

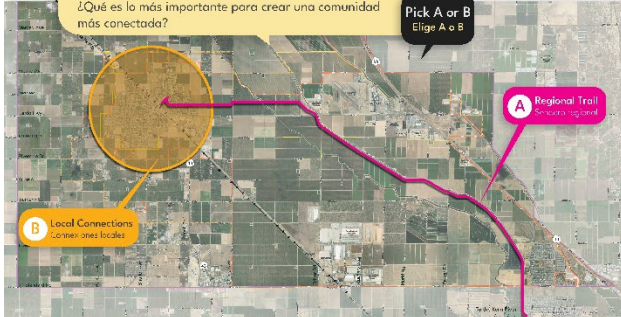
## APPENDIX A-1: BOARD ACTIVITIES FROM IN-PERSON EVENTS

**A Connected Community**  
Una comunidad más conectada

**Over the next 20 years..**  
Durante los próximos 20 años...

What is most important for creating a more connected community?  
¿Qué es lo más importante para crear una comunidad más conectada?

Pick A or B  
Elige A o B



**A Regional Trail**  
Sendero regional

Connect the core of Shafter to Gossamer Grove and the Kern River through a regional trail. Increasing access to open space and supporting an intercity natural trail network.

Conecte el núcleo de Shafter con Gossamer Grove y el río Kern a través de un sendero regional, aumentando el acceso a espacios abiertos y apoyando una red de senderos naturales interurbanos.

**B Local Connections**  
Conexiones locales

Improve pedestrian and bike infrastructure to create a safe, walkable, and bikeable city core.

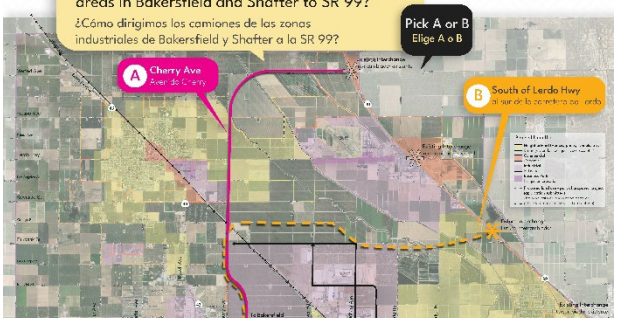
Mejorar la infraestructura para peatones y bicicletas para crear un centro de la ciudad seguro para caminar y andar en bicicleta.

**Truck Routes**  
Rutas de camiones

**Over the next 20 years..**  
Durante los próximos 20 años...

How do we route trucks from industrial areas in Bakersfield and Shafter to SR 99?  
¿Cómo dirigimos los camiones de las zonas industriales de Bakersfield y Shafter a la SR 99?

Pick A or B  
Elige A o B



**A Cherry Ave**  
Carretera de Cherry

Future truck route...  
Futura ruta de camiones...  
a lo largo de Cherry Avenue

Plan for future truck traffic along Cherry Avenue, with design features to reduce negative impacts on future residential uses near the core of Shafter.

Planifique el tráfico futuro de camiones a lo largo de la avenida Cherry con características de diseño para reducir los impactos negativos en usos residenciales futuros cerca del núcleo de Shafter.

**B South of Lerdo Highway**  
Futura ruta de camiones...  
al sur de la carretera de Lerdo

Plan for future truck traffic away from future growth near the core of Shafter to avoid impacts on future residential uses near Shafter's core.

Planifique el tráfico futuro de camiones lejos del crecimiento futuro cerca del núcleo de Shafter para evitar impactos en usos residenciales futuros cerca del núcleo de Shafter.

**Housing, Shopping, Dining**  
Vivienda, compras, restaurantes

**Over the next 20 years..**  
Durante los próximos 20 años...

How many new homes and shops should Shafter plan for?  
¿Cuántas nuevas viviendas y comercios debería planificar Shafter?

Pick A or B  
Elige A o B



**A More places to live, more places to shop.**  
Más lugares para vivir, más lugares para comprar.

Housing growth will increase population, attracting a greater number and variety of shopping, service, and dining options to Shafter. Residents would no longer need to travel outside of the city to meet their daily needs.

El crecimiento de la vivienda aumentará la población, atrayendo un mayor número y variedad de opciones de compras, servicios y restaurantes a Shafter. Los residentes ya no necesitarían viajar fuera de la ciudad para satisfacer sus necesidades diarias.

**B Limited housing and retail expansion.**  
Expansión limitada de viviendas y comercios.

With limited housing growth, the number and variety of shopping, service, and dining options within Shafter are unlikely to increase. Residents may need to travel outside of the city to meet some of their daily needs.

Con el crecimiento limitado de la vivienda, es poco probable que aumente el número y la variedad de opciones de compras, servicios y restaurantes en Shafter. Los residentes pueden tener que viajar fuera de la ciudad para satisfacer algunas de sus necesidades diarias.



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**Community Engagement**  
Participación comunitaria

**Over the next 20 years..**  
Durante los próximos 20 años...

What would most improve City processes so that resident input can affect the outcome of City decisions?  
¿Qué sería lo que más mejoraría los procesos de la ciudad para que los aportes de los residentes puedan afectar el resultado de las decisiones de la ciudad?

Pick Two  
Escoja Dos

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
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| <b>Public meetings</b><br>Reuniones públicas<br>More public meetings throughout all stages of the decision-making process<br>Más reuniones públicas a lo largo de todas las etapas del proceso de toma de decisiones |  |
| <b>Access to materials</b><br>Acceso a los materiales<br>Materials provided earlier in the decision-making process<br>Materiales proporcionados anteriormente en el proceso de toma de decisiones                    |  |
| <b>Language</b><br>Idioma<br>Translate more materials and provide interpretation<br>Traducir más materiales y proporcionar interpretación                                                                            |  |
| <b>Online engagement</b><br>Compromiso en línea<br>More online engagement (social media, informational websites)<br>Más participación en línea (redes sociales, sitios web informativos)                             |  |
| <b>Surveys</b><br>Encuestas<br>More surveys (online or paper)<br>Más encuestas (en línea o en papel)                                                                                                                 |  |
| <b>Notifications</b><br>Notificaciones<br>More/earlier notifications of major projects<br>Más/Anteriores notificaciones de grandes proyectos                                                                         |  |
| <b>Bilingual City staff</b><br>Personal bilingüe de la ciudad<br>More bilingual City staff<br>Más personal bilingüe de la ciudad                                                                                     |  |
| <b>What else is important?</b><br>¿Qué más es importante?                                                                                                                                                            |  |

**Other Stuff**  
Otras cosas

**Over the next 20 years..**  
Durante los próximos 20 años...

What other issues should the City plan for?  
¿Cuales otros asuntos debería la Ciudad planear por?

Share your ideas on a sticky note  
Comparte tus ideas en una nota adhesiva

Learn more about the General Plan Update  
Visita el sitio web de la actualización del Plan General  
[www.fairshare.com](http://www.fairshare.com)



## Appendix A-2: Findings By Event

This section summarizes the main themes that the Shafter General Plan team heard from individual events and the online survey.

### Shafter Cinco de Mayo

May 3, 2025 (11:30am – 3:00pm)

The Shafter General Plan team had a pop-up booth to engage with Shafter community members who took part in the event festivities. The event attracts over 1,000 attendees, of whom approximately 143 people participated in the board exercises, but hundreds more saw the booth, interacted with staff, and were made aware of the General Plan Update. Those who participated were asked to share where they live. Most participants (60%) were Shafter residents, while 35% lived outside of the city. A small number of those living outside of Shafter (~5%) noted they lived in unincorporated communities near Shafter.

#### *What We Heard:*

- **What is most important for creating a more connected community?**

More participants (57% 81 of 143 respondents) preferred improvements to local connections over regional connections. Examples of such improvements include pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure that create a safe, walkable, and bikeable city core.

- **How many new homes and shops should Shafter plan for?**

Most people (69% 97 of 143 respondents) supported increased development, where they have more places to live and shop.

- **How do we route trucks from industrial areas in Bakersfield and Shafter to SR 99?**

Participants (69% 99 of 140 respondents) preferred routing trucks away from the growth near Shafter's core to avoid impacts on future residential areas over having truck traffic along Cherry Avenue with design features to reduce impacts on future residential areas.

- **What would most improve City processes so that resident input can affect the outcome of City decisions? (pick 2)**

Of the seven types of community engagement methods that the City could improve on, having bilingual city staff (21% 51 of 247 responses) and public meetings (17% of 247 responses) received the most votes.

- **Over the Next 20 years, what other issues should the City plan for?**

Participants were invited to write their response on a sticky note. The Key takeaways from 72 responses are noted below. See original comments in Appendix B-1.

⇒ *More diverse shopping and dining options.* Participants shared a desire for more diverse retail and commercial options, including grocery stores, larger retail (Target, Walmart, Costco), and restaurants. They expressed frustration with the prevalence of car washes and Starbucks.

⇒ *Address housing needs.* The city needs more affordable housing and more types of housing (townhomes, apartments, etc. in addition to single-family homes to address rising rent and



provide housing choices for a wider range of incomes and needs for people who wish to stay in Shafter.

- ⇒ Roadway improvements. Input on infrastructure and transportation highlighted the need to improve and maintain roads, address safety concerns with some identifying a desire for more traffic signals and stop signs, improve pedestrian and bike infrastructure, and expand public transit options.
- ⇒ More parks and recreation opportunities. Participants would like more parks and recreation facilities, including family fun spots (theaters, amusement centers), teen hangout areas, community pools, and gyms.
- ⇒ Improve access to jobs and education. Participants expressed a call for increased educational opportunities and jobs for youth, specifically suggesting the development of a local Community College/vocational Campus.

### Shafter High School

**May 7, 2025 (lunchtime)**

Shafter High School students had an opportunity to share their input at a lunchtime pop-up booth held at the high school. For the 2024-2025 academic school year, Shafter High School enrolled 1,599 students. During their lunchtime break, approximately 73 students stopped by the booth to give input for the general plan.

#### *What We Heard:*

- **What is most important for creating a more connected community?**  
Similar to the feedback received from the Cinco de Mayo event, more students preferred improvements to local connections over regional connections.
- **How many new homes and shops should Shafter plan for?**  
Students overwhelmingly supported more places to live and shop.
- **How do we route trucks from industrial areas in Bakersfield and Shafter to SR 99?**  
Students also overwhelmingly preferred routing trucks away from the growth near Shafter's core to avoid impacts on future residential areas over having truck traffic along Cherry Avenue with design features to reduce impacts on future residential areas.
- **What would most improve City processes so that resident input can affect the outcome of City decisions?**  
Participants shared that having bilingual city staff and access to materials were two of their preferred ways that the City could improve, so that resident input can affect the outcome of City decisions.
- **Over the Next 20 years, what other issues should the City plan for?**  
Participants were invited to write their response on a sticky note. The Key takeaways from the 32 responses are noted below. See the original comments in Appendix B-2.



- ⇒ More shopping, dining, entertainment, and entertainment options. Participants expressed interest in more food, retail, and entertainment options (with emphasis on popular chains and entertainment venues).
- ⇒ Extended hours for Dial-A-Ride services and improved transportation options. A small handful of participants commented on the need to extend Dial-A-Ride services and other transportation services.
- ⇒ More urgent care and other medical facilities. A few people commented on the desire for more healthcare facilities, such as an urgent care and hospital.

### **Input collected at the Shafter Highschool event is included in Appendix B-2.**

**First Fridays** | June 5, 2025 (6:00 pm to 9:00 pm): The GP team held a pop-up event at the June First Fridays evening event. Team members received input from approximately 46 community members for the general plan, but spoke with dozens more, raising awareness about the general plan update process.

### *What We Heard:*

- **What is most important for creating a more connected community?**

Similar to the feedback received from the Cinco de Mayo event and outreach at Shafter High School, most participants expressed support for improvements to local connections over regional connections.

- **How many new homes and shops should Shafter plan for?**

Participants supported an increase in commercial and residential development to have more places to live and shop.

- **How do we route trucks from industrial areas in Bakersfield and Shafter to SR 99?**

Unlike the participants at the Cinco de Mayo event and students, the majority of participants shared that they preferred having truck traffic along Cherry Avenue with design features to reduce impacts on future residential areas over routing trucks away from the growth near Shafter's core to avoid impacts on future residential areas.

- **What would most improve City processes so that resident input can affect the outcome of City decisions?**

Participants overwhelmingly preferred having notifications as their preferred way that the City could improve, so that resident input can affect the outcome of City decisions.

- **Over the Next 20 years, what other issues should the City plan for?**

Participants were invited to write their response on a sticky note. The Key takeaways from the 32 responses are noted below. See the original comments in Appendix B-2.

- ⇒ More shopping, dining, entertainment, and entertainment options. They commented on the need for more variety of commercial, shopping, and dining establishments, such as more markets and shopping centers, restaurants, and entertainment and recreation facilities.
- ⇒ Improvements to infrastructure and connectivity. Some participants showed support for connecting existing roads, like a "Zachary & Driver Road connection to Lerdo Highway", as well as improving bike lane accessibility.



- ⇒ More affordable housing options. Several participants expressed support for more residential development, particularly affordable apartments.
- ⇒ Healthcare and Services. Requests for daycare facilities, PopMart shopping options, and improved access to essential services

### Online Survey

May 23, 2025 to July 21, 2025.

An online survey was available for community members that didn't have the opportunity to share input through the in-person workshop series. The online survey received 173 responses.

Complete Online Survey results are included in Appendix C.

#### *Who Responded:*

Most respondents (90%) were Shafter residents, and 2/3 were property owners. Most respondents were between the ages of 30 to 49 years old (60%), with the second largest group age 50 and older (25%).

#### *What We Heard:*

Multiple Choice Questions

#### **What is most important for creating a more connected community?**

The community strongly favored local improvements over regional connections.

- **74.57% (129 respondents) chose Local Connections - improving pedestrian and bike infrastructure for a safe, walkable, and bikeable city core**
- 25.43% (44 respondents) chose Regional Trail - connecting Shafter's core to Gossamer Grove and the Kern River through a regional trail

Additional comments revealed several key themes (38 comments):

- ⇒ Pedestrian Safety Priorities - Multiple requests for safer crosswalks, especially near schools, speed radars, and warning lights at dangerous intersections like Highway 43 and Tulare
- ⇒ Road Infrastructure First - Several comments emphasized fixing existing roads, repaving, and improving lighting should take priority over bike lanes or trails
- ⇒ Security and Practical Concerns - Some residents viewed a regional trail to Gossamer Grove as a "security nightmare" and questioned whether people would actually use it for long-distance travel
- ⇒ Downtown Focus Over Regional Connections - Strong preference for improving "old Shafter" and the actual downtown core rather than connecting to newer developments
- ⇒ Transportation for Vulnerable Populations - Requests for better transportation options for seniors and people without vehicles, including seven-day-a-week service
- ⇒ Opposition to Expansion Through Farmland - Concerns that cutting through agricultural land would harm neighbors and damage the local economy



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- ⇒ Cost Concerns - Multiple requests to implement improvements without increasing fees, especially for low-income residents
- ⇒ Mixed Support for Both Options - Some residents expressed wanting elements of both local connections and regional trails rather than having to choose one
- ⇒ Skepticism About Growth Benefits - Several comments questioned whether increasing population by 40% or "selling out to corporations" would benefit the community

### How many new homes and shops should Shafter plan for?

The community was nearly split, with a slight majority preferring limited growth.

- **54.34% (94 respondents) favored Limited Housing and Retail Expansion**
- 45.66% (79 respondents) favored More Places to Live, More Places to Shop

Additional comments revealed several key themes (45 comments):

- ⇒ Small Town Preservation - Residents repeatedly emphasized wanting to maintain Shafter's small town character and avoid becoming like larger cities such as Bakersfield
- ⇒ Water Infrastructure Concerns - Multiple comments questioned the logic of building more housing when the city already has water usage restrictions for current residents
- ⇒ Downtown Investment Priority - Strong preference for improving and revitalizing existing downtown areas and supporting current local businesses before expanding outward
- ⇒ Opposition to Specific Development - Significant resistance to the "Wonderful" development project, with residents viewing it as a corporate takeover of their community
- ⇒ Housing Type Preferences - Mixed views on housing needs, with some supporting affordable housing for all income levels, while others oppose low-income developments near established neighborhoods
- ⇒ Retail and Service Gaps - Desire for better grocery stores, more diverse dining options, and improved shopping variety while maintaining preference for local over chain businesses
- ⇒ Traffic and Infrastructure Planning - Concerns about increased traffic congestion and demands that infrastructure improvements precede any new development approvals

### How do we route trucks from industrial areas in Bakersfield and Shafter to SR 99?

The majority of respondents preferred keeping truck traffic away from the city core.

- **63.58% (110 respondents) chose Future Truck Route South of Lerdo Highway - routing truck traffic away from future growth near Shafter's core**
- 36.42% (63 respondents) chose Future Truck Route Along Cherry Avenue - with design features to reduce impacts on future residential uses

Additional comments revealed several key themes (15 comments):

- ⇒ 7th Standard Road Preference - Multiple comments suggested using 7th Standard Road as the primary truck route since it already connects Highway 99 and Interstate 5, keeping heavy traffic away from residential areas
- ⇒ Current Safety Issues - Residents noted dangerous conditions at existing intersections, particularly where heavy-duty trucks merge from Cherry onto Lerdo Highway without complete stops, creating safety hazards



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- ⇒ Infrastructure Planning Criticism - Criticism that the Wonderful Industrial Park was approved without proper truck traffic planning, creating current problems that should serve as a lesson for future development
- ⇒ Traffic Signal Needs - Several requests for traffic lights or 4-way stops at Cherry Avenue if it becomes a truck route to ensure safe access
- ⇒ Concerns About Both Options - Some residents felt both proposed routes would worsen traffic on Central Valley Highway, which already experiences heavy congestion during morning and evening hours
- ⇒ Developer Responsibility - Comments emphasizing that any projects increasing truck traffic should require developers to fund road improvements (widening, merge lanes, overpasses) before construction begins
- ⇒ High-Speed Rail Impact - Concerns about how future high-speed rail construction might affect existing railroad crossings and force more reliance on Cherry Avenue
- ⇒ Geographic Confusion - At least one respondent noted confusion about the difference between the two route options

### **What would most improve City processes so that resident input can affect the outcome of City decisions?**

#### **Survey Results:**

- ⇒ **44.51% (77 respondents) chose Public Meetings - more meetings throughout all decision-making stages**
- ⇒ **39.88% (69 respondents) chose Surveys - more online or paper surveys**
- ⇒ 36.42% (63 respondents) chose Online Engagement - more social media and informational websites
- ⇒ 34.68% (60 respondents) chose Access to Materials - materials provided earlier in the process
- ⇒ 33.53% (58 respondents) chose Notifications - more/earlier notifications of major projects
- ⇒ 4.62% (8 respondents) chose Bilingual Staff
- ⇒ 3.47% (6 respondents) chose Language - translate materials and provide interpretation
- ⇒ 2.89% (5 respondents) chose Other

Additional comments revealed several key themes (20 comments):

#### **Key Themes from Comments:**

- ⇒ Skepticism About Genuine Input - Multiple residents expressed doubt that public input influences decisions, feeling that city council has already made up their minds before seeking community feedback
- ⇒ Preference for Traditional Communication - Several comments emphasized not everyone uses social media and requested paper surveys at city hall and other physical locations for broader community access
- ⇒ Older Population Outreach - Concerns that online-focused engagement misses older residents who may have valuable input but lack digital access
- ⇒ Meeting Sponsorship Concerns - Criticism that public meetings should be hosted by the city and elected officials, not by companies like "Wonderful" with their own agendas



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- ⇒ Survey Quality Issues - One resident specifically criticized current city surveys as "loaded with bias" and suggested hiring statisticians to improve data collection
- ⇒ Transparency Demands - Calls for the city to be more transparent and honest with citizens about projects and decision-making processes
- ⇒ Timing and Accessibility - Requests for surveys and materials to be available with plenty of advance time and through multiple channels
- ⇒ Opposition to Bilingual Services - At least one comment opposed spending taxpayer money on additional bilingual services
- ⇒ Dedicated Information Hub - Suggestion for a dedicated webpage with community events, city news, and project updates for residents who don't use social media

### **Over the Next 20 years, what other issues should the City plan for?**

The Key takeaways from the 12 responses are noted below. See the original comments in Appendix C (Question 12).

- ⇒ Preserve Shafter's small-town identity and manage growth. Many respondents shared the sentiment to keep Shafter small.
- ⇒ Improve existing infrastructure and public safety: Many people expressed support to have roads and lighting as a top priority for new additions and improvements. Pedestrian and vehicle safety were also priority concerns.
- ⇒ Revitalize and focus on "Old" and Downtown Shafter: Multiple respondents commented on the desire for rebuilding and improving the historic downtown, including highlighting and supporting local small businesses along Main Street. There was a focus on the "Old" Shafter and supporting local businesses and agricultural businesses as essential for community identity.
- ⇒ Enhance community engagement and transparency. Several respondents commented on the need for more town meetings and for local government to receive and implement community input from Shafter residents.
- ⇒ More community open space and recreation opportunities. Multiple people noted the desire for more community amenities, such as parks, a dog park, and improving recreational programs.



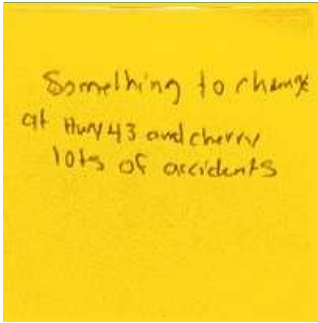
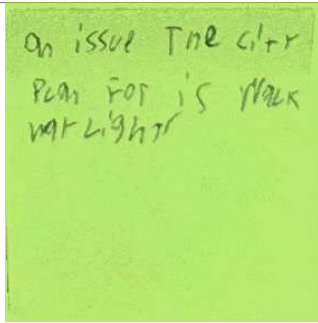
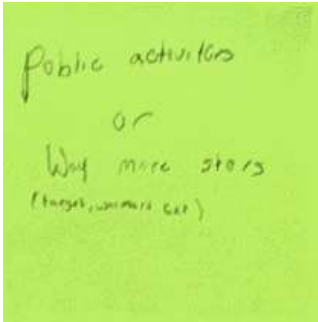
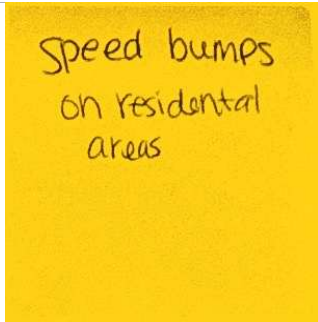
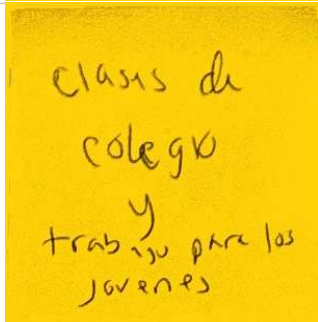
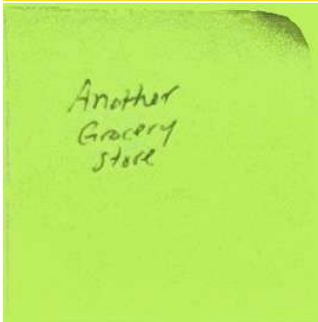
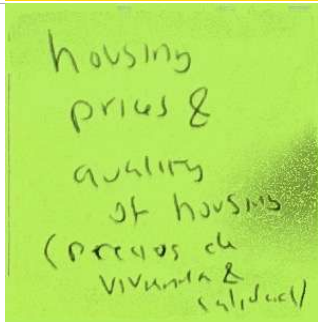
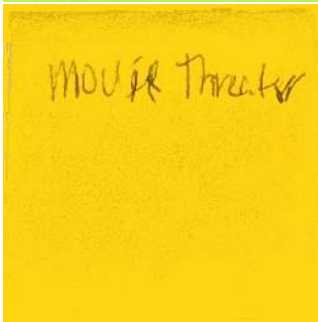
### Cinco De Mayo Festival - Community Input

Over the next 20 years, what other issues should the City plan for?

| Comment                                                                                          | Transcription                                                                                    | Comment                               | Transcription                         |
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| More family fun places — monetheatre, chuck & cheese, flight, kids empire, or a place like those | More family fun places- monetheatre, chuck & cheese , flight , kids empre, or a place like those | more unique stores (not chain stores) | more unique stores (not chain stores) |
| More lights                                                                                      | Mote lights                                                                                      | more stores,                          | more stores.                          |
| more stops signs                                                                                 | more stops signs                                                                                 | more trees and bioms.                 | more trees and bioms.                 |
| light on 43 and popular. 😊                                                                       | light on 43 and popular.                                                                         | more food 😊                           | more food                             |

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Over the next 20 years, what other issues should the City plan for?

| Comment                                                                             | Transcription                                               | Comment                                                                              | Transcription                                                      |
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|    | Something to change at Hwy 43 and cherry lots of accidents  |    | an issue the city plan for is walk lights                          |
|    | Public activities or way more stores (target, walmart, gap) |    | Speed bumps on residential areas                                   |
|   | affordable houses                                           |   | clases de colegio y trabajo para los Jovenes                       |
|  | Another Grocery store                                       |  | housing prices & quality of housing (precios de Vivenda & calidad) |
|  | movie Theater                                               |  | larger retail uses                                                 |

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Over the next 20 years, what other issues should the City plan for?

| Comment                              | Transcription                         | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Transcription                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Bring sewage in all the city         | Bring sewage in all the city          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase/ Keep walkable neighborhood</li> <li>• Minimize sprawl</li> <li>• Mixed use neighborhoods</li> <li>• Small community feel, less walls, More connection</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase/ Keep walkable neighborhood</li> <li>• Minimize sprawl</li> <li>• Mixed use neighborhoods</li> <li>• Small community feel, less walls</li> <li>More connection</li> </ul> |
| Better grocery store                 | Better grocery Store                  | Light on Santa Fe & Cherry                                                                                                                                                                                          | Light on Santa Fe & Cherry                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| add more lights!                     | add more lights /                     | more Houses                                                                                                                                                                                                         | more Houses                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| larger commercial uses (i.e. Costco) | larger commercial uses (i.e., Costco) | <p>More Restaurants</p> <p>↓</p> <p>if I see another car wash or Starbucks I'm gonna yeeet off a building.</p>                                                                                                      | <p>More Restaurants</p> <p>if I see another car wash or Starbucks I'm gonna yeeet off a building .</p>                                                                                                                      |
| un centro medico                     | un centro medico                      | mas deportes para que vengan y vayan                                                                                                                                                                                | mas deportes para que vengan y Vayan                                                                                                                                                                                        |

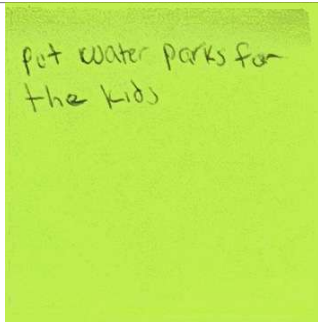
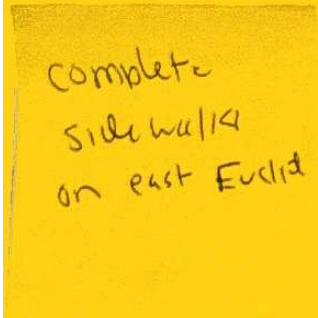
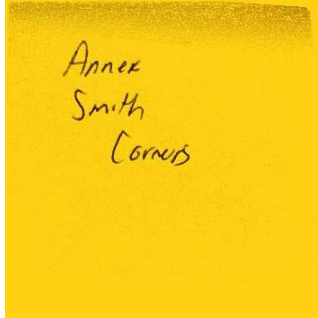
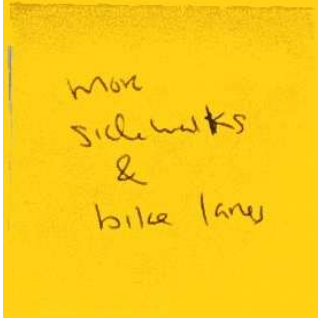
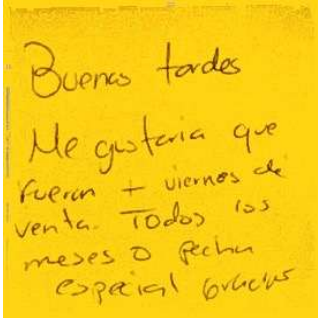
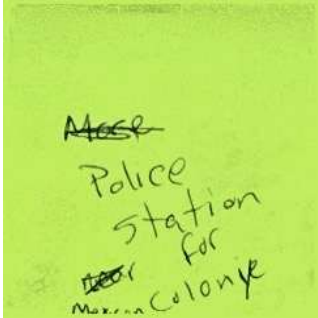
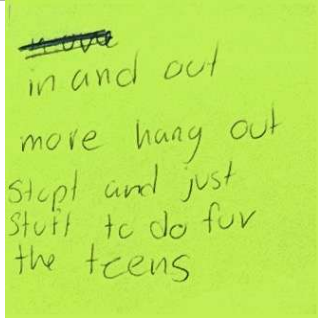
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| Comment                                                            | Transcription                                                      | Comment                                                                                                     | Transcription                                                                                |
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| Something<br>other<br>then<br>car washes                           | Something<br>other<br>then<br>car washes                           | We need a<br>Local Community<br>College/vocational<br>Campus<br>Fix our Streets                             | We need a<br>Local Community<br>College/vocational<br>Campus<br>. Fix our Streets            |
| All of<br>Smith<br>corners                                         | all of<br>Smith<br>corners                                         | <del>all</del><br>community<br>pool                                                                         | community<br>pool                                                                            |
| mas<br>education                                                   | mas<br>educación                                                   | Affordable<br>Gym                                                                                           | Affordable<br>Gym                                                                            |
| Light Polution<br>control; so we<br>can finally see<br>Some Stars* | Light Polution<br>control; so we<br>Can finally see<br>Some Stars" | more<br>Gyms                                                                                                | more<br>Gyms                                                                                 |
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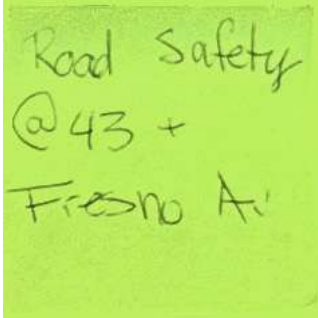
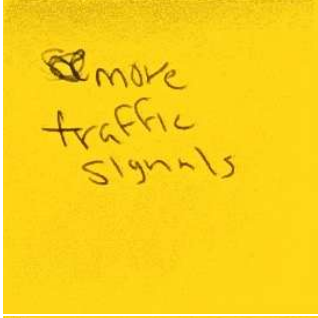
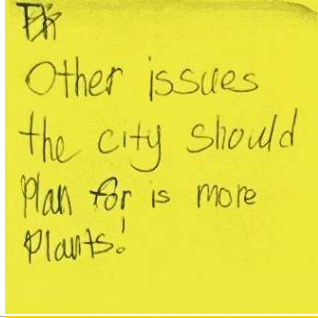
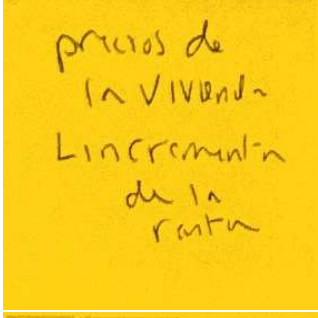
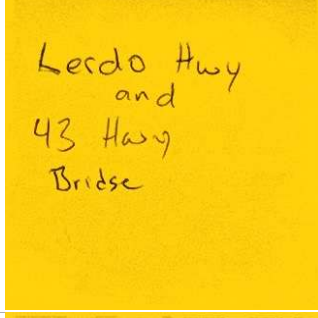
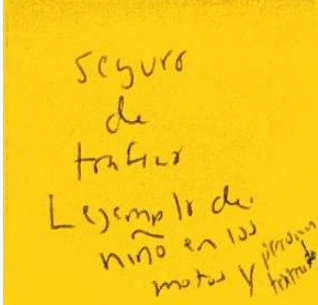
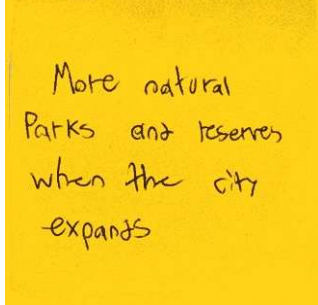
## Cinco De Mayo Festival - Community Input

Over the next 20 years, what other issues should the City plan for?

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|    | a canes                                                                                            |    | Put water parks for the kids                                      |
|    | complete Sidewalk on east Euclid                                                                   |    | Annex Smith Corners                                               |
|   | more sidewalks & bike lane                                                                         |   | Add a dutch bro's!                                                |
|  | Buenas tardes Me gustaria que fueran + viernes de venta. Todos los meses o pechan especial gracias |  | More Affordable Grocery Stores                                    |
|  | Police Station for Mexican colony                                                                  |  | in and out more hang out spots and just Stuff to do for the teens |

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|    | mas<br>transporte<br>publico                                                                       |    | more<br>stop signs                                             |
|    | Road Safety<br>@43 +<br>Fresno Ave.                                                                |    | Movie Theaters                                                 |
|   | more<br>traffic<br>Signals                                                                         |   | Other issues<br>the city should<br>Plan for is more<br>Plants. |
|  | precios de<br>la vivienda<br>Lincrementos<br>de la<br>renta                                        |  | Lerdo Hwy<br>and<br>43 Hwy<br>Bridge                           |
|  | seguro<br>de<br>trafico por ejemplo de.<br>nino en los<br>motos y personas que<br>textan y manejan |  | More natural<br>Parks and reserves<br>when the city<br>expands |

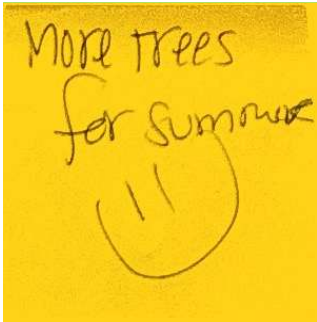
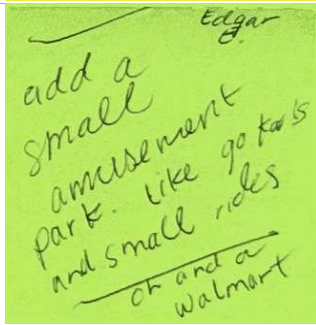
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Over the next 20 years, what other issues should the City plan for?

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|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| More Community events ☺                               | more Community events                                 | Que los stop tengan Luces y por la Golden Oak que este bien alumbrado                                                                                                                                                                | Que los stop tengan Luces y por la Golden Oak que este bien alumbrado                                                                                                                                                       |
| more benches in all parks and more native wildflowers | more benches in all parks and more native wildflowers | < Agree lights around the stops of Golden oak Also apartments                                                                                                                                                                        | < Agree lights around the stops of Golden oak Also apartments                                                                                                                                                               |
| add Walmar or ross.                                   | add a Walmart or ross.                                | Target or Walmar Grocery                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Target Walmart Grocery                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| more parks (open spaces)                              | more parks ( open spaces)                             | Affordable Housing Near by or on 7th Standard (for industrial park workers                                                                                                                                                           | Affordable housing near by or on 7th Standard (for industrial park workers)                                                                                                                                                 |
| Grocery store                                         | Grocery store                                         | Residential Apartments That are not for Ag Workers or Low income Individuals. Lots of people who grew up here and want to stay cannot live with our Parents forever. We get pushed to Bakersfield if we don't fit a certain category | Residential Apartments That are not for AG Workers or Low income Individuals. Lots of people who grew up here and want to stay cannot live with our Parents forever. We get pushed to Bakersfield if we don't fit a certain |

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|   | More Trees<br>for Summer |   | Grocery<br>Store / Bigger                                                           |
|  | More<br>Trees            |  | Add a small amusement<br>park. like go karts and<br>small rides<br>oh and a Walmart |



## Shafter High School - Community Input

Over the next 20 years, what other issues should the City plan for?

### Comment

Canes w shopping center  
KFC, MORE  
In n Out, Dutch Bros & offroad bike trail & a basketball court [at] Mannel Park  
Bass Pro, Pyramid  
Do away with High Speed Rail!!  
Specialized hospital facilities, more dial-a-ride buses, more scheduled bus routes from the Bakersfield  
Chick-fil-A  
[illegible] Walmart or Target  
More urgent cares and more transportation  
Most stores  
Offroad spot, better food  
Casino  
More public transit/walkable city, casino  
Add a casino  
Casino  
Extend the time for Dial-A-Ride (make it longer) PLEASE  
Casino  
Chick-fil-A  
Bars  
Canes  
A place to have fun  
Dutch Bros  
Mall  
Wingstop  
Replace new Starbucks with a Jack-in-the-Box  
Panda Express  
Casino  
An arcade  
Hot Topic  
Remove the new Starbucks  
Put a Chick-fil-A in Shafter please please please please  
Build more stores



## June First Friday - Community Input

Over the next 20 years, what other issues should the City plan for?

### Comment

Zachary & Driver Road connection to Lerdo Highway  
Another market  
KFC  
Include more restaurants for the community to be more together  
Canes  
Movie theatre  
In-Shape gym, World Market, Pop Mart, Target  
Daycare  
Pop Mart, water park, Chipotle  
Shopping center  
Shafter needs more apt. complex, market raid  
More apartments  
More trees  
KOA campground  
Luxury mobile home  
Trampoline park  
Bike lane accessibility, keeping the integrity of a small-town during expansion, schools in Gossamer Grover  
Affordable, nice apartments & gyms  
Apartment complex, bigger shopping center  
More affordable housint/apt., shopping centers, entertainment for adults/kids, water  
Add more places to eat

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## Form Results Summary

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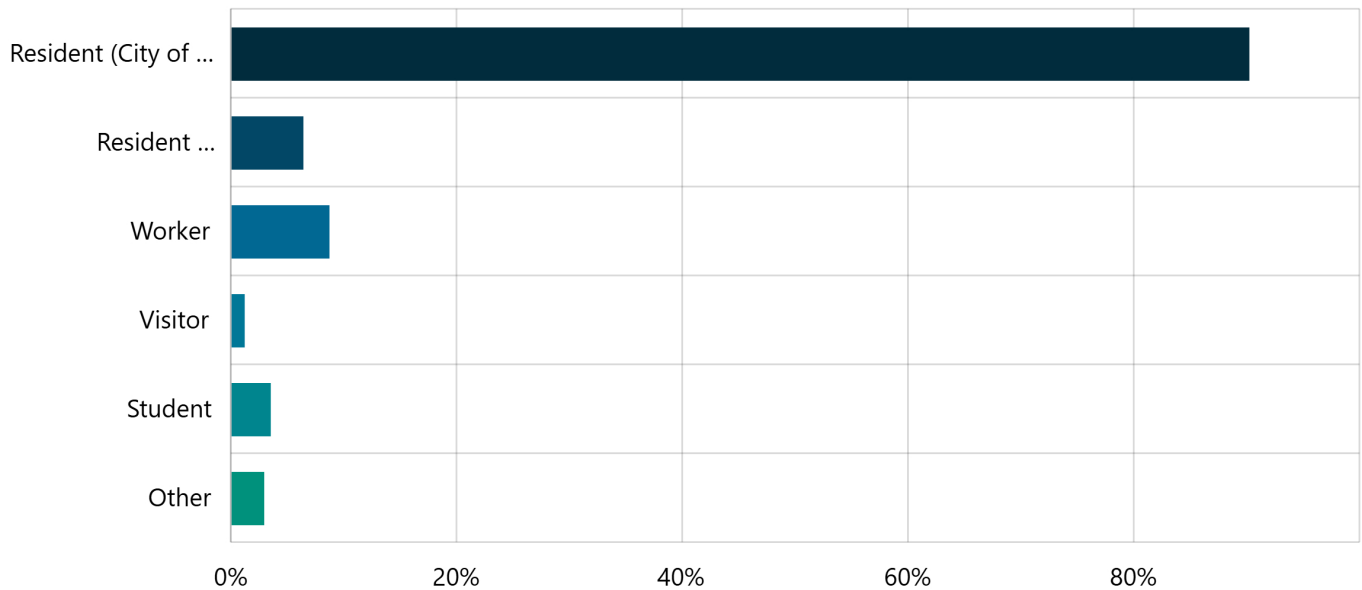
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## Contribution Summary

### 1. What is your connection to Shafter? Please select all that apply Required

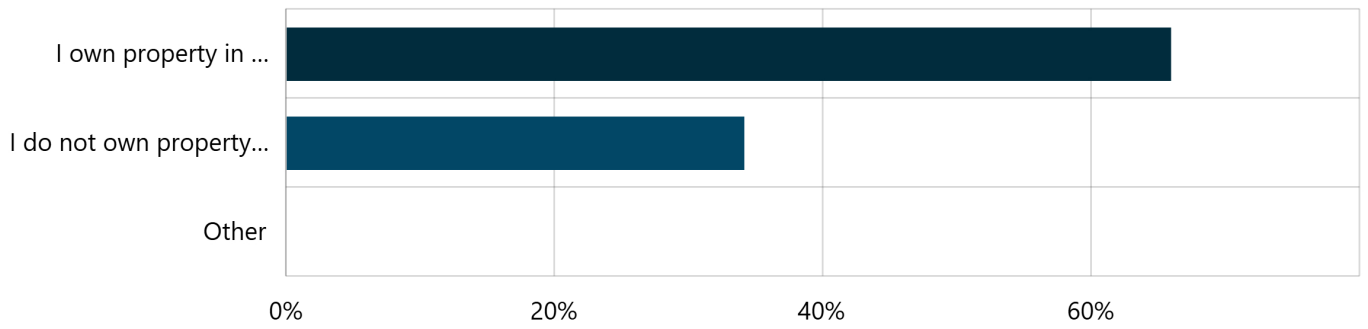
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 173 (100%)



| Answer choices                                                                                                                 | Percent | Count |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------|
| Resident (City of Shafter)                                                                                                     | 90.17%  | 156   |
| Resident (Unincorporated Shafter Community: La Colonia, Smith's Corner, Thomas Lane, Cherokee Strip, or North Kern Labor Camp) | 6.36%   | 11    |
| Worker                                                                                                                         | 8.67%   | 15    |
| Visitor                                                                                                                        | 1.16%   | 2     |
| Student                                                                                                                        | 3.47%   | 6     |
| Other                                                                                                                          | 2.89%   | 5     |

## 2. Do you own property in Shafter (other than your home)? Required

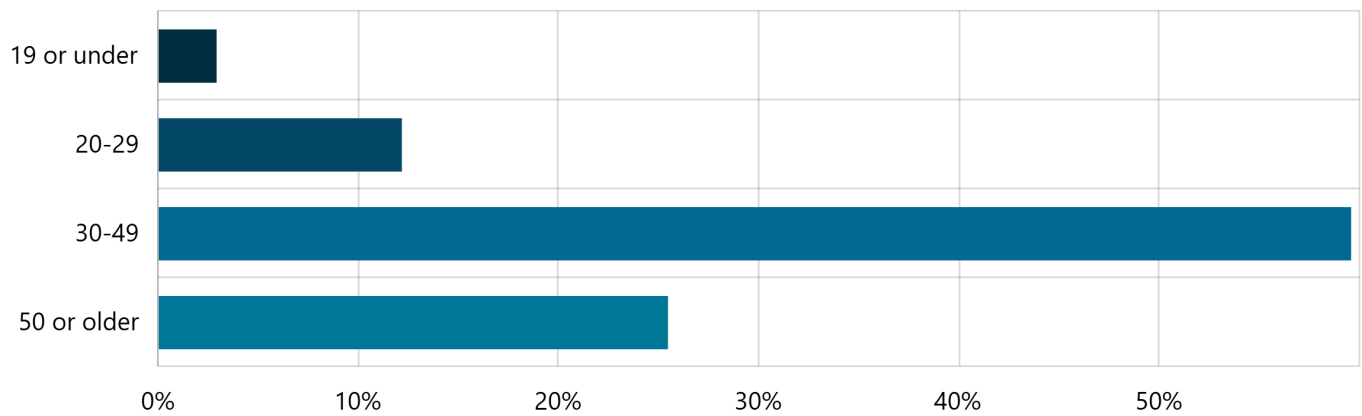
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| Answer choices                   | Percent | Count |
|----------------------------------|---------|-------|
| I own property in Shafter        | 65.90%  | 114   |
| I do not own property in Shafter | 34.10%  | 59    |
| Other                            | 0%      | 0     |

### 3. What is your age? Required

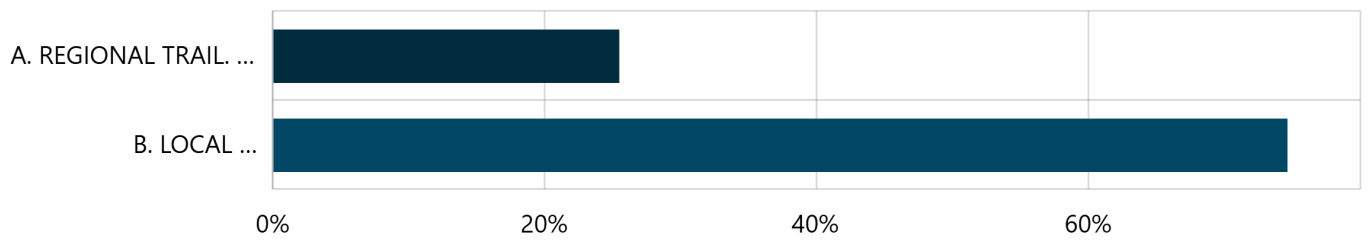
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| Answer choices | Percent        | Count      |
|----------------|----------------|------------|
| 19 or under    | 2.89%          | 5          |
| 20-29          | 12.14%         | 21         |
| 30-49          | 59.54%         | 103        |
| 50 or older    | 25.43%         | 44         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>100.00%</b> | <b>173</b> |

#### 4. What is most important for creating a more connected community? Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 173 (100%)



| Answer choices                                                                                                                                                                                   | Percent        | Count      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| A. REGIONAL TRAIL. Connect the core of Shafter to Gossamer Grove and the Kern River through a regional trail, increasing access to open space and supporting an intercity natural trail network. | 25.43%         | 44         |
| B. LOCAL CONNECTIONS. Improve pedestrian and bike infrastructure to create a safe, walkable, and bikeable city core.                                                                             | 74.57%         | 129        |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>100.00%</b> | <b>173</b> |

## 5. Have additional comments or ideas? Please share them here. Required

Long Text | Skipped: 135 | Answered: 38 (22%)

### Sentiment

No sentiment data

### Tags

No tag data

### Featured Contributions

Why is Shafter building more homes when we are water restricted?

Contribution 38 of 38 | July 21, 2025

I observe lots of people walking the Poplar and Lerdo area. with atv traffic on the same route lots of dust is being picked up every single day. dusting out people walking on the sidewalk on Poplar.

Contribution 37 of 38 | July 21, 2025

Can we get a long pathway to exercise in 'old Shafter', where one side is for bikes and the other for walkers/runners? What about a dog park in 'old Shafter', there is an empty lot off of Tulare and North Reiker.

Contribution 36 of 38 | July 20, 2025

I believe we should provide safer walking paths. In particular for the high school students crossing 43. In-road warning lights (IRWLs) would be a great way to keep all pedestrians safe, and a prime location would be on 43 and Tulare where heavy traffic is present. They are embedded in the pavement to clearly outline a crosswalk and rapidly flash in unison to alert distracted drivers that pedestrians are actively crossing.

Contribution 35 of 38 | July 19, 2025

Better transportation for seniors and people without transportation seven days a week. A way to get to events and appointments.

Contribution 34 of 38 | July 19, 2025

More safety crosswalks for pedestrian especially near schools. Speed radars.

Contribution 33 of 38 | July 18, 2025

Bike infrastructure not important except for School kids biking. A trail from the main part of Shafter to Gossamer Grove would be a security nightmare.

Contribution 32 of 38 | July 17, 2025

I would enjoy a designated bike path.

Contribution 31 of 38 | July 12, 2025

I would say the core city lacks infrastructure particularly in pedestrian safety and vehicle safety hwy 43 and W Tulare ave is a dangerous intersection to cross. I've seen many accidents here . It would be nice if the city beautified the entrance coming into Shafter from Wasco.

There isn't any welcome to the City Of Shafter sign or any landscaping or lighting.  
Contribution 30 of 38 | July 11, 2025

None of the above would be my choice, but it did not let me move forward unless I chose one, fixing our the roads are more important than creating more traffic with bike lanes, especially Lerdo Highway  
Contribution 29 of 38 | July 11, 2025

Roads need to fixed, repaved and better lighting as well.  
Contribution 28 of 38 | July 11, 2025

Cutting through farmland would be harmful to our neighbors and loss of production to our economy  
Contribution 27 of 38 | July 10, 2025

Try to do these changed without increasing fees for the citizens of Shafter, especially those that are very low income.  
Contribution 26 of 38 | July 10, 2025

If I needed to go to Gossamer Grove/Bakersfield, I would not take a trail. At that distance I would use my car. It's not like it's scenic between here and there.  
Contribution 25 of 38 | July 10, 2025

it would be nice to get a bit of both options.  
Contribution 24 of 38 | July 9, 2025

I don't think that increasing the population by 40% or selling out to a corporation would be a benefit to our community. It should also be a concern to our council members.  
Contribution 23 of 38 | July 9, 2025

We need a greenway, a safe trail where residents are able to take a walk and enjoy nature.  
Contribution 22 of 38 | June 29, 2025

Rebuild downtown by supporting small businesses. City of Shafter has to highlight each small business in downtown.  
Contribution 21 of 38 | June 20, 2025

We must take care of the local residents especially seniors  
Contribution 20 of 38 | June 20, 2025

Please ensure when defining "core of the city" we are talking about the actual downtown Shafter. Not the one outlined in the plans submitted by wonderful. Connection to our downtown means down our Main Street and support of local businesses all the way to Big Stop.  
Contribution 19 of 38 | June 20, 2025

This question does not give you much of a choice. It should have a scale to rate the choices, not be so black and white. I think we should concentrate on the city and downtown bringing in businesses. People walk now and ride their bikes so that is not something I feel should be a priority.

Contribution 18 of 38 | June 20, 2025

Our city is a good size and is already easy to walk or bike around.

Contribution 17 of 38 | June 20, 2025

Maybe fix some of the streets in the city

Contribution 16 of 38 | June 20, 2025

Encourage more locally owned small businesses that do not cater to poverty-level residents (ie, such as \$.99 stores) but more businesses that attempt to reach those with more moderate incomes (ie, such as boutiques).

Contribution 15 of 38 | June 18, 2025

City streets being improved should take priority over extracurriculars like this.

Contribution 14 of 38 | June 17, 2025

I'm about improving Shafter and things in in Shafter. Gossamer grove is not Shafter to. Just because of people voted on and made that part of Shafter doesn't mean it's Shafter.

Contribution 13 of 38 | June 17, 2025

Improve street lighting throughout the tree streets. Increase officer presence at schools during pick up time to deter traffic violations and improve pedestrian safety.

Contribution 12 of 38 | June 17, 2025

I believe this would be a benefit and hope the city would work with State Grants to get funding

Contribution 11 of 38 | June 16, 2025

Keep Shafter SMALL!! We enjoy our small town community and do not want to become Bakersfield!

Contribution 10 of 38 | June 16, 2025

I don't feel a need to connect the core and Gossamer Grove

Contribution 9 of 38 | June 16, 2025

Focus should be improving our already existing city!

Contribution 8 of 38 | June 16, 2025

\*Would love to see Santa Fe be a 2 lames rather than 1. \*Shafter would benefit with more healthier food options. \*Have a grocery store that has a variety of affordable food items. \*More Fun activities for the community to engage in.

Contribution 7 of 38 | June 13, 2025

Create more green arrow signal lights on very busy streets like on hwy 43 and Shafter ave by apple market. Everytime I get a green light sometimes I miss a whole light because of traffic and can't turn towards the high school!!  
Contribution 6 of 38 | June 13, 2025

Improve our downtown Shafter.  
Contribution 5 of 38 | June 13, 2025

No regional trail. Gossamer Grove and the original city of Shafter will not use it. There is no connection between the two. Gossamer Grove residents are so close to Bakersfield they will use those trails. Those citizens won't be biking in to Shafter. There is no draw for them too. And Wonderful coming in to develop a master planned community will not bring those two communities together.  
Contribution 4 of 38 | June 13, 2025

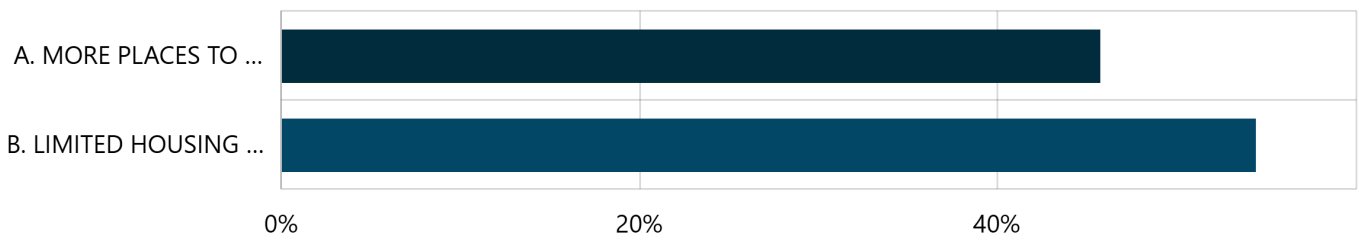
maybe concentrate local connections within shafter and gossamer grove and build the regional trail between shafter and grossamer grove  
Contribution 3 of 38 | June 13, 2025

Don't expand this city and cause gentrification in this community it's completely fine the way it is and if you choose to expand be prepared for repercussions which will lead lead to more crime due its increase in population! Part of Shafter's strengths is its close knit community !  
Contribution 2 of 38 | June 12, 2025

Keep growth minimal and no expansion. Growth is not always a great thing for our little town  
Contribution 1 of 38 | June 12, 2025

## 6. How many new homes and shops should Shafter plan for? Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 173 (100%)



| Answer choices                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Percent        | Count      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| A. MORE PLACES TO LIVE, MORE PLACES TO SHOP. Housing growth will increase population, attracting a greater number and variety of shopping and dining options to Shafter. Residents would no longer need to travel outside of the city to meet their needs.   | 45.66%         | 79         |
| B. LIMITED HOUSING AND RETAIL EXPANSION. With limited housing growth, the number and variety of shopping, service, and dining options within Shafter are unlikely to increase. Residents may need to travel outside of the city to meet some of their needs. | 54.34%         | 94         |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>100.00%</b> | <b>173</b> |

## 7. Have additional comments or ideas? Please share them here.

Long Text | Skipped: 128 | Answered: 45 (26%)

### Sentiment

No sentiment data

### Tags

No tag data

### Featured Contributions

Housing is important but making sure our establish neighborhoods are not next to any new lower income neighborhoods.

Contribution 45 of 45 | July 21, 2025

Why build more when we are water restricted?

Contribution 44 of 45 | July 21, 2025

We already go to Waco or Bakersfield. Don't want to lose our small town atmosphere.

Contribution 43 of 45 | July 19, 2025

More options for groceries stores and dinning.

Contribution 42 of 45 | July 18, 2025

I believe growth is good, but it needs to be thoughtful growth. Much consideration should be made for traffic flow, balance of houses for all levels of residents, connecting new neighborhoods to existing downtown, and strengthening our community.

Contribution 41 of 45 | July 17, 2025

Work to improve Santa Fe Hwy south of town. DO NOT close Beech RR crossing. Entry and exit traffic into Shafter is already congested. Addition stoplights on Lerdo will add to congestion without good planning; e.g. 4 lane divided Santa Fe Way.

Contribution 40 of 45 | July 14, 2025

We already travel outside of Shafter for needs. It is hard to attract business to Shafter when Bakersfield is so close.

Contribution 39 of 45 | July 12, 2025

We don't need more housing. Due to the fact that Rosedale area shopping is so close by now and a Costco will be built across from Gossamer Grove, we don't need additional shopping in Shafter, but if you are going to do it, follow the city design and format that Wasco is doing. They are not creating traffic like Shafter is.

Contribution 38 of 45 | July 11, 2025

I have been a resident of Shafter all my life! I think we need a little bit more stores for shopping and places to eat, a little more housing but NOT low income rentals. I like Shafter small, do not want it to grow too much.

Contribution 37 of 45 | July 11, 2025

I like the small town feel of Shafter and I don't want to see it grow. How are we building more houses when we already have restrictions on water usage for current residents? Rather than building new neighborhoods let's have incentives for people to buy existing older homes and work to help them maintain what we currently have.  
Contribution 36 of 45 | July 11, 2025

We live in a small community for a reason. Don't turn it into something we are not  
Contribution 35 of 45 | July 11, 2025

There is a way to do this internally without expanding beyond our core  
Contribution 34 of 45 | July 10, 2025

If water supply is available, then more housing. We do need more shopping. In the 48 years that I have lived here, we have lost pharmacies and major chain grocery stores. These need to come back.  
Contribution 33 of 45 | July 10, 2025

There is a great SHORTAGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING & as long as housing is being developed for ALL this is a great idea. Also, so many elderly and the disabled who lack mobility can't go in and out of Shafter with any frequency or without assistance so allowing some businesses that would make their lives a bit easier would be wonderful.  
Contribution 32 of 45 | July 10, 2025

More housing means more traffic means longer commutes (ex: adding more stop lights along Lerdo Hwy to allow for housing development between the city and the airport will double the time it takes to get to the 99). We don't need 2 Starbucks or more fast food. If I wanted to live in a city like Bakersfield then I would move to Bakersfield.  
Contribution 31 of 45 | July 10, 2025

Its nice to grow however the fear of losing our tight knit community would bring in a higher crime rate and less safe environment for our children.  
Contribution 30 of 45 | July 9, 2025

Retail is good but no more homes  
Contribution 29 of 45 | July 9, 2025

I don't believe the first statement is completely true. By increasing our population at a faster pace will change what we like about our small town forever! There are a lot of disadvantages to growth. Crime, traffic, lack of water to name a few. I would rather drive 12 miles to get those conveniences than change our community forever  
Contribution 28 of 45 | July 9, 2025

We need affordable housing for all. Condos, apartments as well as homes. Also better grocery stores  
Contribution 27 of 45 | July 6, 2025

We need to invest and renovate with what we already have in our beautiful downtown.  
Contribution 26 of 45 | June 29, 2025

Support our small businesses to grow so the residents can stay locally  
Contribution 25 of 45 | June 20, 2025

We do not need to expand so quickly. We are going to experience severe growing pains. Schools, children's activities, water & sewer, etc  
Contribution 24 of 45 | June 20, 2025

Invest in the business already here. We have countless spots to eat that are being drained and will be drained further through lack of investment. Chains like Starbucks and the potential of new Panda Express do not invest in our community.  
Contribution 23 of 45 | June 20, 2025

Again, the choices are very far apart. I would like to see more shopping so people do not need to travel outside of Shafter all the time. I would like to see some new housing, but not double the population and lose our small town feel.  
Contribution 22 of 45 | June 20, 2025

We already have most of what we need in town, and Bakersfield or wasco are close enough, for things we don't have. One of the joys of living in a small town is not having an abundance of stores and restaurants.  
Contribution 21 of 45 | June 20, 2025

More affordable housing  
Contribution 20 of 45 | June 19, 2025

Limited housing expansion, small apartment or condo style properties with retail expansion that boosts local small businesses. For ex. Retail buildings/lots segmented into small shops for lower rental costs but variety of shop types.  
Contribution 19 of 45 | June 19, 2025

Shopping needs to expand to the area by Tin Cup, for those of us living on this side of town. We also need to attract a major supermarket. Housing for retired residents needs to also be a priority inside the original Shafter city limits.  
Contribution 18 of 45 | June 18, 2025

The charm of Shafter is the fact it's a small town.  
Contribution 17 of 45 | June 18, 2025

Shafter was once a self-contained city that had drugstores, department stores, Mom and pop shops, boutiques, and residence lived, worked, dined, and shopped in Shafter. With Bakersfield's growth over the decades toward the north west and chapters growth to the south east there's been a blurred line between the two cities and chapter residence often travel to Bakersfield for larger commercial stores but also because the current selections and Shafter are mostly Mexican restaurants and \$.99 stores. By growing the number of residence and downtown businesses that provide the same or similar shopping experiences as Bakersfield will allow residence to remain here rather than use as a bedroom community only for Bakersfield jobs and shopping.  
Contribution 16 of 45 | June 18, 2025

City doesn't support local small businesses like it does corporate partners.  
Contribution 15 of 45 | June 17, 2025

we already do travel outside of Shafter it's not a big deal. It takes 15 minutes to get to rosedale  
Contribution 14 of 45 | June 17, 2025

Keep Shafter the best small town in California. Having the badge of the fastest growing city is a blight, not an honor. Make it difficult for large corporations to develop Shafter and build their own city within the city. Require new developments to widen highways and provide merge lanes/overpasses before breaking ground on development. Do not put the cost burden on citizens, place that burden on developers. This includes any additional infrastructure needed or any infrastructure that may be needed in the future. Do not allow more building without requiring the infrastructure, roads to be in place first. Require more green spaces and parks. Do not incentivize large corporations to build new cities within Shafter. Instead, invest in downtown. Offer grants for small businesses. Do not approve any more drive thrus which strip the character of small towns. Require businesses to plant trees as part of their approved plans.  
Contribution 13 of 45 | June 17, 2025

As we consider the benefits of housing and retail expansion, we must ensure that revitalization efforts prioritize Shafter's downtown core, making it a vibrant hub for residents and visitors alike. However, it's equally important to preserve our community's independence and diversity; we should avoid becoming a 'company town' dominated by a single industry or developer interest. Sustainable growth should reflect the values and needs of Shafter's families, not just outside investments  
Contribution 12 of 45 | June 16, 2025

While we want the city to grow, we need to focus on building up the infrastructure that is currently in place including improve the downtown and building new businesses within the city.  
Contribution 11 of 45 | June 16, 2025

I would love to have more places to shop but if that needs housing growth then i would not support it. Housing growth is not desirable.  
Contribution 10 of 45 | June 16, 2025

I would just like a new grocery store! Keep Shafter the small town that we all love!  
Contribution 9 of 45 | June 16, 2025

Buy central and do what you know needs to be done to revitalize that street to be what we all know it can be. Stop sitting on money we know you have  
Contribution 8 of 45 | June 14, 2025

More variety of places to eat. Everything here is mostly the same. It would be nice to have healthier food options too. Wasco has more variety than here. Also, we need a better grocery store than Apple Market here. With Rite Aid closing it would be good to have a new pharmacy here as well.  
Contribution 7 of 45 | June 14, 2025

A good big corporation grocery store would help with affordable prices like Walmart!  
Contribution 6 of 45 | June 13, 2025

No to Wonderful master planned community. They should invest their money in to the current city. Make downtown Shafter appealing by remodeling, bringing in national chains, but keeping local businesses. Don't let a big corporation ruin our city by building for 3500 homes. It will ruin the city of Shafter's small town, close knit, community. If they have to ask what our traditions are in their information meeting, then they don't belong.  
Contribution 5 of 45 | June 13, 2025

definitely more options, always a limit to duplicating the same store  
Contribution 4 of 45 | June 13, 2025

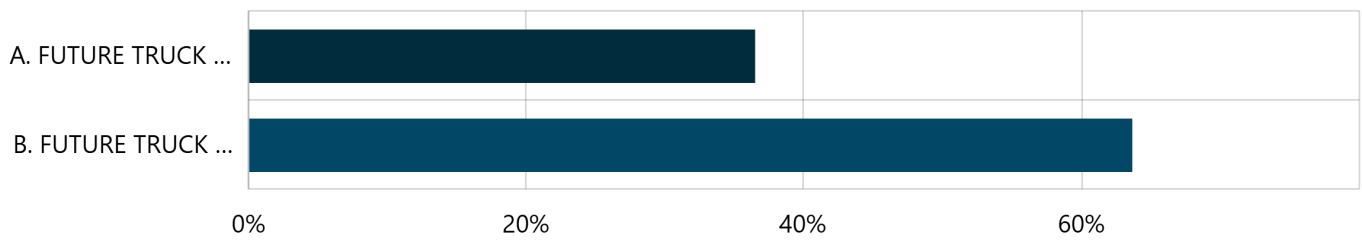
Please update downtown and make our locally owned businesses thrive.  
Contribution 3 of 45 | June 13, 2025

Where's the agricultural aspect and business going to go? How are those dollars going to be replaced by selling land to corporations like Wonderful, who already control almost 60% of the water in California? What about the disadvantaged areas that are included in these areas you want to expand?  
Contribution 2 of 45 | June 13, 2025

I don't mind driving if it means keeping our town small  
Contribution 1 of 45 | June 12, 2025

## 8. How do we route trucks from industrial areas in Bakersfield and Shafter to SR 99? Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 173 (100%)



| Answer choices                                                                                                                                                                                     | Percent        | Count      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| A. FUTURE TRUCK ROUTE ALONG CHERRY AVENUE. Plan for future truck traffic along Cherry Avenue, with design features to reduce negative impacts on future residential uses near the core of Shafter. | 36.42%         | 63         |
| B. FUTURE TRUCK ROUTE SOUTH OF LERDO HIGHWAY. Plan for future truck traffic away from future growth near the core of Shafter to avoid impacts on future residential uses near Shafter's core.      | 63.58%         | 110        |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>100.00%</b> | <b>173</b> |

## 9. Have additional comments or ideas? Please share them here.

Long Text | Skipped: 158 | Answered: 15 (8.7%)

### Sentiment

No sentiment data

### Tags

No tag data

### Featured Contributions

The only choice should be 7th standard. It already connects the 99 & Interstate 5. Keep it over there.

Contribution 15 of 15 | July 21, 2025

I like the Cherry plan, but it could connect to Lerdo with a full interchange. I am more concerned about the North-South from the current warehouse areas...as in: Zachary to Lerdo and Driver to Lerdo. The roads used North of the warehouse area are not as shown on the map (Burbank St.!) The trucks are using Riverside to Cherry.

Contribution 14 of 15 | July 17, 2025

Better truck traffic must be planned . See above statement.

Contribution 13 of 15 | July 14, 2025

Truck traffic should not be going through on Lerdo Highway, both Bakersfield and Shafter missed the boat in not creating a truck route on 7th Standard from the 99 that would have connected to I-5. If you are going to create a future truck route it should be on 7th Standard.

Contribution 12 of 15 | July 11, 2025

Cherry is very close to new housing on Beach. Also will divid new housing along Lerdo from city center.

Contribution 11 of 15 | July 10, 2025

Less trucks passing through Lerdo Highway would be nice.

Contribution 10 of 15 | July 10, 2025

If you're trying to avoid heavy traffic, Cherry is a nice work around. I'd hate to see it clogged with heavy truck traffic. Cherry may become even more important if high speed rail starts shutting down our existing railroad crossings.

Contribution 9 of 15 | July 10, 2025

Cherry Ave would be great; must add a traffic signal light or a 4-way stop

Contribution 8 of 15 | June 20, 2025

Both choices are bad. Both choices will bring more traffic on to Central Valley Hwy . The traffic is bad now, early morning and anytime after 4:00pm. People coming and going into Shafter would hit this. Both choices takes more traffic to 7th Standard Rd. and that road is very bad now.

Contribution 7 of 15 | June 20, 2025

I'm not against this. Up north they have truck route that connects from like Delano always the to pass readily  
Contribution 6 of 15 | June 17, 2025

The Wonderful Industrial Park was approved without a plan for semi truck traffic. We are dealing with the consequences of this with the unsafe entrance from Cherry to Lerdo, where semi trucks often don't even make a complete stop before merging on. Let this be a lesson to Shafter. Do not approve growth without planning roads to be done prior to new construction. That traffic needs to be directed away from Shafter city core. If any projects may increase traffic on Lerdo or Santa Fe, they need to be required to fund road widening/merge lanes/over passes before construction begins.  
Contribution 5 of 15 | June 17, 2025

While both options address future logistics, we should prioritize a truck route plan that supports Shafter's downtown revitalization without compromising its potential as a livable, walkable center. Routing trucks away from the core—as in Scenario B; better aligns with a vision of a family-centered downtown, while still allowing industrial development to thrive on the periphery. The goal should be to foster growth without sacrificing the charm and character that define our community  
Contribution 4 of 15 | June 16, 2025

I don't want any more traffic imposing on Lerdo Highway and the Cherry intersection.  
Contribution 3 of 15 | June 16, 2025

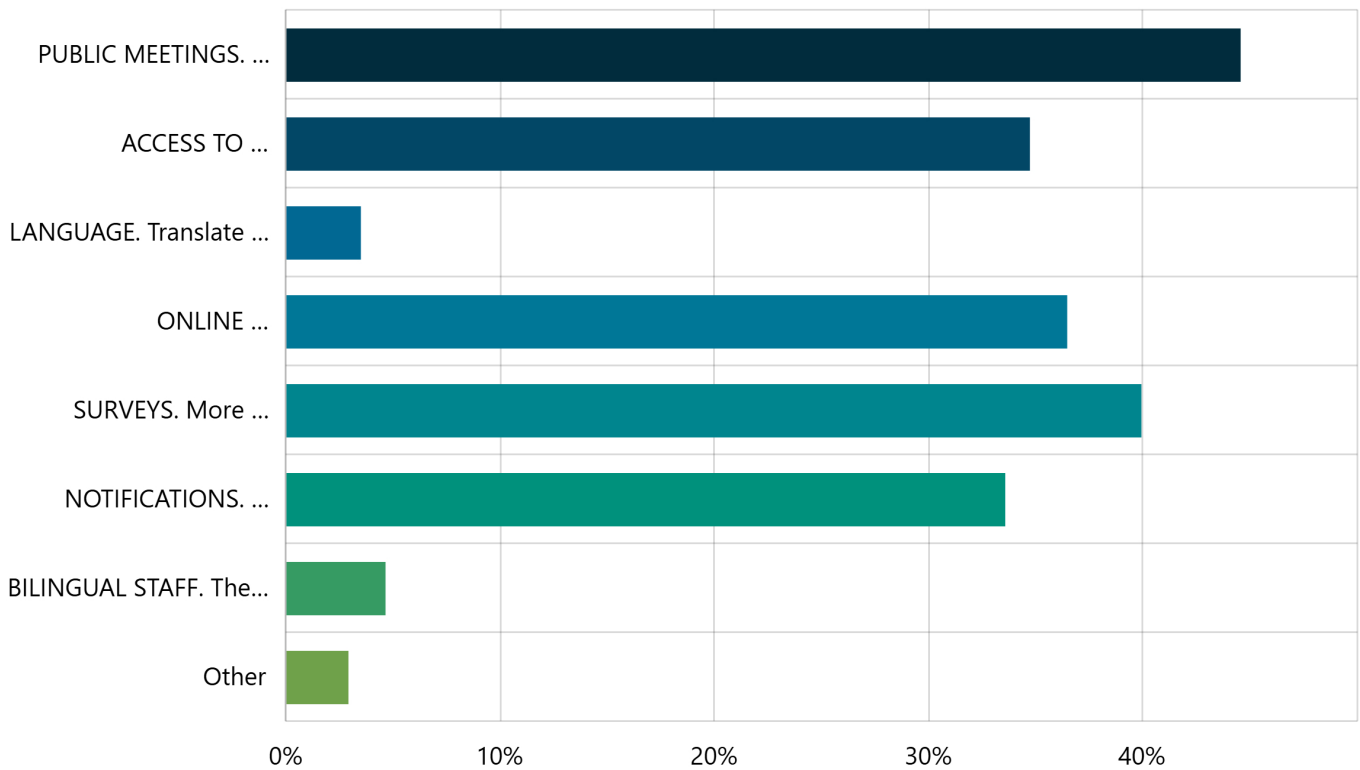
If Cherry Ave is chosen for a truck route we will need either a traffic signal or a 4-way stop to make it easily accessible for them.  
Contribution 2 of 15 | June 14, 2025

Aren't those two answers the same? South of Lerdo?  
Contribution 1 of 15 | June 12, 2025

## 10. What would most improve City processes so that resident input can affect the outcome of City decisions?

(pick two) Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 173 (100%)



| Answer choices                                                                              | Percent | Count |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------|
| PUBLIC MEETINGS. More public meetings throughout all stages of the decision-making process. | 44.51%  | 77    |
| ACCESS TO MATERIALS. Materials provided earlier in the decision-making process.             | 34.68%  | 60    |
| LANGUAGE. Translate more materials and provide interpretation.                              | 3.47%   | 6     |
| ONLINE ENGAGEMENT. More online engagement (social media, informational websites).           | 36.42%  | 63    |
| SURVEYS. More surveys (online or paper).                                                    | 39.88%  | 69    |
| NOTIFICATIONS. More/earlier notifications of major projects.                                | 33.53%  | 58    |
| BILINGUAL STAFF. The City should have more bilingual staff.                                 | 4.62%   | 8     |
| Other                                                                                       | 2.89%   | 5     |

## 11. Have additional comments or ideas? Please share them here.

Long Text | Skipped: 153 | Answered: 20 (11.6%)

### Sentiment

No sentiment data

### Tags

No tag data

### Featured Contributions

Keep Shafter rural. Make decisions based on the public who live here, not by those who do not even live in Shafter.

Contribution 20 of 20 | July 21, 2025

Don't count on social media. We don't all use it.

Contribution 19 of 20 | July 19, 2025

Surveys need to be held with plenty of time to the public.

Contribution 18 of 20 | July 18, 2025

I think that the City of Shafter tries very hard to get community involvement.

Contribution 17 of 20 | July 17, 2025

A good example currently taking place; there is no need to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars changing city logo and impact of costs to city. Nothing wrong with current logo. The public doesn't want it nor do we need it.

Contribution 16 of 20 | July 14, 2025

It is very easy to fill out a survey.

Contribution 15 of 20 | July 12, 2025

The public meetings should be hosted by the City of Shafter and our elected officials, not from employees and CEO's of companies like Wonderful who just want to push their agenda.

Contribution 14 of 20 | July 11, 2025

Have paper surveys available at city hall/the learning center for those who don't have social media.

Contribution 13 of 20 | July 10, 2025

Admittedly I don't use social media, but since I don't usually pick up a Shafter Press I feel very out of the loop on what is happening in Shafter. It'd be nice if there was a dedicated webpage to upcoming and community events, city news, project updates, etc.

Contribution 12 of 20 | July 10, 2025

Social media, surveys and community meetings are all good if you can trust that the decisions haven't already been made and that the public's input is really being considered.

Contribution 11 of 20 | July 9, 2025

The city usually decides then posts and wonder why no one agrees

Contribution 10 of 20 | July 6, 2025

The information about this was not public enough so that the community knew about what was planned. Everyone is not on social media.

Contribution 9 of 20 | June 20, 2025

Actually taking the residents of Shafter's opinion for consideration. More paper notices and surveys, our older community members do not always have access on line or do social media. It feels like the public meetings are just to suffice the legal obligation, our city council has already made their decision.

Contribution 8 of 20 | June 18, 2025

Hire statisticians to do city surveys to get actual ideas and feedback. Surveys are great, but the ones the city does currently are loaded with bias and get responses, not answers. You're collecting bad data

Contribution 7 of 20 | June 17, 2025

If we are more informed, then we can make more educated answers to the improvements. And invoice our opinions on the dues and don'ts that we like and dislike.

Contribution 6 of 20 | June 17, 2025

Reach out to Shafter's older population. This online survey is likely missing the voices of those in upper age demographics who have wisdom to impart. Host resident, home owner, small business meetings to gain input from stakeholders.

Contribution 5 of 20 | June 17, 2025

People do not know about this survey because they are not on social media. There was a workshop just for the high school kids. There should also be a workshop for the rest of the citizens at the Veterans Hall sponsored by the City of Shafter. Not sponsored by Wonderful.

Contribution 4 of 20 | June 16, 2025

We DO NOT need to spend extra tax payers money on additional bilingual services. We all live in America and must learn the language.

Contribution 3 of 20 | June 14, 2025

Please be transparent with your citizens. Shafter is the way it is because of the people who live here. The citizens want their voices heard and the city to be open with new projects to pertain to growth. Growth isn't always good. Especially if the citizens don't want it.

Contribution 2 of 20 | June 13, 2025

Why limited to 2 answers

Contribution 1 of 20 | June 12, 2025

## 12. What other issues should the City plan for? Required

Long Text | Skipped: 72 | Answered: 101 (58.4%)

### Sentiment

No sentiment data

### Tags

No tag data

### Featured Contributions

East Lerdo and Cherry really needs a traffic light. There are a lot of accidents there.

Contribution 101 of 101 | July 21, 2025

The city has us on restricted water usage. Unrestrict the water usage and lower the rates. Then building new homes & strutures might make sense.

Contribution 100 of 101 | July 21, 2025

safe pedestrian crossing on West lerdo. cross traffic on schaidnt and lerdo.

Contribution 99 of 101 | July 21, 2025

Install a traffic light at the first stop sign coming into Shafter northbound, where it gets backed up by the medical clinic. Widen the median in front of Apple market along the highway for the high schoolers who cross the street, in order to provide a safe dedicated pedestrian corridor/island. Might as well keep the students safe regardless if they shouldn't cross right there, because in reality the majority are not walking down to the cross walk.

Contribution 98 of 101 | July 20, 2025

The new logo is awful. What are those 4 gum drop/candy corn shapes? Everything on a logo should be extremely significant to Shafter. Citizens should be able to vote. All the money already in this, plus all the changes that will have to be made.....a waste

Contribution 97 of 101 | July 19, 2025

Safety for pedestrian and more maintenance of the city. Make it more appealing.

Contribution 96 of 101 | July 18, 2025

Public transit. We are a growing city and growing in a disconnected way. The time to think about these things and develop a transit master plan is now while things are being built, not 30 or 40 hears from now when things will have to be demolished to make way for dedicated bus lanes, light rail, or whatever. Even just having an open space available for transit options to be built on in the future.

Contribution 95 of 101 | July 17, 2025

Our city council needs to find one voice that speaks for all of the residents. They need to look to what is good for the community of Shafter.

Contribution 94 of 101 | July 17, 2025

We need integrated housing. We need all types of housing entry level and larger homes. If all housing is entry level when residents are ready to upgrade they move to Bakersfield, because there is nothing available.

Contribution 93 of 101 | July 17, 2025

Keeping the downtown core area vital. Keep Shafter costs down. Don't contract out city services.

Contribution 92 of 101 | July 17, 2025

Better traffic control by the police dept. school traffic in mornings and afternoons is terrible. Drivers park illegally, make illegal U-turns, and generally not polite at uncontrolled intersections, abusing right of ways.

Contribution 91 of 101 | July 14, 2025

Natural disaster for example, an earthquake or flooding

Contribution 90 of 101 | July 14, 2025

More lights north of town along hwy 43 and more lights north of shafter area

Contribution 89 of 101 | July 11, 2025

Help businesses all over town with updating their buildings, parking, signage, etc.

Contribution 88 of 101 | July 11, 2025

More housing so retail can come.

Contribution 87 of 101 | July 11, 2025

Our roads and traffic in Shafter. Right now our roads are so pathetic and during the school year it's impossible to go anywhere until all the kids are in school or have already been picked up from school. Crime in Shafter - we have one of the biggest and best trained police departments for our small town and you never see officers patrolling. People are roaming the streets at night vandalizing our property and stealing things from our homes. The recent 4th of July is a perfect example, it was a war zone. I don't blame our police department, they are doing the best they can, but we need more boots on the ground, more officers.

Contribution 86 of 101 | July 11, 2025

ENFORCE the curb appeal throughout the city for both commercial as well as residential properties!

Contribution 85 of 101 | July 11, 2025

Internal improvements in our original Shafter would be nice as well, not just new Shafter, there are a lot of locations currently in town that could use improvements, even some busy streets that could use sidewalks or street lights that are too dark, some are close to schools and parks, even the high school and recreation where there is foot traffic. In residential areas people are always speeding. We currently have a speedometer on our street it hasn't worked in over a year. It doesn't do anything..

Contribution 84 of 101 | July 11, 2025

Traffic is already heavy at certain times of the day. As the population increases it will create additional stresses on the current traffic system. Attention to dangerous intersections, most on Santa Fe are dangerous as well as traffic issues such as Santa Fe and 43 or Central, Lerdo, and Shafter Ave.

Contribution 83 of 101 | July 10, 2025

Keeping to our city core, upgrading and improving our downtown areas and supporting our current businesses.  
Contribution 82 of 101 | July 10, 2025

We have lost pharmacies and major chain grocery stores, while at the same time the city is rapidly growing. We need to bring back drug stores and grocery stores NOW!  
Contribution 81 of 101 | July 10, 2025

The city of bakersfield has a great program for those with utilities and allows those with low-income status to receive their water meter fees discounted or for Free. I have served many elderly and disabled who are the most financially vulnerable in the city of Shafter & this type of program such as CAL WATER implemented would be quite useful to these demographics in our community.  
Contribution 80 of 101 | July 10, 2025

I am scared for when high speed rail actually comes into Shafter. We only have 3 railroad crossings, which are already jam packed during school times, 4 if you count the crossing at Beech/Los Angeles. If high speed rail comes in and starts shutting crossings down for construction it'll be a gridlock, especially if they are intending to permanently close the Beech/Los Angeles crossing. People use that all the time as a way around city traffic, why would we permanently close one of the few ways we have across the tracks? If the current plan is to leave the railroad at grade and make the roads go underneath, that'll have major impacts on the existing intersections and likely close off some side street access to these main crossing points because of the need to ramp the roads under the railroad. Plus, the grade separation walls in Wasco look ugly, and the dirt berms are even worse, covered with ground squirrels holes and dead weeds. I don't want to look at that for the rest of my life, and I don't want our intersections tore up under construction for the next decade.  
Contribution 79 of 101 | July 10, 2025

We need districts so we can talk to our district member when we have a problem and they know what kind of problem we have, on our district.  
Contribution 78 of 101 | July 9, 2025

Keep our community small. Growth is not always good. Look at Delano.  
Contribution 77 of 101 | July 9, 2025

More green areas. With the incoming hot year we have ahead of us as climate change evolves, we need more green areas. Every new construction should prioritize and sustain green areas. Also, we need to have multiple air quality sensors across de city as well as notify residents whenever ranch owners spray the fields with chemicals that indirectly affect all residents. All of this information can be easily accessible through an app.  
Contribution 76 of 101 | June 29, 2025

Grocery store that doesn't triple the cost of everything.  
Contribution 75 of 101 | June 20, 2025

Support small businesses  
Contribution 74 of 101 | June 20, 2025

None  
Contribution 73 of 101 | June 20, 2025

This survey is not written very well. The results are skewed, because the survey is biased. The survey should be redone.  
Contribution 72 of 101 | June 20, 2025

Higher population means more crowded areas, more traffic, more accidents, more crime, more pollution, more litter, more problems.  
Contribution 71 of 101 | June 20, 2025

Fix the old roads in town  
Contribution 70 of 101 | June 20, 2025

A beautification project of downtown Shafter on Central Avenue that makes the area more robust, sought after, and centralized. Continue to encourage Small locally owned businesses and boutiques along Central Avenue that draw in Shafter's residence to keep business and the economy local.  
Contribution 69 of 101 | June 18, 2025

Infrastructure failing.  
Contribution 68 of 101 | June 17, 2025

The city should focus more efforts on preserving/planting trees and other plant life throughout the town.  
Contribution 67 of 101 | June 17, 2025

I think the city has sold their soul to wonderful company. And yes, I understand that they bring a lot of money in, but at the same time you will lose the small town feel of Shafter. That's the reason why we live in Shafter. We all had opportunities to move the Bakersfield, but we didn't because we like our small town just like if the current high school district decides to build another high school it will screw up Shafter High school.  
Contribution 66 of 101 | June 17, 2025

Make the standard to build in Shafter higher. Do not allow for drive thru businesses which discourages neighbors and community members from interacting. Require large corporations and developers to fund infrastructure - including widening highways - prior to building. Work with the historical society to identify buildings that should be registered as historic to protect them (like the building that was torn down on central and Santa Fe).  
Contribution 65 of 101 | June 17, 2025

Schools closer to Gossamer Grove.  
Contribution 64 of 101 | June 16, 2025

Water, Sewer, and Storm Drainage: Ensure utilities can support both residential and commercial growth, especially in newly developing areas. Road Maintenance and Traffic Flow: Plan for increased vehicle use, intersection safety, and long-term pavement management. Broadband and Digital Infrastructure: Enhance internet connectivity for education, business, and remote work opportunities.  
Contribution 63 of 101 | June 16, 2025

We should focus on our city within downtown and immediately around downtown. Bring businesses to these areas before we build outside.  
Contribution 62 of 101 | June 16, 2025

More activities for children in the community. Preferably something inside during the summer when its 100+ degrees. The children's museum in San Luis Obispo is a great model!  
Contribution 61 of 101 | June 16, 2025

I would prefer the existing housing be improved through incentives for owners rather than so many new houses. Keep shafter small but bring up the economic level of residents.  
Contribution 60 of 101 | June 16, 2025

As a long time Shafter resident, I would hope that the city would focus on the actual needs and wants of the residents currently living here.  
Contribution 59 of 101 | June 16, 2025

Additional Senior Center physical activities. How about a tennis court complex?  
Contribution 58 of 101 | June 14, 2025

\*More lights in the streets \*PAVE the potholes throughout the city \*Increase community engagement  
Contribution 57 of 101 | June 13, 2025

A over pass for the train would really help us!!!  
Contribution 56 of 101 | June 13, 2025

We may need more schools for the incoming residents. A school district near grossamer grove should be built to further create the notion that grossamer grove belongs to Shafter.  
Contribution 55 of 101 | June 13, 2025

Grocery store, retail (Ross, Marshall's etc), and a chicken fast food restaurant.  
Contribution 54 of 101 | June 13, 2025

Keep Shafter small! Keep locally owned businesses open!  
Contribution 53 of 101 | June 13, 2025

Issue with homeless citizens. Road fixes in unincorporated areas.  
Contribution 52 of 101 | June 13, 2025

Traffic at lerdo and 99 (to and from Bakersfield) needs attention. Like two turn lanes. Probably a Caltrans project but City should push for it.  
Contribution 51 of 101 | June 12, 2025

More homes= more people= more people coming from all over= more crime  
Contribution 50 of 101 | June 12, 2025

Sidewalk and parks completion in north Shafter, been years and still gets put last while other parks get renovated this one hasn't been built.

Contribution 49 of 101 | June 11, 2025

Side walks from Fresno Ave. to Apple Market and with bike lanes too

Contribution 48 of 101 | June 11, 2025

We need more fast food, restaurants, and grocery stores and shopping for clothes. Maybe a neighborhood Walmart and a Ross

Contribution 47 of 101 | June 11, 2025

Continue to revitalize central avenue yo keep the city center nice.

Contribution 46 of 101 | June 11, 2025

The city is growing too rapidly. The housing track off of 7th Standard along with the Wonderful Business Park are stretching our roads thin. Before any more housing or industrial parks are approved, require widening of roadways leading to 99 and I5, and roads leading to and from Shafter. Planning without preparing infrastructure is setting us up for disaster. Promote local small businesses and invest in the downtown area. No need to develop new areas when we have existing areas that need updating.

Contribution 45 of 101 | June 11, 2025

Make the city more fun and better to live in

Contribution 44 of 101 | June 10, 2025

Consider all the issues with our current downtown. We continue to vocalize and request over and over the investment in our current downtown, however it is obvious they go unheard with the recent developments and expansions outside of those parameters. Our downtown has store front after store front left undeveloped and abandoned with the most recent development (a beauty shop) eliciting a MAJOR ribbon cutting. That is embarrassing. Our downtown should be the most thriving and vibrant part of our community.

Contribution 43 of 101 | June 10, 2025

Worsening infrastructure. Roads are terrible. Central is embarrassing and it's our downtown!

Contribution 42 of 101 | June 10, 2025

Keep agriculture land zoned ag. Don't allow corporate sized housing communities. Plan for small neighborhoods (20 houses or less) scattered around the city. Improve the downtown experience by offering small business grants for beautification of older buildings. Continue to paint murals reflecting Shafter's rich history.

Contribution 41 of 101 | June 10, 2025

Limit drive thru establishments in Shafter, especially on roads with higher speed limits. Take into account traffic impact prior to approving any new houses or businesses. Do not allow an enormous corporation (Wonderful) to build a new city within Shafter. We are not a company town.

Contribution 40 of 101 | June 10, 2025

Ways to slow growth (residential and industrial) to focus on infrastructure for residents.

Contribution 39 of 101 | June 10, 2025

The peacefulness of living in a small town far outweighs any big city conveniences. No more growth without proper proactive infrastructure. For instance, Wonderful Industrial Park should not have been approved before a plan for a connection to 99/I 5 was built. Semi trucks make a dangerous turn onto Lerdo Hwy from Cherry and residents are the ones put at risk. Do not approve any further growth (housing, industrial) without demanding the developer widen roads, prepare infrastructure before breaking ground. It's your responsibility to make sure Shafter grows wisely / there should be no rush to approve anything. Take time to consider all potential impacts and make sure the residents aren't the ones paying the price for giant corporate growth. Say no to developing the Lerdo corridor.

Contribution 38 of 101 | June 10, 2025

The success of a city is not defined by its rate of growth. The success of a city is defined by the quality of life of the residents and the relationship between neighbors. Say yes to fostering neighborhood community. Say no to outsiders building an entirely new city - which will increase traffic, crime, pollution - and say yes to keeping Shafter small.

Contribution 37 of 101 | June 10, 2025

Keep Shafter green by promoting agriculture. Don't pave paradise to put in thousands of new homes

Contribution 36 of 101 | June 10, 2025

How are you reaching out to older residents to gain their insight? Every person I've talked to over 50 is against new proposed housing developments. What Wonderful is trying to do will destroy Shafter.

Contribution 35 of 101 | June 10, 2025

Instead of allowing Wonderful to build a new city within Shafter, encourage them to invest in downtown!

Contribution 34 of 101 | June 10, 2025

Offer informational classes on trees that thrive in Shafter, then for people who attend the class, give them free trees to plant in their yards to make Shafter more beautiful. No more new developments destroying Shafter's beautiful farmland.

Contribution 33 of 101 | June 10, 2025

Let Shafter residents decide on any community changing projects before they're approved. Put any new major housing development on the ballot and let the people decide the city's future.

Contribution 32 of 101 | June 10, 2025

Plan for small business investment in down town instead of chains like Starbucks or McDonalds. Do not allow any new mega housing developments without making the developers pay for infrastructure first - new roads, widening roads, etc. I do not want my tax money or the city's funds going to any investment in infrastructure required due to enormous housing projects. Do not allow building first, infrastructure later. We will need Lerdo and Santa Fe widened with overpasses/merge lanes to accommodate the behemoth housing development proposed by wonderful. Make it as difficult for them as possible.

Contribution 31 of 101 | June 10, 2025

Protecting the culture and rich history of our city by limiting growth and promoting small business.

Contribution 30 of 101 | June 10, 2025

Offer small business grants to improve downtown. Have the farmer's market/first Fridays in the middle of central ave in front of the bank so people will go into existing restaurants and businesses. It's fun to have these things, but they draw business away from established businesses and restaurants.

Contribution 29 of 101 | June 10, 2025

Traffic around schools at pick up time - more police presence to keep traffic under control.  
Contribution 28 of 101 | June 10, 2025

Keeping Shafter a small town. No mega housing developments in Shafter core.  
Contribution 27 of 101 | June 10, 2025

Do not approve thousands of new homes in Shafter. Continue the development off of 7th standard but no more houses in Shafter proper. No more chain stores. No more drive thru places. Encourage small business development. Invest in downtown.  
Contribution 26 of 101 | June 10, 2025

Do everything possible to stop new mega housing developments that will strip Shafter of community character.  
Contribution 25 of 101 | June 10, 2025

Redirect traffic from Wonderful Industrial Park to 7th Standard to access 99 and I-5. No more new housing developments in Shafter core. Celebrate our rich agricultural heritage.  
Contribution 24 of 101 | June 10, 2025

Keep Shafter small! Slow the growth. We do not want to be Bakersfield!  
Contribution 23 of 101 | June 10, 2025

Very concerned about the wonderful proposed development off of Lerdo. This goes against our city heritage and identify. I do not want Wonderful building a new city within our city. Also, I want to see more lighting, sidewalks, cross walks in existing Shafter. More police presence at schools during pick up time to control traffic. Semi trucks should not be able to make dangerous turns from cherry onto lerdo. They need to use 7th standard for freeway access. Using country roads is not a solution for truck traffic, Lerdo does not need to be taken over by semi trucks.  
Contribution 22 of 101 | June 10, 2025

Other restaurants other than taco or Mexican cuisine. Other stores other than dollar stores!  
Contribution 21 of 101 | June 9, 2025

More parks for children of young ages. More recreational use of a running path that ensures safety of runners  
Contribution 20 of 101 | June 8, 2025

Family activities, parks and recreation, continued college educational facilities  
Contribution 19 of 101 | June 8, 2025

Stop increasing the cost of living  
Contribution 18 of 101 | June 6, 2025

Filling the empty buildings around town. Traffic increases  
Contribution 17 of 101 | June 6, 2025

Have a park for special kids. None of the parks have accommodation for children with disabilities. And possibly a park with a fence around to let kids run free without running into the street.  
Contribution 16 of 101 | June 6, 2025

Schools, park, apartments that are not for farm labor. Sidewalks in all neighborhoods new and old for safety of the kids  
Contribution 15 of 101 | June 2, 2025

N/a  
Contribution 14 of 101 | June 1, 2025

The question of "How do we grow" was pre-loaded for an answer from the participants. The question was not open ended and would lead people to select an answer that may not align with their desires. The city should be asking for a honest answer and then go to work to see how they can meet those needs. It's clear the people running this survey wanted you to answer the question that had us build more homes vs. trying to find way to attract new businesses.  
Contribution 13 of 101 | June 1, 2025

Railroad crossings have a bad impact on vehicles  
Contribution 12 of 101 | June 1, 2025

Traffic. Traffic is getting terrible in Shafter. Have developers build roads before they begin their projects not after the traffic increases.  
Contribution 11 of 101 | May 30, 2025

Keep Shafter small business owned. Don't let big corporations take over the feeling of the small town connection  
Contribution 10 of 101 | May 29, 2025

More parks or outdoor family facilities such as public tennis courts, basketball courts, and pickleball courts.  
Contribution 9 of 101 | May 28, 2025

We must plan to upgrade existing aging infrastructure. Use traffic impact fees to upgrade existing farm roads. More and more trucks are utilizing these and degrading the quality of roads in the perimeter of core shafter.  
Contribution 8 of 101 | May 28, 2025

More retail & also should plan for expansion of lanes on major streets making commuting safer for the public. Making our entrances into our city more appealing like how Wasco is did on hwy 43 coming into the their city.  
Contribution 7 of 101 | May 28, 2025

Having to much housing and little to no stores around.  
Contribution 6 of 101 | May 26, 2025

No extra Starbucks  
Contribution 5 of 101 | May 25, 2025

As our city grows I hope we can have roundabouts, but also an underpass at the railroad crossing at Lerdo Highway for traffic to pass through more efficiently. I also hope our city workers will continue to keep our community clean and also clear of any tagging/graffiti. Basically as SHAFTER grows... We should continue to create one of the safest, cleanest and business friendly city in Kern county and the central valley.

Contribution 4 of 101 | May 24, 2025

Shafter should be able to power shafter. I believe shafter should have its own solar farm to bring the cost of electricity down for residents. Shafter should also find creative ways to increase air quality. I don't have any ideas on how yet, but I'm sure someone out there does. I would like to see a target or something like that to rival the Walmart Wasco has.

Contribution 3 of 101 | May 24, 2025

a grocery store that's not a small mom & pop store

Contribution 2 of 101 | May 24, 2025

Incentivize local business to improve store fronts along Central Ave (overall clean up, attractive windows, less competing signage). Create a "Downtown" feel. Less focus on chain retail/food coming in along Hwy 43. Less new housing builds

Contribution 1 of 101 | May 23, 2025

### 13. Have additional comments or ideas? Please share them here.

Long Text | Skipped: 139 | Answered: 34 (19.7%)

#### Sentiment

No sentiment data

#### Tags

No tag data

#### Featured Contributions

Some of us don't want to live in a big city.

Contribution 34 of 34 | July 21, 2025

Clean up the City along 43 by installing grass or turf. Maybe install brick walls coming into the city southbound, along the housing, similar to what Wasco has and provide lighting.

Contribution 33 of 34 | July 20, 2025

Can we get a green arrow signal light at the intersection of O'Reilly Auto Parts and the train museum. There should be a left green arrow which would allow easier access to the cars driving south on 43 and turning left to cross the tracks.

Contribution 32 of 34 | July 19, 2025

Didn't like some of the survey choices, but had to pick one. Survey should allow for other opinion.

Contribution 31 of 34 | July 19, 2025

More street lighting.

Contribution 30 of 34 | July 18, 2025

The city council needs to protect Shafter's legacy. It needs to protect local businesses. A council that represents all residents that live here. We need to focus on our community and work together as one. Please listen to the voices of the community and what is wanted, not just check off the box that you had a meeting.

Contribution 29 of 34 | July 17, 2025

Don't believe anybody that thinks the City of Shafter doesn't take care of ALL of its residents!

Contribution 28 of 34 | July 17, 2025

What connections do we have in case of emergencies with our local churches?

Contribution 27 of 34 | July 14, 2025

Be more strict for juvenile kids being in bikes all over the street and driving too fast

Contribution 26 of 34 | July 11, 2025

Continue to support agriculture and small businesses because that's what Shafter is made of.  
Contribution 25 of 34 | July 11, 2025

It would be great to add a park by the new homes on Tulare.  
Contribution 24 of 34 | July 10, 2025

Not expanding further on Lerdo to create farm islands. Need to grow together not make more segmented town.  
Contribution 23 of 34 | July 10, 2025

I live in Bakersfield. But travel to Shafter once or twice a week. We love the family events provided by Shafter Library. Wish there was more commercial marketplaces or places to walk.  
Contribution 22 of 34 | July 10, 2025

The small town charm is what makes Shafter so desirable. Too much growth and we will lose what makes our city so special. If we wanted to live in Bakersfield we would leave. Please don't turn Shafter into another overpopulated city. Our downtown shops need improvements in appearance. Standards should be put in place to ensure downtown shops look well kept. Designated parking in front of each shop for customers to quickly come and go would also be nice.  
Contribution 21 of 34 | July 10, 2025

None at this time. But thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts or ideas as a member of the City of Shafter Community.  
Contribution 20 of 34 | July 10, 2025

Stop focusing on the new Shafter and fix the original Shafter first  
Contribution 19 of 34 | July 9, 2025

See above  
Contribution 18 of 34 | July 9, 2025

We also need a dog park not just in Gossamer Grove.  
Contribution 17 of 34 | July 6, 2025

Support small businesses  
Contribution 16 of 34 | June 20, 2025

None  
Contribution 15 of 34 | June 20, 2025

I am not in favor of this idea. People live in Shafter because of the community. If they wanted to be in a city they would live in Bakersfield. I do not want to lose the reason I moved here 40 years ago. A planned community away from Shafter is not part of this community.  
Contribution 14 of 34 | June 20, 2025

This city expansion plan appears to be mostly about the money. Shafter doesn't need to expand. Many of us continue to live here because we enjoy living in a small town. There are plenty of big cities for those who don't want to live in a small town, there is no need for us to "expand."

Contribution 13 of 34 | June 20, 2025

The proposed housing track just east of town could potentially double the size of our little town and destroy the small town we have.

Contribution 12 of 34 | June 18, 2025

A major setback for the City of Shafter of the train tracks and routes through the heart of the city. Stanley, decades ago these served a purpose for loading what was grown here onto train cars for exportation. The purpose is mostly subsided. Rerouting the present train tracks on which BNSF and Amtrak travel West of the city would dramatically reduce congestion, traffic, and allow the downtown Shafter area to continue to grow and concentrate on its speed of vacation project.

Contribution 11 of 34 | June 18, 2025

Rec dept has failed to provide adequate services so Cory should partner with somebody else to get us things like tennis courts, swimming programs, etc

Contribution 10 of 34 | June 17, 2025

I think we need to have more town meetings and put it out there so people actually show up and invoice their opinion. I think the city does a lot of things behind closed doors and the citizens of the city don't understand what they're doing and I also think the city council does that so they keep the citizens after in the blind. Also, I think the five people in the city council shouldn't decide the factor of the entire city. I think it needs to be more input by the citizens of Shafter not Gossamor Grove. The people there don't care about Shafter they live in Bakersfield, so their opinion doesn't matter.

Contribution 9 of 34 | June 17, 2025

Visit cities with vibrant downtowns like Paso Robles, Kingsburg, Carpinteria, Ojai, Los Alamos for inspiration. Invest in downtown Shafter before allowing a large corporation to build a new city within Shafter.

Contribution 8 of 34 | June 17, 2025

As Shafter plans for future housing development, we propose that all new residential growth be connected directly to Shafter's existing core; not placed on the outskirts or in fragmented, adjacent pockets. Reduce Traffic Congestion: Proximity to schools, parks, shops, and civic services means fewer long commutes and lower vehicle dependency. Maintain a High "Shafter Standard": Centralized development ensures consistent architectural quality, infrastructure investment, and neighborhood cohesion reflective of Shafter's values. Preserve Small-Town Character: Compact growth supports walkability, a strong sense of community, and avoids the risks of sprawl or disjointed planning that can dilute our identity. This approach is not just about land use; it's about preserving what makes Shafter special. Growth should be strategic, deliberate, and designed to enhance; not erode, our small-town charm. By keeping neighborhoods close-knit and anchored to the city's core, we can welcome new families while protecting the social fabric that defines our community

Contribution 7 of 34 | June 16, 2025

Find a way to mitigate housing growth so that Shafter doesn't grow so quickly. The "fastest growing City in California" is a really bad title for us.

Contribution 6 of 34 | June 16, 2025

I do not want another town site created down Lerdo. We have a town. It is beautiful, small and we will lose that if the town gets too big too fast. Our town is special.

Contribution 5 of 34 | June 16, 2025

It might be nice to have a dog park in the core shafter area. I know there is already one in Gossamer Grove.

Contribution 4 of 34 | June 14, 2025

How about making the city-wide emergency plan accessible to the public?

Contribution 3 of 34 | June 14, 2025

As you can tell I am vey much opposed to the Wonderful planned community. To me it seems like a big corporation trying to slowly work their way into our small, amazing city. Keep Wonderful out please!

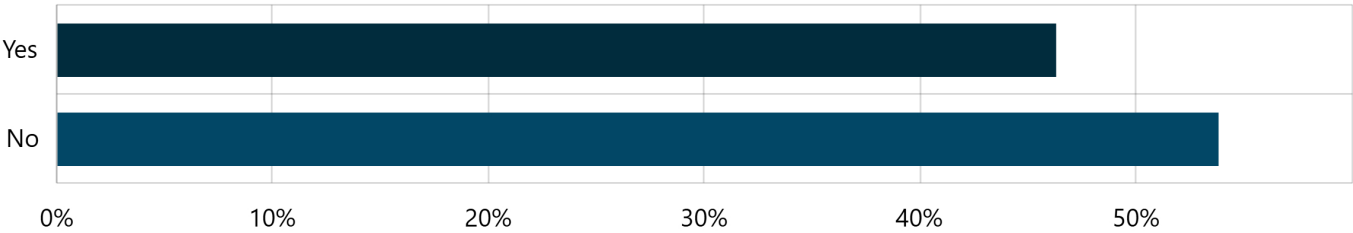
Contribution 2 of 34 | June 13, 2025

Volleyball courts and spray water parks on Gossamer Grove

Contribution 1 of 34 | June 12, 2025

14. Would you like to receive email updates about the General Plan Update? Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 173 (100%)



| Answer choices | Percent | Count |
|----------------|---------|-------|
| Yes            | 46.24%  | 80    |
| No             | 53.76%  | 93    |
| Total          | 100.00% | 173   |