Just please make sure that there's still a place for me to park my car when I go downtown.	Feb 27, 2012 3:41 PM
513	The poorly managed perpetual construction in that area makes it incredibly unattractive. This is true throughout the city but is especially noticeable in the area in question. This is part of the reason I decided to leave Ann Arbor.	Feb 27, 2012 3:04 PM
514	With the Library in the vicinity, I think a family acitivity area would be very well received.	Feb 27, 2012 3:00 PM
515	Fix William, but don't forget about the rest of downtown.	Feb 27, 2012 2:59 PM
516	your survey seems to be worded in a way to push for spending more of our tax money on your elitist pet projects. We are not NYC, we are a midwestern college town. More to NYC if you want that...most of us just want a safe place to raiser our families.	Feb 27, 2012 1:25 PM
517	Why is the William & First lot not included in this study?	Feb 27, 2012 1:12 PM
518	glad to see this survey offered	Feb 27, 2012 12:55 PM
519	I regret that a vehicle passage had to be added between the library and the new parking structure. This is hardly progress.	Feb 27, 2012 12:42 PM
520	Please don't build anything resembling the new City Hall. Its ugly.Red-orange brick is much friendlier and gives a sense of the past.	Feb 27, 2012 12:32 PM

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521	Questions seem to be pointed at achieving high-density development.	Feb 27, 2012 12:24 PM
522	Leave the surface parking lots!	Feb 27, 2012 11:41 AM
523	i would like to see the city encourage downtown living, not only by students. Please seriously consider a grocery store.	Feb 27, 2012 9:16 AM
524	traffic patterns should be altered to make it easier to get into and out of downtown to the various highways. no gains if there's grid lock all the time	Feb 27, 2012 1:41 AM
525	You've got to get rid of that nightclub. Between the club, the vagrants at the bus stop and the parking deck, I won't walk that stretch alone at night.	Feb 26, 2012 11:49 PM
526	R4C zoning was not changed as recommended to preserve the unique historic character of near downtown neighborhood. The result is numerous cheap unattractive apartment buildings that give the appearance that no professional planning or citizen input ever happened. It did. We paid for it, and it was ignored. Short term gain won over what is best for Ann Arbor in the long term. Preserve what is unique about Ann Arbor and pay attention to professional city planners.	Feb 26, 2012 11:14 PM
527	Having a green space downtown, as a central park will enliven the city, integrate people and encourage economic benefits for the surrounding businesses and community as a whole.	Feb 26, 2012 6:52 PM
528	Thanks for including citizen comments.	Feb 26, 2012 1:35 PM
529	Please provide park development options in your next survey.	Feb 26, 2012 12:56 PM
530	Focus on new development and attracting/retaining new companies, i.e. Barracuda Networks	Feb 26, 2012 12:13 PM
531	isn't the city obligated to provide affordable housing on the site of the former YMCA?	Feb 26, 2012 10:34 AM
532	Sell the old Y lot.	Feb 26, 2012 9:56 AM
533	I think panhandling is an issue that can longer be ignored. I think a nature area would be nice but mostly we need to show independent business owners that they can invest in Ann Arbor.	Feb 26, 2012 1:35 AM
534	given DDA record on recent projects...maybe consider outsourcing this entire process to an authority or consulting house that could actually do it well....just some food for thought...	Feb 26, 2012 12:31 AM
535	Using parking as a revenue source rather than as a way to regulate and allocate space use here and elsewhere in Ann Arbor demeans the community.	Feb 26, 2012 12:16 AM
536	More high-density urban character to attract young professionals. Did I already say that?	Feb 25, 2012 11:53 PM
537	Is this referred to as "Midtown"? I might have coined that term during the A2D2 public sessions	Feb 25, 2012 8:57 PM

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538	This survey's questions are skewed toward "development" and gaining money, short term. I think to sustain and maintain A2's character will provide the longer term financial benefit. Please set standards/limits on building height and architecture! We do not need another abomination like City Hall or the (thankfully) failed Conference Center, or to lose more historic buildings like those on 5th Ave.!	Feb 25, 2012 8:52 PM
539	Don't waste money.	Feb 25, 2012 7:16 PM
540	Don't recall a reference to William St. Anyway, that's already been trashed.	Feb 25, 2012 6:14 PM
541	Parking and restaurants and bike lanes. Put a bird on it and call it a day. That's Ann Arbor. Moving to Ypsilanti sounds better every day.	Feb 25, 2012 6:06 PM
542	For those who come to town by train, It would be nice to have a small cart commuter service, like they have at Amusement parks to move people from the parking lot to the venue.	Feb 25, 2012 4:18 PM
543	I am skeptical that things will improve.	Feb 25, 2012 4:18 PM
544	Just do something, anything, with some of those darn surface lots.	Feb 25, 2012 4:04 PM
545	I think major development plans for these properties are premature. Better to concentrate on filling empty buildings and wait for better economic times. The needs might be different then. (CVS pharmacy and miscellaneous needs store filled a real need for this sort of business downtown.	Feb 25, 2012 3:18 PM
546	No high rise buildings, no more student housing high rises! Use this as an opportunity to create a space that could draw A2 and surrounding residents together to use the space for art, music, etc	Feb 25, 2012 3:04 PM
547	Need to find ways of encouraging and retaining local business - tax breaks perhaps? Education outreach for new entrepreneurs?	Feb 25, 2012 2:46 PM
548	I do not think the emphasis should be on generating revenue. That's all the city thinks about, nickle and dimeing citizens instead of becoming better managers and living within the means of the existing city revenues.	Feb 25, 2012 2:21 PM
549	We need a hotel with good meeting space. Also need grocery store and more retail in general. This will come with more housing, but city should subsidize grocery store to encourage development.	Feb 25, 2012 2:18 PM
550	The area in question has great potential to be a vital, sparkling area. Right now, it's a sleepy part of town, all the action is concentrated on Main or within one block of Main. Downtown is SMALL, and could stand to expand. I think this could be done while retaining the A2 ambiance.	Feb 25, 2012 2:16 PM
551	I found your questions and answer slanted toward a particular result. Where is the "robust" public process?	Feb 25, 2012 2:11 PM
552	You need a hotel in this area. Once you have that, then other things will fall into place.	Feb 25, 2012 2:04 PM

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553	I think that Connecting William Street process is an artificial way of grouping these sites. If the DDA/City are serious about creating more pedestrian traffic along William Street then it is going to take a more wide-ranging effort than merely "linking" the five parcels under consideration. I think that the survey questions were narrowed by preconceived ideas cherry-picked from earlier studies of the downtown. Indeed the entire process seems designed to fit into a preconceived idea of what should happen on these sites.	Feb 25, 2012 1:44 PM
554	It would be nice if in winter there was a transport option to get you from Main St/William/Ann St area to campus area for shopping, eating, and drinking.	Feb 25, 2012 1:40 PM
555	Thanks for what you are doing. A conference center would be great!	Feb 25, 2012 1:13 PM
556	Include businesses on the west side of Ashley St.	Feb 25, 2012 1:06 PM
557	will be interested to hear what you come up with... And any creative solutions to taking all the parking areas could go from being economic and social "dead zones" to being interesting and interactive. The fairy village and cool rooftop sculpture on the corner of 4th and William made me enjoy walking that way - that's a good start!	Feb 25, 2012 1:02 PM
558	Not a very good survey, questions to complicated and long	Feb 25, 2012 12:28 PM
559	please, no more parking structures and large apt. or condo bldgs. without retail on the street level.	Feb 25, 2012 12:22 PM
560	You must keep parking cheap. If it gets to expensive (and I think it's on the brink right now) I won't pay to come downtown to shop. Look for ways to make pedestrians welcome/comforable. Need more benches to rest while "touring" downtown.	Feb 25, 2012 12:16 PM
561	Get the panhandlers out.	Feb 25, 2012 12:09 PM
562	Please do not build this "connection" as an enhancement to AATA's TMP and the forced use of Mass Transit as a blueprint to this project. I am sincerely hoping that this is not another portion of AATA's TMP. the DDA needs to concentrate on Downtown and let AATA concern themselves with the TMP.	Feb 25, 2012 12:02 PM
563	Keep the focus on local business that keeps the strong unique appeal of the area. Do things to help local business to succeed and cut all the local government red tape	Feb 25, 2012 11:54 AM
564	who is paying for this project city/DDA I assume	Feb 25, 2012 11:36 AM
565	the dda should be disband!	Feb 25, 2012 11:25 AM
566	You folks need to think less about traditional ways to foster growth. Take a look at other cities and see what sorts of things we can do in Ann Arbor. Also, lower the parking costs which prevent people from traveling downtown and create resentment.	Feb 25, 2012 11:20 AM
567	Choose wisely! Have a 100 year plan. There is a lot of great questions here about what we DO want. Get some examples of what we do NOT want as well.	Feb 25, 2012 11:15 AM

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	Many towns have white elephants in the central square, or 'shopping' and 'dining' that falls flat 20 years later.	
568	I am really excited for this project, and I think it'll be very popular since it's in a well situated location. Just remember that there are really four target groups to make happy: locals, students, parents, and businesses. I'm looking forward to it!	Feb 25, 2012 11:14 AM
569	I would prefer that these spots not be built up more than one or two stories (if at all).	Feb 25, 2012 10:51 AM
570	interesting start to obtaining wider input rather than just hearing from "the usual suspects" like Ray Detter et al.	Feb 25, 2012 10:43 AM
571	Good job!	Feb 25, 2012 9:47 AM
572	I don't believe this survey asked people any questions about the current access and parking issues.	Feb 25, 2012 9:46 AM
573	See response #10.	Feb 25, 2012 9:33 AM
574	We need on street parking at affordable rates. And certainly do not extend pay for parking hours to after 6pm for on street parking	Feb 25, 2012 9:03 AM
575	I highly value cultural, arts and educational experiences but they are available close by already: UMMA, Kelsey Museum, Hill Auditorium, Performance Network, Michigan Theater, etc. This corridor should be considered for bringing and retaining business.	Feb 25, 2012 8:57 AM
576	The city has a once in a generation opportunity to do something big downtown that will make Ann Arbor a destination. Maybe something could be done with the Federal Building to improve the area?	Feb 25, 2012 8:54 AM
577	too many creepy homeless people keep me from downtown much now - figure they will all soon be camping in the "homeless parking structure" next to the library.	Feb 25, 2012 8:49 AM
578	I walk to downtown quite a lot; closing one of the main streets on a regular basis would improve foot traffic and bring attention to walking/pedestrian needs, showcase merchants	Feb 25, 2012 8:48 AM
579	there's a way to link global art/communication and communities in real and tangible ways. our society is losing perspective on humanity and our collective role on this planet in my opinion. fostering real relationships between individuals and groups, from local to international, would be an incredibly interesting social experiment. any place that attracts the greater society to share experiences and enlighten others in moving our species forward, towards a more peaceful and verdant planet, i'm in favor of. and i think ann arbor is uniquely positioned to foster that vision.	Feb 25, 2012 7:08 AM
580	Great idea to launch this study.	Feb 25, 2012 6:31 AM
581	The City might want to consider making money bringing in cultural attractions, not spending money to bring them in. The U would be a good source. Safe and	Feb 25, 2012 2:14 AM

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	convenient parking is a high priority to attracting area residents to come downtown more often.	
582	Veryinterested in mixed used, But we need more sizeable premium office space with onsite parking. Very limited options for a sizeable employer downtown. Bringing another large employer into the downtown	Feb 25, 2012 1:46 AM
583	Please make the planning very appealing from an outsider's perspective. To borrow a phrase from U-M Athletic Director Dave Brandon, it would be great if it had a "wow factor."	Feb 25, 2012 12:46 AM
584	I miss the Beer Depot neon sign--exactly the kind of visual interest and local character that I'm talking about.	Feb 24, 2012 11:50 PM
585	Who are you?	Feb 24, 2012 11:45 PM
586	How about a brew & view in the old Maude's spot and a cool open air artists market, with street food carts, on the flat lot where the old Y was?	Feb 24, 2012 11:08 PM
587	As we seem to be on the list for good places to stay ... homeless circuit. We might just accept that they will come and get the VA to open their doors or land to accommodate warming shelters or camp sites. Keeping the draw outside of the downtown area and walking patrolman to help the determent of panhandling.	Feb 24, 2012 11:06 PM
588	Get more business that attracts strolling and visitors	Feb 24, 2012 11:01 PM
589	Pedestrians are not protected from drivers coming out of parking structures. My husband and I almost got killed the other night walking slowly past the William St. entrance. Driver was going too fast, but also it's difficult to see when coming out of the structure. Are there mirrors mounted on the ceiling of the structure? Maybe there should be.	Feb 24, 2012 10:50 PM
590	After business hours, this stretch is a dead space. William between State and Main after 8:00pm is a ghost town. A few businesses and high-density living in the area would brighten it up and connect downtown to campus area.	Feb 24, 2012 10:41 PM
591	As it is a cold city it would be nice to have a large indoor space that feels like you are outside, like an public atrium in a large development.	Feb 24, 2012 10:22 PM
592	I loved the FestiFools celebration in part of this area last April. Need about 3X as much space and 2 bands for this year.	Feb 24, 2012 10:20 PM
593	Let the private market determine most uses, but preserve significant public open spaces.	Feb 24, 2012 10:19 PM
594	Please don't make this an excuse for selling public land to build more luxury or student high-rises.	Feb 24, 2012 10:12 PM
595	We don't need another stupid hotel! We don't need more places for students to live. Be kind to our city.	Feb 24, 2012 9:59 PM
596	Building in the parking lots will create a crowded and cluttered appearance. Please don't!	Feb 24, 2012 9:55 PM

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597	I live downtown and do not want to see the Library Lot simply sold to the highest bidder. Careful consideration of that land use with public input is essential.	Feb 24, 2012 9:35 PM
598	Conduct a survey LIFE of people who are downtown in all areas. at ll times of the day and night. Then work on the basis of that.	Feb 24, 2012 9:24 PM
599	get rid of the bus terminal, or make it an appealing location	Feb 24, 2012 9:12 PM
600	Make it part of Allen Greenway process.	Feb 24, 2012 9:08 PM
601	In my opinion the thing most lacking in this section of Ann Arbor is a continuity of interesting places (both business and outdoor public space) that would encourage people to venture off of the 2-3 blocks of Main Street that are included in this area. It would be nice to have a corridor connecting Main to State/South University. That corridor used to be Liberty, but isn't anymore. It needs some attention to bring people back downtown.	Feb 24, 2012 9:03 PM
602	What's up with the crazy utility pole between Division and Maynard (I think) - it seems to go nowhere? Why do we need so many overhead wires?	Feb 24, 2012 8:58 PM
603	Please do landscaping that is interesting and easy to maintain. I think it is sad to see dirty sidewalks or weeds. So keep everything low maintenance but interesting.	Feb 24, 2012 8:54 PM
604	The 4th & William parking structure seems to be this huge "wall" that segregates Main from 4th. It dwarfs everything around it. This is a challenge, as Im sure tearing it down is not a good option. Also, I do believe the more people we concentrate downtown (leisure/living), combined with our close, unique, historic neighborhoods will help increase the demand for more amenities other than dining, like grocery stores, Babo, etc. This will be a challenge as rents are super-high so the only businesses more likely to succeed are ones with liquor/beer licenses. I wise you the best DDA, A2 is a great place!	Feb 24, 2012 8:42 PM
605	Ability to walk(stroll) around downtown is essential.	Feb 24, 2012 8:37 PM
606	I would propose relocating the AADL to the old Y lot with a bridge to the William St. Structure. This would make the Library Lot, Library and possibly the UM Credit Union space available for more development opportunities.	Feb 24, 2012 8:16 PM
607	Ann Arbor needs a practical and livable downtown with a variety of options for retail and food. We need a grocery - not just creepy liquor stores, beat and bike cops to get the crime in control, we need to get the panhandling out of downtown (zero tolerance), businesses need to update product and interiors (seriously, the shops in downtown are gross. Two worst? Elmo's and the yarn store (dirtiest carpet in town), gastronomy needs more frequent inspections and should be made to update the sanitary facilities if not done in the last 5 years, parking is stupid pricey (where is all the revenue from it?) no one should have to reckon an additional \$10 in a small midwestern town in order to go out. That's \$10 that will not be spent on food, drink, product or tips. There should be heat/fire lights allowed at ea business with sidewalk permits. This is standard in any other city. Why is the fire marshall here so preferential in who is allowed and who isn't? There needs to be a premium on service with a smile. Valet parking options at	Feb 24, 2012 8:11 PM

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	bars/restaurants.	
608	Again, I strongly feel you have focused on "tourism" you have forgotten about the people who actually live in Ann Arbor. I do not know anyone who spends much time downtown. Do something/anything to attract local citizens.	Feb 24, 2012 8:08 PM
609	Please don't sell public property. But if you must, please ensure that the developments are built at a human scale that compliments our architectural heritage and historical buildings.	Feb 24, 2012 7:41 PM
610	the dda should be disbanded. it is an unelected board of cronies of the mayor with no actual training or experience in development who parasitize city tax dollars to be self righteous and ineffective. if the city council couldnt manage to maintain garages/parking on their own without the dda they should have all resigned.	Feb 24, 2012 7:40 PM
611	Pay attention to the existing streets, and focus on increasing pedestrian traffic there RATHER THAN creating another pathway mid-block that would take people from the existing streets.	Feb 24, 2012 7:36 PM
612	The city of Columbus,Ohio has a German town, an Italian sector etc. What does Ann Arbor have? A Wolverine Sector?	Feb 24, 2012 7:22 PM
613	Question: How will this information be used? Please explain that in the intro info.	Feb 24, 2012 7:18 PM
614	Please observe development density as recommended in Calthorp report and others. Do not allow building heights in excess of what was planned for.	Feb 24, 2012 7:08 PM
615	Thanks for asking for input, hope we have public meetings to discuss and comment.	Feb 24, 2012 7:06 PM
616	the bus station and AADL attract many mentally ill homeless people -- although I think it's important to have tolerance, I've been hassled any number of times by panhandlers, making me feel unsafe	Feb 24, 2012 7:04 PM
617	I love that people are looking into developing this area more. There is a ton of potential for things other than more parking lots.	Feb 24, 2012 7:02 PM
618	Do something good for the city and it's residents!	Feb 24, 2012 6:57 PM
619	I somehow don't even equate Williams Steet as being much of downtown. I think 'funeral home' and 'library' with this street. Much more of a walk-way to more interesting parts of town.	Feb 24, 2012 6:55 PM
620	This is a narrowly constructed survey. William should connect the west side to UM central campus. Highly pedestrian.	Feb 24, 2012 6:45 PM
621	Making a pedestrian only walkway somewhere in here would be amazing.	Feb 24, 2012 6:40 PM
622	Should feel safe to walk and have interesting things to experience.	Feb 24, 2012 6:39 PM
623	Don't let building turn there backs on the neighborhoods. No one wants to run a	Feb 24, 2012 6:25 PM

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	gauntlet of faceless cement structures or parking lots to get to downtown. Incorporate new buildings into the old with green space and ground level retail space.	
624	I hope this process leads to some interesting and innovative buildings - we need more density downtown, to perserve space outside of the city.	Feb 24, 2012 6:24 PM
625	Please do not change Kline's surface lot! Ashley St. with it's older 2 story historic brick buildings has it's own funky vibe, so please do not mess with it!	Feb 24, 2012 6:21 PM
626	The city is unable to care for existing infrastructure. There is no reason to add more.	Feb 24, 2012 6:13 PM
627	interesting. wonder what will actually happen. Wonder how many support development at the cost of beauty and grace and what is truly sustainable.	Feb 24, 2012 6:02 PM
628	Please spend more time observing what residents do downtown, who those residents are and what areas of downtown you find these different groups. U-M students, esp. undergrads, don't venture west beyond Thompson or Division. I see 5th avenue as the dividing line between the campus-based resident and the "townie" Who are your residents you are trying to draw to this area of town? Do the planners behind this mastermind project actually hang out in this area? The presumption that Ann Arbor residents need to live a lifestyle more fitting to Berkeley when we have snow (usually) for four months of the year is silly. If Afternoon Delight was not at the corner of 5th and Liberty and Jerusalem Garden, barely hanging on, the area would be more down the tubes. The post office kind of holds it together, but from Dinersty on...no restaurant can make it on Liberty. This is the fault of Planners. Start with your anchor businesses that are surviving: the above restaurants and Running Fit and Eastern Accents and talk to them...they are keeping the place alive, build on your strengths instead of trying to rebuild Ann Arbor into something it can never be because we are a small midwest college town, but not Berkeley, California no mattter how much the DDA wishes its members lived in Berkeley. We live here.	Feb 24, 2012 5:58 PM
629	something like Millennium Park of course at a smaller scale would be really great.	Feb 24, 2012 5:56 PM
630	It would be great if William St. became more pedestrian friendly!	Feb 24, 2012 5:52 PM
631	This is a tricky part of town, with large unplesant spans to walk. Focus on the pedestrian experience	Feb 24, 2012 5:52 PM
632	Each spot is unique. The Allen Creek opportunities were not mentioned. That is a potential fabulous long term project.	Feb 24, 2012 5:51 PM
633	Thank you for taking on this project!	Feb 24, 2012 5:50 PM
634	I cannot stress enough my hope that some of the open parking will remain.	Feb 24, 2012 5:48 PM
635	I'm excited about extending our downtown!	Feb 24, 2012 5:46 PM
636	I'm all for developing this area, but keep in mind downtown AA is already short on parking. Any spaces taken away will need to be replaced elsewhere -- and if	Feb 24, 2012 5:43 PM

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	this development takes-off, additional spaces will be necessary (unless there is a tremendous emphasis on downtown living, which would be nice).	
637	I applaud this effort, though I've never been entirely clear why the Palio and Kline's lot were important to develop. I guess simply because they're high-value properties that the city could make money off the sale of?	Feb 24, 2012 5:40 PM
638	Your survey seems biased toward economic development - I suppose that's consistent with the DDA mission, but perhaps points up the problem of putting your organization in charge of a survey about community priorities. I'm afraid you won't get thoughtful feedback about the very attractive Central Park idea.	Feb 24, 2012 5:39 PM
639	I am a bit dismayed at the heavy handed architecture that has been created downtown. It is big and ugly and impersonal. It does not add to our downtown atmosphere.	Feb 24, 2012 5:33 PM
640	It's sad that the DDA wants to avoid listening to regular taxpayers and has instead sought the opinions of "stakeholders" who have the same views as the DDA.	Feb 24, 2012 5:31 PM
641	Put the town square in the middle of this area and building will sprout up around the central gathering space.	Feb 24, 2012 5:26 PM
642	The DDA should back off with the draconian parking vigilance (increased fees for parking, for tickets with threat of extending meter hours) and pay more attention to being welcoming to downtown residents and shoppers.	Feb 24, 2012 5:24 PM
643	This survey is twisted. I'm sure you will eventually get the results you want to use to justify another expensive boondoggle. Disband the DDA and we'll all be better off.	Feb 24, 2012 5:02 PM
644	The ground floors of existing parking structures should be evaluated for conversion to office or retail space, especially as the economy improves.	Feb 24, 2012 4:56 PM
645	The DDA should name itself in this survey.	Feb 24, 2012 4:28 PM
646	I think some preliminary decision needs to be made about the alignment of the north-south high-capacity connector, before settling into a planning cycle for this area. If you run that high capacity connector down State Street that's one thing. If it comes down Main, well that's another thing.	Feb 24, 2012 4:19 PM
647	This survey appears to heavily emphasize retail and commercial goals for public property. It's unbalanced in this way.	Feb 24, 2012 4:14 PM

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1	I actually live in the "near downtown" and consider this my neighborhood.	Mar 13, 2012 12:15 PM
2	regular visitor with long-standing ties to A2	Mar 13, 2012 7:38 AM
3	student	Mar 13, 2012 1:52 AM
4	Board member of downtown business	Mar 12, 2012 11:43 PM
5	I live just about as close to downtown as one can get--the Old West Side--given the lack of affordable housing options in this official "downtown" area	Mar 12, 2012 11:27 PM
6	I try to be downtown/campus every day.	Mar 12, 2012 9:02 PM
7	I came to Ann Arbor in 1977 and love this city. It's breaking my heart to see the constant erosion of a once fine city.	Mar 12, 2012 5:09 PM
8	I walk frequently to downtown. I live about 15 to 20 minutes to most places in town.	Mar 12, 2012 3:41 PM
9	occasional visitor on business	Mar 12, 2012 3:07 PM
10	Near-downtown resident	Mar 12, 2012 2:16 PM
11	old west side resident	Mar 12, 2012 1:51 PM
12	Near-downtown ped/bike commuter.	Mar 12, 2012 12:17 PM
13	U-M central campus staff	Mar 12, 2012 11:27 AM
14	Downtown worker	Mar 11, 2012 10:01 PM
15	Older student at University of Michigan	Mar 11, 2012 6:34 PM
16	Use downtown	Mar 11, 2012 4:25 PM
17	University employee who comes down at lunchtime.	Mar 11, 2012 1:10 PM
18	(within walking distance of downtown)	Mar 10, 2012 6:24 PM
19	Typically walk to downtown	Mar 10, 2012 4:17 PM
20	U of M student	Mar 9, 2012 11:28 PM
21	4th generation Ann Arborborite	Mar 9, 2012 7:34 PM
22	I live on the Old West Side and have witnessed the incredible transformation the DDA began, in 1982	Mar 9, 2012 5:49 PM
23	Kerrytown	Mar 9, 2012 3:04 PM
24	City of Ann Arbor resident who walks through downtown every day to work on the UM campus. (I basically fit category 4, but I don't feel like a "visitor" downtown: it's part of my commute.)	Mar 9, 2012 1:02 PM

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25	ypsilanti resident that visits downtown	Mar 9, 2012 10:35 AM
26	My husaband and I chose to live within walking distance of downtown when we moved back to Ann Arbor.	Mar 8, 2012 10:44 PM
27	I go to the Post Office	Mar 8, 2012 8:05 PM
28	someone at meri Lou Murray Center	Mar 8, 2012 6:37 PM
29	Commute through downtown	Mar 8, 2012 6:34 PM
30	have alwayes worked on the edge of downtown	Mar 8, 2012 6:08 PM
31	we thoroughly enjoy coming to downtown to meet friends.	Mar 8, 2012 5:20 PM
32	Campus employee who grew up in the town and remember shopping, movies, concerts then and now.	Mar 8, 2012 5:12 PM
33	Ann Arbor longtime resident, not living there currently	Mar 8, 2012 4:09 PM
34	I am downtown every day. But there's no open and inviting town square to bring other people owtown.	Mar 8, 2012 2:00 PM
35	Live in the OWS for easy access of downtown	Mar 8, 2012 1:49 PM
36	Work in A2 visit downtown	Mar 8, 2012 12:01 PM
37	I work at the Hospital	Mar 8, 2012 11:40 AM
38	because of my mobility problems and cost of parking	Mar 8, 2012 11:37 AM
39	I work downtown, and live 2 miles outside the city limits	Mar 8, 2012 11:30 AM
40	I visit but not often, work briarwood area	Mar 8, 2012 11:25 AM
41	I don't like coming down town because nothing is convineint	Mar 8, 2012 11:15 AM
42	I live 4 miles out, but take the bus or ride my bike every week to shop at the Farmer's Market, so I am downtown at least once a week.	Mar 7, 2012 10:30 PM
43	Graduate student and likely future visitor	Mar 7, 2012 6:17 PM
44	student	Mar 7, 2012 4:06 PM
45	Student	Mar 7, 2012 3:33 PM
46	architect	Mar 7, 2012 3:27 PM
47	Student	Mar 7, 2012 2:49 PM
48	University Employee	Mar 7, 2012 1:27 PM
49	Being elderly, we rarely get downtown now, but miss it.	Mar 7, 2012 12:53 PM

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50	I'd come into A2 more often if it wasn't such a pain to park	Mar 7, 2012 12:35 PM
51	student.	Mar 7, 2012 11:14 AM
52	Downtown independent worker	Mar 7, 2012 10:47 AM
53	park care in 4th and william garage	Mar 7, 2012 3:05 AM
54	Student that visits downtown a couple times a month	Mar 6, 2012 9:18 PM
55	Downtown student	Mar 6, 2012 5:25 PM
56	University of Michigan student	Mar 6, 2012 5:23 PM
57	Former student who comes to visit friends	Mar 6, 2012 5:23 PM
58	Future downtown resident	Mar 6, 2012 12:27 PM
59	UM Campus (south campus area)	Mar 6, 2012 11:44 AM
60	former downtown resident	Mar 6, 2012 10:45 AM
61	Previously lived downtown	Mar 6, 2012 9:56 AM
62	Campus employee that visits downtown	Mar 6, 2012 9:36 AM
63	U-M employee who visits downtown	Mar 6, 2012 9:33 AM
64	UofM employee	Mar 6, 2012 9:31 AM
65	University employee	Mar 6, 2012 9:22 AM
66	Live very close to city center, about 10 minute walk	Mar 6, 2012 9:04 AM
67	I was recently a downtown employee and am a "near" downtown resident.	Mar 5, 2012 7:31 PM
68	Student	Mar 5, 2012 5:56 PM
69	Student	Mar 5, 2012 5:21 PM
70	University of Michigan Student	Mar 5, 2012 4:01 PM
71	Student that goes downtown occassionally	Mar 5, 2012 3:41 PM
72	not yet a regular user of downtown AA	Mar 5, 2012 3:25 PM
73	U of M Student, temporary resident of Ann Arbor who rarely goes downtown	Mar 5, 2012 2:55 PM
74	I used to live very nearby downtown, but rarely visited.	Mar 5, 2012 2:35 PM
75	Worked downtown for 12 years; lived near downtown and frequented businesses daily for 2.5 years.	Mar 5, 2012 2:05 PM
76	Student	Mar 5, 2012 1:45 PM

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77	student	Mar 5, 2012 1:33 PM
78	Mostly in the area for work-related activities.	Mar 5, 2012 12:39 PM
79	UM Student	Mar 5, 2012 12:11 PM
80	Rare use	Mar 5, 2012 12:07 PM
81	University of Michigan student	Mar 5, 2012 11:36 AM
82	UofM student that visits downtown	Mar 5, 2012 11:33 AM
83	I am a formet downtown employee that biked or walked or bussed to my University job for 35 years.	Mar 4, 2012 7:12 PM
84	Visits downtown with young children as a pedestrian/cyclist regularly	Mar 3, 2012 10:07 PM
85	Retired city employee who worked hard to keep downtown attractive	Mar 3, 2012 8:44 PM
86	I avoid downtown restaurants because of parking difficulties.	Mar 3, 2012 11:39 AM
87	near-downtown resident	Mar 3, 2012 1:02 AM
88	OWS walkable to downtown	Mar 2, 2012 5:40 PM
89	resident who would like to feel more of a sense of community downtown	Mar 2, 2012 4:29 PM
90	very seldom visits downtown -except the ARK & WSG and Art	Mar 2, 2012 2:56 PM
91	student	Mar 2, 2012 2:27 PM
92	I would come downtown if parking was more available during the day or if the ride from Ypsi on the bus was shorter. I use to park at Arborland, visit their store then go downtown, now it is to much hassle.	Mar 2, 2012 1:54 PM
93	student	Mar 2, 2012 12:37 PM
94	University of Michigan employee	Mar 2, 2012 11:07 AM
95	Downtown resident in that I live on Seventh St.	Mar 2, 2012 11:03 AM
96	I chose to not have a car and use AATA for all commuting. It's GREAT and I wish more people could realize how do-able it is!	Mar 2, 2012 10:27 AM
97	Have lived in Ann Arbor for 44 yrs. Always within walking distance of downtown.	Mar 2, 2012 12:21 AM
98	Ann Arbor native who now lives nearby and works downtown	Mar 1, 2012 11:14 PM
99	I live on the near NW side and walk or take the bus downtown frequently	Mar 1, 2012 10:39 PM
100	Former Downtown Resident who still owns a Residence within walking distance of downtown. In Ann Arbor on a frequent basis.	Mar 1, 2012 6:14 PM
101	Live now in easy walking distance, Lived 12 years on East William Street,	Mar 1, 2012 5:49 PM

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	Living memory of Ann Arbor since 1936	
102	county employee	Mar 1, 2012 5:41 PM
103	i live in the West side within a 15 min walk on Main St.	Mar 1, 2012 4:49 PM
104	Was a past downtown employee and Ann Arbor resident. I'm originally from a big city and when I was house hunting, I considered downtown. However, because of it's lack of basic necessities, I bought elsewhere.	Mar 1, 2012 2:58 PM
105	I do not vist downtown because of parking. Just out of bus zone in scio township.	Mar 1, 2012 2:54 PM
106	Former downtown employee / current U-M campus employee	Mar 1, 2012 2:33 PM
107	Downtown property owner	Mar 1, 2012 1:41 PM
108	own and work in office space downtown	Mar 1, 2012 12:25 PM
109	I live walking distance in Old West Side.	Mar 1, 2012 12:04 PM
110	My husband owns a business downtown and I work at the University. I walk through the city everyday on my way home from work.	Mar 1, 2012 11:57 AM
111	I work in A2, close to Briarwood, and am a previous resident of A2. Parking has been a hassle, so I don't go so much anymore	Mar 1, 2012 11:48 AM
112	live on OWS	Mar 1, 2012 10:43 AM
113	attend meetings downtown and events at public library	Mar 1, 2012 10:34 AM
114	Does Scio township qualify as a nearby community?	Mar 1, 2012 7:54 AM
115	I enjoy going downtown, but I am increasingly reluctant to go there.	Mar 1, 2012 12:19 AM
116	Come downtown from township, attend church downtown, come for events and festivals, dining out, Unique shopping	Feb 29, 2012 11:43 PM
117	I often bike or walk to/through downtown. I like doing that.	Feb 29, 2012 11:35 PM
118	Business owner in A2 area	Feb 29, 2012 10:49 PM
119	48118	Feb 29, 2012 10:08 PM
120	Over time I've gone downtown less and less. I used to go when a lot when there was still a Goodyears and more stores where I could shop.	Feb 29, 2012 9:25 PM
121	Born and raised in Ann Arbor, going to public schools and working, playing and learning in downtown.	Feb 29, 2012 6:35 PM
122	One who views downtown as a nexus of neighborhoods. It's important to keep downtown gender and family friendly as well as inter-generational.	Feb 29, 2012 6:13 PM
123	Library and bus patron	Feb 29, 2012 4:59 PM

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124	Non-profit student housing cooperative with main offices on William.	Feb 29, 2012 4:10 PM
125	Live on the near West/North side and shop/ visit downtown at least 8 times a month.	Feb 29, 2012 2:21 PM
126	Employee at a company outside the downtown area but still within Ann Arbor	Feb 29, 2012 1:48 PM
127	adult child of Ann Arbor residents - I visit regularly and grew up in A2	Feb 29, 2012 1:40 PM
128	Central City citizen	Feb 29, 2012 12:46 PM
129	From A2, so it is my home, and we love visiting. I recently began working again downtown.	Feb 29, 2012 11:40 AM
130	I go downtown almost everyday to shop and eat, but with the cost of parking I am unfortunately looking for other options.	Feb 29, 2012 11:34 AM
131	Go downtown occasionally for business reasons, once in a while to eat or go to the Art Fair.	Feb 29, 2012 10:33 AM
132	also former downtown business owner for 22 years	Feb 28, 2012 8:31 PM
133	We just moved our small professional office out to the Briarwood area because of downtown rent and parking costs	Feb 28, 2012 6:23 PM
134	My work brings me downtown for meetings.	Feb 28, 2012 5:17 PM
135	I live very close to downtown - about a ten minute walk.	Feb 28, 2012 4:22 PM
136	Patron of downtown businesses	Feb 28, 2012 2:10 PM
137	Active for many years and especially interested in downtown planning. Currently working with a group advocating a central park.	Feb 28, 2012 1:17 PM
138	I love to come downtown and consider myself a savvy parking spot finder,(which is necessary since the cutbacks of my local bus route!) so I can WALK around and enjoy ART Galleries, Dining, Brewpubs and the Library. Having local businesses like Herb David Guitar studio, Jewelers Florists, bakeries, and Sam's Store are, to me, vital to the character of Ann Arbor.	Feb 28, 2012 1:09 PM
139	Cafe Manager	Feb 28, 2012 12:00 PM
140	UM Alum that visits campus for events, etc	Feb 28, 2012 11:53 AM
141	Professional Downtown Planner	Feb 28, 2012 11:27 AM
142	Commercial property owner	Feb 28, 2012 11:25 AM
143	frequent downtown pedestrian; co-op and market consumer	Feb 28, 2012 11:14 AM
144	University off campus office	Feb 28, 2012 10:59 AM
145	only come downtown to visit the farmers' market	Feb 28, 2012 10:15 AM

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146	I lived on the corner of 5th and Madison until I recently bought a house on the edge of A2	Feb 28, 2012 9:08 AM
147	I love to come downtown I want it to grow. I live close enough to walk and love to do that.	Feb 28, 2012 8:56 AM
148	Westside resident downtown multiple times a week.	Feb 27, 2012 11:45 PM
149	I am an employee of an organization that has one location downtown, but for purposes of a Go Pass I am not considered a downtown employee as I sometimes work at other locations.	Feb 27, 2012 6:59 PM
150	Old West Side resident (so sometimes walk the .75 mile to Main St.)	Feb 27, 2012 6:41 PM
151	I always bring visitors to Ann Arbor for the restaurants and shopping	Feb 27, 2012 5:42 PM
152	former downtown employee	Feb 27, 2012 5:12 PM
153	Past resident of downtown for many years.	Feb 27, 2012 5:08 PM
154	As above - my visits downtown are limited by my perception that it's a hassle to go downtown.	Feb 27, 2012 3:36 PM
155	Former resident who moved to Ypsilanti because it is a nicer, more pedestrian friendly community.	Feb 27, 2012 3:06 PM
156	Central Campus University Employee	Feb 27, 2012 2:59 PM
157	Bike commuter through downtown, 20-year campus employee.	Feb 27, 2012 1:58 PM
158	Resident of near downtown residential neighborhood.	Feb 27, 2012 1:14 PM
159	pedestrian visitor to downtown (26 minute walk, not exactly nearby.	Feb 27, 2012 12:43 PM
160	Native of Ann Arbor for 58 yrs	Feb 27, 2012 12:33 PM
161	I love Ann Arbor and personally invest in making downtown and near downtown beautiful and welcoming	Feb 26, 2012 11:16 PM
162	City of Ann Arbor business owner who visits downtown	Feb 26, 2012 12:15 PM
163	I am a 40 year resident of A2, can walk to downtown from my home. I treasure this city, and am dismayed at the avaricious development schemes in the past 5 years.	Feb 25, 2012 8:59 PM
164	40 year resident lived and worked in the city. retired downtown employee	Feb 25, 2012 8:58 PM
165	I rarely visit downtown these days as mediocrity abounds.	Feb 25, 2012 6:09 PM
166	I was a 20 year city resident and moved to a more affordable nearby community.	Feb 25, 2012 4:21 PM
167	I also own a small business that brings me to downtown almost daily.	Feb 25, 2012 2:18 PM
168	I have lived in Ann Arbor most of my life. I am a townie and I am downtown	Feb 25, 2012 1:49 PM

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	several times a week though I don't currently reside inside the City. I make a point to shop/dine in Ann Arbor because I want to support downtown businesses, plus it is much more fun than a mall.	
169	I was living at 4th and William until last summer. The parking center construction and new construction on 5th were big reasons for moving to Ypsi's quieter, locally-owned, community-friendly downtown instead.	Feb 25, 2012 1:05 PM
170	I enjoy Downtown and the Central Campus area.	Feb 25, 2012 12:02 PM
171	native townie sick of how the dda operates	Feb 25, 2012 11:26 AM
172	Also own business and property in A2 on Main St but outside downtown.	Feb 25, 2012 11:16 AM
173	students and their parents	Feb 25, 2012 11:15 AM
174	40 years .5 mile from downtown, avoid it like plague now	Feb 25, 2012 10:33 AM
175	use to be a downtown business owner - left because the rents got too high	Feb 25, 2012 8:51 AM
176	regular visiting former michigander	Feb 25, 2012 7:10 AM
177	I am downtown part of every day and consider myself a downtown booster.	Feb 25, 2012 6:33 AM
178	recent former Ann Arbor resident	Feb 25, 2012 12:27 AM
179	5x a week	Feb 24, 2012 11:11 PM
180	I avoid downtown because of parking/traffic issues. Wish I would feel comfortable riding my bike down there...it's getting there.	Feb 24, 2012 11:09 PM
181	former resident, miss ann arbor very much	Feb 24, 2012 10:07 PM
182	Make it, above, "City of Ann Arbor resident WHO visits downtown."	Feb 24, 2012 9:26 PM
183	I volunteer downtown, but may not for much longer because of the cost of parking.	Feb 24, 2012 8:10 PM
184	UM Central Campus employee who often walks downtown	Feb 24, 2012 7:28 PM
185	UMHS employee	Feb 24, 2012 7:17 PM
186	live close to downtown in North Central area.	Feb 24, 2012 7:09 PM
187	Downtown is where both social and civic action is.	Feb 24, 2012 6:48 PM
188	Student at Community High School	Feb 24, 2012 6:11 PM
189	Family member. Parent. Friend. Shopper. Restaurant Patron..Fitness enthusiast	Feb 24, 2012 6:00 PM
190	walk dog downtown almost daily. On the board of a downtown business	Feb 24, 2012 5:52 PM
191	I used to shop in the Downtown when there was retail.	Feb 24, 2012 5:46 PM

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192	used to live in ann arbor, work in ypsilanti	Feb 24, 2012 5:44 PM
193	A2 native and downtown A2 regular shopper.	Feb 24, 2012 5:40 PM
194	I work for the University near downtown.	Feb 24, 2012 5:40 PM
195	I am downtown often and live within 1.5 miles of downtown. It is a very important part of my life. Please don't wreck it for us residents.	Feb 24, 2012 5:34 PM
196	Student	Feb 24, 2012 4:57 PM
197	Graduate student	Feb 24, 2012 4:39 PM
198	For over 30 years I have livea downtown or within walking distance.	Feb 24, 2012 4:15 PM
199	Resident of Northville MI that frequents downtown Ann Arbor with my family to enjoy cultural/social amenities.	Feb 24, 2012 1:26 PM

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12	48130 - Even though I'm in Dexter, I'm in A2 regularly!	Mar 10, 2012 12:16 AM
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Page 5, Q16. Do you identify as (please select all that apply):

1	Gallifreyan	Mar 13, 2012 8:34 PM
2	Who give a,.....	Mar 12, 2012 5:09 PM
3	Library lot should be a public space and evolve by processes proposed by Alan Haber and others. I believe if the lot is paved no one will use the underground lot. If the surface of the lot is a destination(eg park) in and of itself then more folks will use the underground lot and maybe we can eventually pay off the crazy debt the city accumulated due to plans to make it strong enough to support a 20 story building.	Mar 12, 2012 2:57 PM
4	Human being	Mar 11, 2012 5:31 PM
5	Jew	Mar 9, 2012 4:20 PM
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17	I am 7 different races.	Mar 4, 2012 2:37 AM
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20	Why do you care?	Mar 1, 2012 8:03 PM
21	American	Mar 1, 2012 5:11 PM
22	Middle Eastern	Mar 1, 2012 3:03 PM
23	American	Mar 1, 2012 7:54 AM

Page 5, Q16. Do you identify as (please select all that apply):

24	I 'identify' myself as a person, not as a race	Feb 29, 2012 7:03 PM
25	Global Citizen	Feb 29, 2012 6:35 PM
26	The US census is giving up on race. Why isn't Ann Arbor? Our UM influenced diversity should get us beyond these complex identity issues.	Feb 29, 2012 6:13 PM
27	Human	Feb 29, 2012 2:39 PM
28	really what does my race matter?	Feb 29, 2012 2:14 PM
29	French-american	Feb 29, 2012 12:46 PM
30	JEW!	Feb 29, 2012 11:56 AM
31	human	Feb 29, 2012 10:54 AM
32	Human	Feb 29, 2012 1:18 AM
33	Iranian American	Feb 28, 2012 4:57 PM
34	what does race have to do with any of this?!	Feb 28, 2012 1:27 PM
35	Human	Feb 28, 2012 11:27 AM
36	European Descent	Feb 28, 2012 10:23 AM
37	why does race matter??????	Feb 27, 2012 1:25 PM
38	Native American	Feb 27, 2012 11:23 AM
39	Middle Eastern	Feb 26, 2012 1:36 AM
40	In my opinion, ethnic origin should not play a part in this survey	Feb 25, 2012 4:59 PM
41	Asian American	Feb 25, 2012 3:04 PM
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45	Ukrainian	Feb 24, 2012 8:58 PM
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47	Eastern European-American	Feb 24, 2012 7:23 PM
48	Really? Why not ask household size, or education level?	Feb 24, 2012 6:48 PM

Page 5, Q16. Do you identify as (please select all that apply):

49	What is the ethnic, gender and racial make up of the group issuing this survey? That is very important to understand the lenses through which these answers will be understood.	Feb 24, 2012 6:00 PM
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Amber Miller

[REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 5:55 PM

To: Amber Miller

Subject: The Community Survey of Downtown Property Usage

Ms. Miller,

I completed the survey but wished that the questions were different. As an example, no question allowed the responder to indicate satisfaction with the present use of property and a desire not to construct on any site.

I realize that the intention of the DDA is to build as big as possible on any city-owned land that is undeveloped or underdeveloped. DDA hopes that new TIF payments from development will add much-needed revenue to the DDA coffers. Unfortunately, the building favored by the DDA is inconsistent with the quaint character of downtown Ann Arbor so that a blight will be created when the property falls into bankruptcy. The latter is certain to occur when building on speculation without a viable business model or when the business model does not fit into the local economy (as, for example, with the Valiant Partners hotel/convention center proposal).

The DDA should not be concerned with expansion downtown when projected business and residential growth for Ann Arbor is flat for at least the next five years. The DDA will provide better and more appreciated service for Ann Arbor by maintaining and enhancing what is already here.

In summary, the DDA would do well to adopt one of medicine's principle precepts: *Primum non nocere* (First, *do no harm*).

Respectfully,

Amber Miller

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 12:37 PM
To: Amber Miller
Subject: Connecting William Street

Ok, I'm a little confused, why do these areas need to be anything other than what they are...for parking? Could it be the DDA needs to eliminate surface lot parking so people will be forced to use the new big hole in the ground? When prospective visitors to downtown find that they must use either the 4th ave and william structure or the big hole in the ground parking, they will just eventually stop coming here...all so the DDA could dig a big hole in the ground...real close to where all the street drunks hang out...oh yay for our future guests.

[REDACTED]

Amber Miller

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 03, 2012 9:15 AM
To: Amber Miller
Subject: Connecting William Street

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Dear Amber Miller,

Thank you for sending to Ann Arbor neighborhood association's the DDA survey launching Connecting William Street. The survey sparked a vision for the five city-owned parking areas that I would like to convey more clearly than is possible in a survey. The vision is one of a cascade of Nature parks downtown.

A cascade of Nature parks downtown satisfies many of the goals listed as options in the survey. Nature parks of varying design on these city lots could showcase environmental sustainability, foster space for music performance and art (outdoor, though, rather than indoor), allow space for food-based businesses (small carts), create more opportunities for outdoor community gatherings and events like festivals, make downtown more attractive to independent businesses by being a focal point for friends to meet up for dining/shopping/theater, provide more space for continuing education (by showcasing raingardens), foster opportunities for spontaneous social interaction, bring more people to support downtown businesses by being pleasant, refreshing public meeting places near shops, and help attract a major employer by making downtown more pleasant for families. A cascade of Nature parks downtown would do all of that and more.

Here is my vision:

The 4th & William parking structure could remain a parking structure that visitors driving into town from the south on Main Street could readily see and access for parking; that structure was just recently repaired, and the new structure on the Library Lot will be harder to find and navigate to because it is further away and has entry/exit on one-way streets. By retaining this as a parking structure, Main Street from William to Huron could be closed off to motor vehicle traffic and still allow parking immediate to shops on Main Street. That would create a very pleasant pedestrian corridor for the Main Street shops.

The Palio Lot could be turned into a garden area by adding large containers or built-in raised beds with plantings of trees, bushes and flowers, all of which would help clean the air and retain rainfall, reducing runoff going into the storm sewer. This Nature area would help moderate hot summer temperatures and add a pleasant feel to the walk from the parking structure to shops.

The Library Lot has become an underground parking structure with cement covering it at ground level. A garden comprised of plantings of trees, bushes and flowers all in big containers or built-in raised beds can be added, bringing Nature in to help moderate hot summer temperatures, clean the air, and retain rain, reducing the level of runoff going into storm sewers and ultimately the Huron River and possibly contributing to flooding. Benches can provide seating, and festivals as well as waiting for friends or pausing to rest while shopping can all be very enjoyable in such space.

The Old Y Lot is not paved, so it can be readily converted to Nature park space. It is next to the bus station so if it were a Nature park it could encourage bus ridership by being a pleasant place to wait. It could also encourage walking and biking into downtown by being a place of respite. What I see there are several majestic large shade trees and a large, flowing fountain (both muffling traffic noises and providing cool air on a hot summer day). I also see beautiful groupings of plants and flowers (including those already planted bordering the sidewalks); these also help moderate the heat of summer and, like the trees, help clean the air. And I see benches, large rocks, and little stands selling fruit, water, yogurt, etc. And bordering on the bus station and 4th&William sides are natural partial screens of vine-laden trellises and arborvitae (evergreen trees with foliage from bottom to top). The natural screens muffle traffic noises and can be used for directing people toward the shopping areas by having large, inviting openings in the right locations. This would be a very pleasant focal point to meet up with friends for shopping/dining/theater, etc. It also would be a respite spot for workers, residents, and visitors, for shoppers, for people who have walked, biked, or ridden the bus into downtown. The library across the street adds a public cultural tone, supporting this location as a community square in the city center near many downtown shops, a beautiful and vibrant feature in European cities.

The Kline Lot is on a slope and is bordered on two sides by buildings, so there are large spans of roof. A great deal of storm water runs off of those roofs onto the payment, picking up toxic substances and carrying them into the storm sewers and onto the Huron River, the source of our water. Such runoff is a major contributor to flooding. Removing the payment from the lot and putting in raingardens would be beneficial to the city at large. The raingardens could help reduce flooding by slowing the water and they would

clean the water instead of allowing the toxins picked up by the water to enter the Huron River. Raingardens are like dry creek beds lined with flowers and bushes. Adding a cluster of raingardens, with paths over and round them, large shade trees near the sidewalks, benches, and plaques of some sort describing the wonderful work raingardens do could serve many purposes. This could be a pleasant place for people to walk or meet up, it would be cleaning our water and helping reduce flooding, and it would be serving as an example of what people could do at their own homes to help Nature do the wonderful work it does of cleaning the water and air, and in such a beautiful way.

Here are the further benefits of a cascade of Nature parks downtown:

Economic benefit: Downtown Nature parks that are pleasant places to meet up with friends for dining/shopping/festivals or to have a respite from traffic noise and the heat of summer make walking, biking, and riding the bus to downtown more fun, and hence more likely. And this makes it more likely that they will dine, shop, attend musical or theater performances, and go to movies downtown.

Environmental benefit: Downtown Nature parks help clean the air, slow and clean stormwater runoff from the huge amount of impervious surfaces (e.g., roofs), moderate hot summer temperatures, and provide respite that encourages walking, biking, and riding the bus rather than driving

Social benefit: Downtown Nature parks are focal points for meeting up with friends. They are refreshing respites. They are opportunities to showcase environmental sustainability by providing beautiful examples (e.g., raingardens) along with plaques of some type to show them in ways they, too, can improve the environment.

While I lived and worked in England an experience that I loved and did on a regular basis was to take the bus to the bus station at the city center, walk in the large park across the street from the bus station, and then shop in the downtown shops, which were within ready walking distance of the park and the bus station. In the park were majestic tall trees, flowering bushes, numerous flower beds, and benches. Walking though the park was a wonderful experience that made the shopping all the more enjoyable. An experience like that is something I would love to have and see others enjoying in my hometown of Ann Arbor.

Thank you for your consideration of this vision of a cascade of Nature parks downtown as a focus for Connecting William Street.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the author.

Amber Miller

Sent:
To:

Monday, March 05, 2012 6:20 PM

Amber Miller

Greetings to you,

I am writing you as a follow-up to your survey on Connecting William Street. The responses to this were necessarily constrained by the questions. But I want to communicate a somewhat larger vision.

I have heard of groups that favor a park next to the Library. I'm sorry to say that I can't muster much enthusiasm for a park. I fear it would soon become derelict. Before we supply such an amenity, let's determine what demand there is for it.

Be that as it may, it seems to me more promising to erect a building next to the library that offers analogous benefits to residents. I am thinking of a City Community Center with multi-purpose rooms for presentations and exhibitions of general interest, assuming that these might supplement those in the Library and could also be used for adult education classes.

I would think there'd be demand for a workshop with a part-time attendant craftsman-teacher who could give users tips, similarly studios equipped with art facilities and with a part-time attendant artist-teacher. (I can't offer an opinion as to the costs of such amenities nor as to whether fees might be charged for their use.) Exhibition rooms would allow residents to show their artwork.

I see a need for music rooms for amateur groups and theater space for some of the small theater groups with limited runs.

As a culture, we are famous for the popularity of voluntary organizations. Meeting rooms would surely be used for that purpose.

Ann Arbor has plenty of art and music programming at prices that many can't afford, and we don't have a lot of facilities that allow residents to be engaged in activities that promote their cultural enrichment or social activities with various agendas.

Needless to say, there is much room for refining this rough plan. Many other facilities can be conceived in the same spirit.

Although the upper floors of this building could be rented out to various small-scale cultural and other organizations, its chief aim would be to serve city residents.

Thank you for considering this.

[REDACTED]

Amber Miller

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 7:37 PM
To: Amber Miller
Subject: additional thoughts on the survey

Amber,

I have some additional thoughts I would like to add in to the William St. process.

I've heard several people offer goals of the public good that are not achieved through the private sector, in particular affordable housing and a public park.

Right now, Ann Arbor is struggling to pay for existing human services and park upkeep, I would not want a new project to de-fund the existing parks and services.

I would support a balanced development that moved some of the public lands into private hands (and onto the tax rolls) so that the private developments could fund public goods.