DeSoto Comprehensive Plan



1. Are you a resident of DeSoto or do you have a business in DeSoto?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	95.8%	182
No	4.2%	8
	answered question	190
	skipped question	1

2. How long have you lived or worked in DeSoto?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Less than a year	2.7%	5
Between one to five years	10.1%	19
Between five to ten years	17.6%	33
More than ten years	69.7%	131
	answered question	188
	skipped question	3

3. Do you agree with the following goal for DeSoto's land use? "DeSoto should achieve a harmonious mix of land uses that will provide and protect the desired quality of life, and recognize the topographic features that make DeSoto a wonderful place to live, work and visit."

	Respons Percen	-
Yes	86.4	% 153
No	2.8	% 5
I would prefer the goal be written as follows: (please insert your goal below)	10.7	% 19
	answered question	on 177
	skipped question	on 14

4. As vacant land develops or existing land redevelops, which of the following statements best describes your preferred vision for DeSoto?

	Response Percent	Response Count
DeSoto should have mostly residential uses (single-family homes, duplexes, townhouses, and apartments).	6.1%	11
DeSoto should have mostly business uses (retails stores, commercial shops, and warehouse/industrial buildings.	8.4%	15
DeSoto should have a mixture of residential and business uses, given the use is in appropriate location.	82.7%	148
DeSoto should allow any use to go anywhere within the City.	2.8%	5
	answered question	179
	skipped question	12

5. Do you agree or disagree that the northern part of DeSoto (north of Wintergreen Road) should continue to develop primarily as an employment center for the community, with a variety of retail, office, and industrial uses?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	52.0%	93
Somewhat agree	38.5%	69
Somewhat disagree	3.9%	7
Strongly disagree	5.6%	10
	answered question	179
	skipped question	12

6. Do you agree or disagree that the community should "retain the reminders of the rural character of DeSoto?"

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	34.9%	61
Somewhat agree	45.7%	80
Somewhat disagree	9.7%	17
Strongly disagree	9.7%	17
	answered question	175
	skipped question	16

7. In the northern part of the community along Hampton Road (between Danieldale and Wintergreen), do you agree or disagree that new office/retail buildings should be encouraged?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree		62.0%	111
Somewhat agree		29.1%	52
Somewhat disagree		3.4%	6
Strongly disagree		5.6%	10
	ans	wered question	179
	Sk	kipped question	12

8. How important is it to you for the "Central Area" (i.e., the area surrounding the intersection of Pleasant Run and Hampton Roads) to be connected (via landscaping, sidewalks, or art within the roadway median) with the original town site at Belt Line Road and Hampton Road?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Very important	42.0%	74
Somewhat important	34.7%	61
Not important	23.3%	41
	answered question	176
	skipped question	15

9. "Mixed use" is a land use concept that mixes residential and nonresidential uses either within a site or building, such as the DeSoto Town Center. Should more "mixed use" development occur within the city, given the location is appropriate for that type of development?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	32.8%	58
Somewhat agree	33.9%	60
Somewhat disagree	20.3%	36
Strongly disagree	13.0%	23
	answered question	177
	skipped question	14

10. Which one of the following statements best describes your preferred vision for DeSoto related to parks?

	Response Percent	Response Count
I like our current park and trail system and it only needs routine maintenance.	39.1%	70
I like our current park and trail system, but we need more parks and trails facilities.	39.1%	70
The parks and trails system is not important to me.	6.7%	12
Please write your statement in the box below).	15.1%	27
	answered question	179
	skipped question	12

11. Do you agree with the following goal for DeSoto's transportation? "DeSoto should provide for the safe and efficient movement of goods and people to, from and within DeSoto to address the current and forecasted future transportation needs of citizens and businesses to benefit the economy and quality of life of DeSoto."

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	63.2%	110
No	23.0%	40
I would prefer the goal be written as follows: (please insert your goal below)	13.8%	24
	answered question	174
	skipped question	17

12. Do you agree or disagree that the existing roadway system allows people to travel safely and efficiently?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	32.2%	57
Somewhat agree	51.4%	91
Somewhat disagree	12.4%	22
Strongly disagree	4.0%	7
	answered question	177
	skipped question	14

13. Do you agree or disagree that traffic congestion is a problem within DeSoto?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	8.0%	14
Somewhat agree	26.7%	47
Somewhat disagree	39.2%	69
Strongly disagree	26.1%	46
	answered question	176
	skipped question	15

14. If you have any specific comments or concerns regarding DeSoto's roadways, please fill out the box below.

Response
Count

70

answered question	70
skipped question	121

15. How important is it to you that trails and sidewalks be provided within DeSoto?

	Response Percent	e Response Count
Very important	60.8%	107
Somewhat important	30.1%	5 53
Not important	9.19	5 16
	answered question	n 176
	skipped question	n 15

16. How often do you use trails and sidewalks within DeSoto?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Several times a week	33.5%	59
About once a week	22.7%	40
About once a month	22.2%	39
Never	21.6%	38
	answered question	176
	skipped question	15

17. How important is it to you that major roadways (for example Hampton and Pleasant Run Roads) have quality landscaping, such as trees, ornamental plants, and grass?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Very important	59.4%	104
Somewhat important	28.0%	49
Not important	12.6%	22
	answered question	175
	skipped question	16

18. In an effort to beautify the community, should the intersections of major roadways be improved with quality landscaping, street lighting, public art, and brick pavers?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, intersection improvements are very important to me.	53.4%	94
Maybe, some minor improvements should be made.	36.9%	65
The appearance of major intersections are not important.	9.7%	17
	answered question	176
	skipped question	15

19. Do you agree with the following goal for DeSoto's urban design? "DeSoto should enhance the appearance of the community by connecting quality residential areas to the natural environment, improving existing commercial nodes, retaining a reminder of rural characteristics in an urban setting, providing design criteria for new development and distinguishing the entrances to the City."

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	81.0%	136
No	16.1%	27
I would prefer the goal be written as follows: (please insert your goal below)	3.0%	5
	answered question	168
	skipped question	23

20. One of the primary focuses of "urban design" is to ensure that all areas within DeSoto feel connected to the other areas of the community. In your opinion, are there any areas within DeSoto that are not connected to the surrounding community?

	Response Percent	Response Count
The northern part of DeSoto feels somewhat disconnected to the other areas of DeSoto.	24.3%	35
The southern part of DeSoto feels somewhat disconnected to the other areas of DeSoto.	17.4%	25
The eastern part of DeSoto feels somewhat disconnected to the other areas of DeSoto.	8.3%	12
The western part of DeSoto feels somewhat disconnected to the other areas of DeSoto.	8.3%	12
Write in answer:	41.7%	60
	answered question	144
	skipped question	47

21. Do you agree or disagree that sidewalks and trails, such as the Roy Orr trail along Ten Mile Creek, should be built to connect people to commercial and residential destinations?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	34.5%	58
Somewhat agree	37.5%	63
Somewhat disagree	17.3%	29
Strongly disagree	10.7%	18
	answered question	168
	skipped question	23

22. Do you agree or disagree that the appearance of existing bridges is important and that bridges should have a consistent look and feel?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	39.5%	66
Somewhat agree	38.9%	65
Somewhat disagree	14.4%	24
Strongly disagree	7.2%	12
	answered question	167
	skipped question	24

23. Signs (both private and public) are important to the overall look and feel of the community. How important are the look and style of signs within the community?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Very important	59.5%	100
Somewhat important	32.7%	55
Not important	7.7%	13
	answered question	168
	skipped question	23

24. How important is it for you that DeSoto improves landscaping throughout the community and preserves existing natural areas, including tree preservation?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Very important	66.9%	113
Somewhat important	27.2%	46
Not important	5.9%	10
	answered question	169
	skipped question	22

25. How important is it for you that DeSoto defines the entrances into the city to further establish a sense of identity and place?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Very important	48.2%	82
Somewhat important	37.6%	64
Not important	14.1%	24
	answered question	170
	skipped question	21

26. How important is it for you that DeSoto enhances the Central City Area by linking it to Ten Mile Creek to expand its usefulness as a community focal point?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Very important	40.2%	68
Somewhat important	37.3%	63
Not important	22.5%	38
	answered question	169
	skipped question	22

27. Since 2003, many improvements have occurred along Interstate Highway 35E, such as the main entryway feature. How important is it for you that DeSoto continues to enhance the existing patterns of development at IH-35E and Pleasant Run Road?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Very important	56.0%	94
Somewhat important	31.5%	53
Not important	12.5%	21
	answered question	168
	skipped question	23

28. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "I feel that that DeSoto has defined entrances into the community and I generally know when I have entered into the city limits."

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	42.9%	73
Somewhat agree	45.9%	78
Somewhat disagree	8.2%	14
Strongly disagree	2.9%	5
	answered question	170
	skipped question	21

29. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "I think DeSoto is an attractive community and it has done good job of beautifying the community with landscaping and entryway features."

	Respons Percen	-
Strongly agree	22.9	% 39
Somewhat agree	60.0	% 102
Somewhat disagree	12.9	% 22
Strongly disagree	4.1	% 7
	answered question	on 170
	skipped question	on 21

30. If you have any additional comments or concerns, please fill out the box below. Response Count 76 answered question 76 skipped question 115

Page 3, Q3. Do you agree with the following goal for DeSoto's land use? "DeSoto should achieve a harmonious mix of land uses that will provide and protect the desired quality of life, and recognize the topographic features that make DeSoto a wonderful place to live, work and visit."			
1	We need more commericial areas for the tax base to increase, and reduce property taxes.	Jul 24, 2013 3:21 PM	
2	This is very ambiguous.	Jul 24, 2013 10:16 AM	
3	there needs tobe a split of single family homes which separates apartments and duplexes. apartments and duplexes do not provide the same tax base as a single family home plus apartments place an additional burden on disd tax base, law enforcement & other city services. And, churchesshould have a separate classification	Jul 24, 2013 5:56 AM	
4	DeSoto should achieve a harmonious mix of land uses that will provide and	Jul 23, 2013 9:10 PM	

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4	DeSoto should achieve a harmonious mix of land uses that will provide and protect the desire quality of life FOREMOST, and recognize the topographic features that make DeSoto a wonderful place foremost to live and play, with some work opportunities, while other work opportunities are available in the surrounding areas.	Jul 23, 2013 9:10 PM
5	I would like to see the land used to bring in new jobs for the residents of Desoto not Apartments, or new Homes. I really appreciate the rural parts of Desoto, basically I don't want Desoto to become a Dallas/Ft.Worth overwhelmed with people and crime.	Jul 21, 2013 4:23 PM
6	I feel we should be more like Cedar Hill or Burleson. There is nothing to do here. To go shopping I go to Grand Praire, Cedar Hill or Allen. There are no fine Restarants. I go again to Arlingon, Cedar Hill, or other surrounding cities to dine. I only go to Kroger and that is it.	Jul 20, 2013 7:26 AM
7	Somewhere to please add "harmonious and productive(cost effective, income generation	Jul 18, 2013 1:04 PM
8	I would love to see Town Homes or Condo's in the area, some of us as retirees who have lived and raised our children in the DeSoto would love to stay there and down size to smaller homes, and not aprartments.	Jul 18, 2013 12:50 PM
9	Revisit the former Shops at Ten Mile Creek o look at other possibilites of developing that area. Feel like Lancaster has the jump on Desoto along the I 35 corridor	Jul 17, 2013 4:48 PM
10	Specific or examples should be given the is too broad a statement. Zoning changes? What parcels of land will change? Which topographic features specifically?	Jul 16, 2013 4:52 PM
11	DeSoto should achieve a mix of land uses that will provide and protect the desired quality of life, and recognize the topographic features that make DeSoto a wonderful place to live, work, shop and visit.	Jul 15, 2013 8:01 PM
12	Desoto should achieve a harmonious mix of land uses that will provide, protect, and sustain the desired quality of life, recognizing the topographic features that make DeSoto a desirable place to live, work and visit.	Jul 14, 2013 7:42 PM
13	I would prefer area's that are residential remain residential and try to expand. Commercial and industrial parks should be looked at because some where	May 9, 2013 3:50 PM

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	changed in the 2003 plan when they should not have changed.	
14	I would prefer that the goal be SMART Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time-bound. DeSoto needs more green space. It is now too densely populated, there is ample commercial space that is empty and needs to be filled before additional is built. The city is dense, crime-filled, noisy and increasingly polluted. Let's address those issues.	May 3, 2013 12:14 PM
15	it should include a phrase that indicates no apartments will be built on land in DeSoto	Apr 30, 2013 3:30 PM
16	maintain the topographic features but will incorporate more business and commercial properties or other entities that add value to the tax base while continuing to maintain upscale residential areas.	Apr 26, 2013 12:18 PM
17	"desired quality of life" needs to be defined "DeSoto should achieve a harmonious mix of land uses that will provide and protect a family oriented community, built around the topographic features that make DeSoto a wonderful place to live, work and visit."	Apr 23, 2013 10:38 AM
18	DeSoto should be the beacon of economic activity for the SW region.	Apr 11, 2013 8:23 PM
19	It is too general. It could be defined to rationalize anything.	Apr 11, 2013 7:37 AM

Page 3, parks?	Q10. Which one of the following statements best describes your preferred vision for	or DeSoto related to
1	The Park and trail system should be blended in with designated bike routes along all the major streets in Desoto.	Jul 25, 2013 2:43 PM
2	Please, Please, Please??? Look at Parkerville Road at Hampton for development of nice areas for shops, coffee/tea shops & bakery to sit out with neighbors to connect, fashion, bookstore, even a supermarket. Many walkers, runners, bikers use Parkerville Road; another major thoroughfare for our Community. Since I have been unemployed for the past year I get to talk more with my neighbors & see what's going on in my neighborhoods. Count me in for any/all committees.	Jul 22, 2013 7:34 AM
3	I like our current park and trail system but we also need to add bike paths along major streets.	Jul 20, 2013 12:05 PM
4	I think we need another park, but do not think we need any more trails.	Jul 20, 2013 11:55 AM
5	The parks are ok, but the trail system paths are not. They paths are not very good, safe or identify the distance walked. The best one is the one across from the high school. It simply needs a pavilion tent over the playground. The biggest thing needed that would add value is an off-the-leash dog park that is fenced off. My family drives to Deep Ellum in downtown Dallas to Bark Park Central. The specs are located at: http://www.deepellumdogpark.com/index.html. Please go by and check it out. This would be a great attraction. Oh, and please do not allow pitbulls!	Jul 20, 2013 9:34 AM
6	The parks and trails need to be extended, a dog park would also be wonderful!!!	Jul 19, 2013 6:42 PM
7	I love our parks and trails and we need to continue to make enhancements to these facilities.	Jul 19, 2013 2:38 PM
8	We need more business (manufacturing, warehouse facilities etc) To limit the growth of the educational expenses. We may be approaching a time when we need to slow the growth of the school system and try to encourage some State College Branch to open a campus here or at least an extensive program thru our high school for course work leading to an Associates Degree at leastit give the community young and old a chance to educate themselves further	Jul 18, 2013 1:04 PM
9	I would like to see a park that has biking and running trails, along with lighted tennis courts and swimming pool.	Jul 16, 2013 3:30 PM
10	I like our current park and trail system, but we need to increase the legth of trails and try connecting them throughout the city. I also think the GSW should partner to create a comprenhensive trail throughout the core cities of DeSoto, Duncanville, Lancaster and Cedar Hill. I think this would be an attraction for people simular to a White Rock area. I think all great communities should have a YMCA. This would be a viable option to increasing family programming and fitness.	Jul 15, 2013 8:01 PM
11	Protected bike lanes or trails needed	Jul 15, 2013 7:20 PM
12	There needs to be a park with handicap equipment as the population grows we need to consider all children.	Jul 15, 2013 1:56 PM

Page 3, parks?	Q10. Which one of the following statements best describes your preferred vision to	or DeSoto related to
13	some parks get fabulous improvements while others get nothing.(ie, the older Mosely playground is dilapidated and dangerous but Townsend and Ernie Roberts are wonderful). Our parks are one of our biggest assets!	Jul 10, 2013 9:50 PM
14	To see wider buffered sidewalks and safer paved trails for runners and walkers in an already beautiful southern city.	Jul 10, 2013 10:38 AM
15	Our current park and trail system is great however we need more safety features including location markers, better lighting. Our parks could use some water features (spray grounds) that make them more usable in the summer months when temperatures are extremely hot.	Jul 10, 2013 9:20 AM
16	There should be an indoor swimming pool in Desoto, so residents don't have to go to other areas to swim in the winter months.	Jul 5, 2013 2:03 PM
17	The current park and trail system needs updating and more than routine maintenance. Example when items are broken or deteriorate they need replacing like the fitness trail and the playground equipment at Briarwood. The trash collecting needs picking up and the graffiti/tagging needs attention	Jul 5, 2013 5:28 AM
18	Need two -three playground areas and equipment for children in all parks so that children do not have to wait awhile for other children to get off the equipment. Also benches or places for walkers to rest or be seated. It would be nice to have outdoor volleyball nets to encourage volley ball, everyone may not like baseball or soccer.	Jul 3, 2013 2:32 PM
19	i think we need more promotion and greater city sponsored events such as 5k walks, historical walks, skating and stronger promoting such as a desoto ironman or best of southwest ironman event	Jun 24, 2013 3:57 PM
20	I like our current system but we need an additional recreation center and an indoor aquatics center.	Jun 19, 2013 10:55 AM
21	I like our current park and trail system, however we need more parks. I would like a park for pets in my area (corner of Polk and Wintergreen) Or at that same corner a walking park. That would be great.	May 9, 2013 3:50 PM
22	We desperately need more parks, trails and green space.	May 3, 2013 12:14 PM
23	Unless parks & trails are associated with a residential community with builders absorbing costI do not believe that the City should develop any more park & trail systems.	Apr 26, 2013 12:18 PM
24	Need to have parks and trials that encourage more biking and walking. DeSoto is too small not to see more folks out walking, running, or riding.	Apr 18, 2013 2:18 PM
25	More parks, trails, and big businesses should be incorporated into S. DeSoto, not just North DeSoto.	Apr 13, 2013 2:18 PM
26	I like the parks & trails but they need more lighting in some areas of the walking trails.	Apr 13, 2013 12:38 PM
27	We need to connect to other trail systems.	Apr 11, 2013 8:23 PM

Page 4, Q11. Do you agree with the following goal for DeSoto's transportation? "DeSoto should provide for the safe and efficient movement of goods and people to, from and within DeSoto to address the current and forecasted future transportation needs of citizens and businesses to benefit the economy and qua...

1	No DART busses	Jul 25, 2013 2:58 PM
2	DeSoto should focus on maintaining good roads .	Jul 25, 2013 1:53 PM
3	I would like for Desoto to get connected with DART as soon as possible.	Jul 25, 2013 9:40 AM
4	DeSoto should encourage private compaines to develope and provice for the safe and efficient movement of goods and people to, from and within DeSoto to address the current and forecasted future transportation needs of citizens and businesses to benefit the economy and quality of life of DeSoto.	Jul 24, 2013 6:45 PM
5	I believe that Desoto currently provides for the save and efficient movement of goods and people. I do not think a transit system will allow us to retain the level of safety and security that we currently have. Most of the people moving about actually live here. I do not want to think of someone having the ability to hop on a bus, come to our community, commit a crime and back on the bus going out within an hour.	Jul 24, 2013 6:06 PM
6	I would like to see DART rail service expanded into DeSoto.	Jul 24, 2013 11:26 AM
7	DeSoto should provide for the safe and efficient movement of goods and people to, from and within DeSoto to address the current and forecasted futuren transportation needs of citizens and businesses to benefit the economy and quality of life of DeSoto, making sure that quality of life is foremost."	Jul 23, 2013 9:16 PM
8	The city of DeSoto needs a rail connection with the City of Dallas - DART	Jul 20, 2013 7:20 AM
9	Join DART	Jul 19, 2013 2:43 AM
10	park n Ride location only	Jul 15, 2013 7:21 PM
11	Do not prefer public transpotation.	Jul 15, 2013 9:56 AM
12	DeSoto should provide for a safer multi-modal transportation system that allows people to have choices on how to move from point A to point B, specifically wider/buffered sidewalks and safe bicycle facilities.	Jul 10, 2013 9:24 AM
13	There should never be any form of public transportation within the city limits of Desoto. Private transportation for senior citizens and the disabled should be provided for Desoto citizens, but never should public transportation related to DART be provided in order to continue insuring the safety of citizens in this community.	Jul 3, 2013 12:26 PM
14	We need a statement that clearly includes extending the Dallas Rapid Transit to and through DeSoto.	Jun 30, 2013 7:56 PM
15	Desoto should provide "requested" transportation for the elderly and disabled via shuttle vans equipped with wheelchair lifts. Desoto should provide "trolley" services to the general population and visitors only if Desoto becomes a destination area with someplace to go and something to see.	Jun 29, 2013 8:38 AM

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address the current and forecasted future transportation needs of citizens and businesses to benefit the economy
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16	we should continue elderly service and create a shuttle ride or subsidize cab service	Jun 24, 2013 3:59 PM
17	No I do not want to see a bus service. Crime continue to grown in Desoto with a bus service Desoto will go down just like Mesquite, Duncanville, and Dallas. If the citizen wanted a bus services we wouldn't move here. There are ways to get around call cab or call Dart Shutter bus take you to and from. The roads and traffic will be bad. People and kids standing there waiting on a bus looks tacky. All this mean like me and other home owners I don't want people up to no good hanging out. This draws the wrong peopkle to this small area. I like peace and quiet.	May 7, 2013 6:20 PM
18	DeSoto should maintain and improve its main thoroughfares.	May 3, 2013 12:16 PM
19	Include a statement that excludes busing from in Desoto to outside of DeSoto.	Apr 30, 2013 3:33 PM
20	NO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS	Apr 22, 2013 9:36 AM
21	No! This is a sneaky way to get transit out here. Listen folks, this is not Plano. This is in the southern sector. The more public transportation we put in this area, the more we will attract folks with a low standard of living from the worst parts of Dallas. Our standard of living is already on the margins. Please stop trying to hide behind these fancy phrases that imply public transportation. People can use the park and ride in Glenn Heights. Stop bringing this mess up and move on, the citizens have rejected this!	Apr 18, 2013 2:22 PM
22	NO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION!	Apr 16, 2013 12:05 PM
23	Bus and railway systems throughout DeSoto would be ideal.	Apr 13, 2013 2:25 PM
24	Change "provide for" to "encourage.	Apr 11, 2013 7:41 AM

Page 4, below.	Q14. If you have any specific comments or concerns regarding DeSoto's roadways	s, please fill out the box
1	It is important that roadside's be kept free from litter, and any business near roadside be maintained properly. Some areas of DeSoto are not a good represention of our city.	Jul 26, 2013 9:37 AM
2	Designated Bicycle lanes for the safety of the many people who ride in the city.	Jul 25, 2013 2:45 PM
3	When Cockrell Hill was rebuilt, we should have built 3 lanes each way, instead of 2 lanes. Do not repeat this type of mistake again.	Jul 24, 2013 6:45 PM
4	Chattey Road is a dangerous road, and the public safety of the citizens is at risk. The young people need sidewalks, and the adults should not be afraid that they will have an accident.	Jul 24, 2013 3:24 PM
5	I think the city should encourage business to relocate into the city with MODEST tax incentives. Over subsidizing large companies who only provide low wage jobs is absurd. No bailouts for failing companies, like buttons, period.	Jul 24, 2013 11:26 AM
6	better streets & road maintenance	Jul 24, 2013 5:59 AM
7	All of the major thoroughfares should be widened to at least 4 lanes, preserving the landscaping and natural beauty as much as possible.	Jul 23, 2013 9:16 PM
8	Please place more side walks down for our children walking home fro school, citizens walking and running. You may think at varies points to add a bench along the walkways; Wintergreen, Pleasant Run, Beltline and do not forget us back here on Parkerville Road. I have seen the nice secured benches in other towns/cities. I have lived in DeSoto twice and do not plan to leave. I have lived and raised my children in the Best of Southwest; Lancaster, DeSoto. Now, helping raise children here in DeSoto, Lancaster, Cedar Hill I feel that I know what is needed for the future being out here in the areas since 1984.	Jul 22, 2013 7:46 AM
9	The exit ramp off I35 at Pleasant Run Rd. does not have a yield sign for drivers on the service to allow the drivers exiting the highway the right of way to merge in first. I have witnessed countless near-accidents.	Jul 20, 2013 9:37 AM
10	Need roads widened before land development	Jul 20, 2013 7:20 AM
11	Major roadways should all be 6 lanes ie Pleasant Run to Cedar Hill, improvements on roads Daniedale from Hampton to Duncanville City Limits: Westmoreland going to Hospital	Jul 19, 2013 3:32 PM
12	Please make all of DeSoto attractive via landscaping, art etcIt needs to remain a classy place to live and work.	Jul 19, 2013 1:48 PM
13	We need bicycle lanes on major streets- Hampton, Pleasant Run, Belt Line, etc.	Jul 18, 2013 4:07 PM
14	The stretch of road on Pleasant Run and Longmeadow Ln needs a protective barrier to prevent vehicles from going into the woods.	Jul 18, 2013 4:03 PM
15	If you are on your cell phone or texting while driving you need to stay off DeSoto roadways. I've seen several accidents in the area because of people not paying attention to their driving. It is also obvious that the majority of the people driving have never taken Drivers Education classes.	Jul 18, 2013 1:07 PM

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16	The roads between Hampton and Cockrell Hill are to narrow and no lights, and the streets are to dark at night	Jul 18, 2013 12:59 PM
17	My son will attend East Middle School in the fall. He will have to walk down Chattey Road to get there. I am terrified because people speed through the stop signs and past the other children that I see walking to and from school. I feel there is a desperate need for a side walk for the children who have to walk to East Middle School.	Jul 18, 2013 12:33 PM
18	Since the QT opened up the intersectio has become more hazardous. The residents of Littlejohn Dr have vehicles constantly turning around in the driveways24/7. We all have had near collisions with people pulling out of the store turning left. DOT requests for traffic control have been ignored	Jul 17, 2013 4:54 PM
19	Concerned about the current status of the bridges in the city - the aesthetics of the bridges and safety. They are in severe need of repair.	Jul 17, 2013 4:16 PM
20	I would like to see more bushes or some sort of brick fences along the hampton corridor, to cover houses back wooden fences, which look very rotten and disrepaired.	Jul 17, 2013 2:11 PM
21	centre rd the red light is always stopping hampton rd traffic, why??	Jul 17, 2013 11:59 AM
22	Intersection of Chatley and Beltline need a traffice light installed. Flow (east/west) of traffic on Beltline make it difficult to access from Chatley.	Jul 17, 2013 11:58 AM
23	Pleasant Road, from Westmoreland to Cockrell Hill, needs to be widened to alleviate all the accidents I have personally witnessed at the corner of Pleasant Run and Long Meadow Drive.	Jul 16, 2013 4:58 PM
24	Widen roads south of Hampton such as Elerson, Westmorland, Parkerville, etc.	Jul 15, 2013 8:07 PM
25	Major thorough fares should all be three lanes, at least, in each direction	Jul 15, 2013 12:39 PM
26	Please monitor traffic lights that do not make sense(e.g. Polk and Eagle drive, I believe, where the light holds incessantly even though traffic does not justify it). This causes air pollution due to have cars idle without cause.	Jul 15, 2013 12:37 PM
27	Landscaping, art and signage which compromises the view of oncoming traffic, should not be permitted where left turns are allowed. A couple of examples are the obstructed view when making left turns from eastbound Pleasant Run into Town Centre and from westbound Pleasant Run to south on Hampton.	Jul 15, 2013 8:04 AM
28	Due to heat in TX I think the plants should be such that they need little water, can survive the heat, and come back each year w/o having to purchase more plants.	Jul 14, 2013 8:31 PM
29	Westmoreland blvd. between Danieldale and Beltline is a major thoroughfare the west side of the dity. Add additional lanes.	Jul 14, 2013 7:51 PM
30	I enjoy the widened roadway on Cockrell Hill Road between Wintergreen (Pleasant Run Road) and Beltline Road, but the turn-in onto my residential street, Wyndmere Drive, does not feel safe to me especially if more than one	Jul 14, 2013 7:02 PM

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	car is trying to turn onto Wyndmere Drive and has to wait for traffic to pass before doing so.	
31	More Landscaping. More walks throughout	Jul 14, 2013 11:39 AM
32	The area at Bolton Boone and Danieldale is of strong concern to me.	Jul 12, 2013 2:35 PM
33	I like that Desoto has the potential for growth, but maintains a small town feel. The roads help maintain that small town feel.	Jul 12, 2013 8:48 AM
34	Cars parked on residential streets instead of driveways.	Jul 10, 2013 6:26 PM
35	To see wider buffered sidewalks and safer paved trails for runners and walkers in an already beautiful southern city.	Jul 10, 2013 10:40 AM
36	Please transition from accomodating only auto travel to accomodating other modes of transportation, specifically pedestrians & cyclists.	Jul 10, 2013 9:24 AM
37	no bus system	Jul 9, 2013 2:38 PM
38	I would like to encourage citizens to be outdoors walking or biking more for the enjoyment of exercising, shopping or just to say hi to each other. The connection from Pleasant Run Road to Belt Line Road via Hampton Road could be a positive step in this direction with the proper sidewalks and/or biking lanes.	Jul 8, 2013 12:09 PM
39	Just need to make sure to fill in those pot holes so my alignment can stay good.	Jul 8, 2013 9:06 AM
40	Not enough attention/maintenance is being given to the street lights in DeSoto. Many times there is a left turn light when no one is turning left. Lights along Hampton and Pleasant Run are not coordinated to traffic flow.	Jul 6, 2013 8:32 AM
41	I think the city is a little slow in realizing that streets need to be widened in certain areas.	Jul 5, 2013 1:23 PM
42	n/a	Jul 4, 2013 7:09 PM
43	Signal light at Cockrell Hill and Carriage Creek or Silver Creek	Jul 4, 2013 6:11 PM
44	Add bicycle lanes.	Jul 4, 2013 6:15 AM
45	Leave them as they are, just maintain them	Jul 3, 2013 7:21 PM
46	So farGreat!	Jul 3, 2013 2:35 PM
47	Roadways are kept in good condition. Ally driveways are often not kept in good condition.	Jul 3, 2013 12:26 PM
48	Stop widening the roads that provide a path through DeSoto as it is destroying the intrinsic beauty of our community. No additional 4 and 6 lane roads are needed.	Jun 30, 2013 5:25 PM
49	Desoto neglects certain less prosperous neighborhood residential streets	Jun 29, 2013 8:38 AM

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50	As the price of gas, automobiles and health care increase, DeSoto should create bike lanes on it's major roads to allow citizens to travel w/o an automobile. This promotes citizen interaction, as well as health.	Jun 28, 2013 5:07 AM
51	Belt Line and Pleasant Run are congested coming from 35 in the evenings	Jun 17, 2013 10:35 AM
52	In my opinion our roadways are pretty nice the maintenance on them could be better.	May 9, 2013 3:53 PM
53	When you exit off of Wintergreen there need to be police officer waiting there to stop the speeders.I can not enter to get on the freeway without having speed without getting ran over.The people aren't from Desoto they are driving back to Lancaster.Send a survey out and watch and see for yourself.	May 7, 2013 6:20 PM
54	The service road on I-35 needs a yield sign badly, where near the hard-right turn at Pleasant Run Road Neither the traffic exiting the highway nor the traffic on the service road has a right of way. I've seen many near accidents.	May 6, 2013 12:59 PM
55	roadways need to be widened, lanes added to accommodate growthespecially several square miles with Desoto High School in the center	Apr 28, 2013 12:37 PM
56	None	Apr 26, 2013 8:08 PM
57	I would like to see Pleasant Run expanded from Westmoreland to the west in the reasonable immediate future.	Apr 26, 2013 1:59 PM
58	-0-	Apr 26, 2013 1:32 PM
59	Traffic signals need to be retimed and repaired at least yearly.	Apr 26, 2013 12:41 PM
60	Complete Hampton Road south to the city limits	Apr 26, 2013 11:20 AM
61	steps are needed to enforce traffic laws. this should include but be limited to cameras at intersections, speed bumps where applicable and increase police force	Apr 23, 2013 10:42 AM
62	School caution lights need to be more visible on the road ways	Apr 23, 2013 9:56 AM
63	MORE LIGHTED STREET SIGNS AND LIGHTS.REVIEW POSTED SPEED LIMITS ON MAJOR STREETS IE BELTLINE RD BETWEEN 135 AND HAMPTON (TO LOW COMPARED TO PLEASANT RUN RD). MAJOR STREETS NEED TO BE WIDEN FOR BETTER TRAFFIC FLOW DURING RUSH HOURS	Apr 22, 2013 9:36 AM
64	Higher speed limit on service roads.	Apr 18, 2013 7:28 PM
65	Sidewalks on every street. Folks need to be walking and riding.	Apr 18, 2013 2:22 PM
66	Pleasant Run from Westmoreland to Duncanville Rd need to be widened. Hampton from Pleasant Run to Beltline needs more lanes	Apr 16, 2013 12:19 PM
67	NO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION!	Apr 16, 2013 12:05 PM

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68	The roads are ragged. More/better roads are needed. Bike & walk lanes along roadways are needed throughout the city.	Apr 13, 2013 2:25 PM
69	Pleasant Run from Westmoreland to Cockrell Hill is too narrow. When walking on Pleasant Rd going toward Westmoreland, the sidewalk is so narrow I'm constantly looking out for cars. There is no reason the street lights on Hampton Rd., across from Town Center should be out.	Apr 12, 2013 7:07 PM
70	Belt Line west of Hampton carries a lot of traffic. It would move much more efficiently with some simple timing of green lights through Cockrell Hill Road.	Apr 11, 2013 7:41 AM

Page 5, Q19. Do you agree with the following goal for DeSoto's urban design? "DeSoto should enhance the appearance of the community by connecting quality residential areas to the natural environment, improving existing commercial nodes, retaining a reminder of rural characteristics in an urban setting, provi		
1	DeSoto should enhance the appearance of the community by connecting quality residential areas to the natural environment, improving existing commercial nodes, retaining a reminder of rural characteristics in an urban setting.	Jul 24, 2013 6:50 PM
2	Too much area covered in one sentence. Agree with part but not so much some part.	Jul 19, 2013 7:40 PM
3	Desoto should enhance the appearance of the community by connecting quality residential areas to the enatural environment, improving existing commercial nodes, retaining a reminder of rural characteristics in an urban setting, providing design criteria for new and exsisting development and distinguishing the entrances to the City.	Jul 15, 2013 8:32 PM
4	DeSoto should enhance the appearance of the community by connecting residential areas to the natural environment, retaining a reminder of rural characteristics in an urban setting and providing design criteria for new development	Apr 23, 2013 10:48 AM
5	Given budget issues this goal should be tabled until we have some discretionary funds. No more obelisks, please.	Apr 11, 2013 7:57 AM

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	2 years). More than 2 years is fiscally worrisomeannual or biannual review is the best course than long term planning currently	
19	Don't see a disconnect, but not sure how connected they all are either	Jul 18, 2013 7:12 AM
20	All parts feel disconnected. Desoto communities and school district have a negative repretation.	Jul 17, 2013 2:41 PM
21	Not sure.	Jul 17, 2013 2:20 PM
22	All is fine.	Jul 16, 2013 5:01 PM
23	areas near Charlton Hospital see disconnected	Jul 15, 2013 12:13 PM
24	No disconnected areas.	Jul 14, 2013 8:41 PM
25	I personally do not feel a disconnect of the different areas?	Jul 14, 2013 7:10 PM
26	See Landscaping AND walks above.	Jul 14, 2013 11:44 AM
27	I'm not sure about disconnection but I think we need to do something about worn-down fences along the major thoroughfares, and give more focus to how the residential areas look particularly along Hampton between Wintergreen and Pleasant Run.	Jul 12, 2013 2:40 PM
28	NA	Jul 10, 2013 9:58 PM
29	Northwest & Northeatern	Jul 10, 2013 6:35 PM
30	Not sure	Jul 9, 2013 3:10 PM
31	The DeSoto urban design should include all of DeSoto. Right now the Town Center seems to be the connecting point. With the use of sidewalks, trails and biking lanes, DeSoto can expand beyond the Town Center to allow citizens from all over DeSoto (n, s, e, w) to be apart of DeSoto.	Jul 8, 2013 12:51 PM
32	Wintergreen and and all the way up hampton to the Chambers of Commerce need to be greatly improved. Please	Jul 8, 2013 9:10 AM
33	With proper mixed-use development all quadrants of the city will blend	Jul 5, 2013 7:08 AM
34	Not sure.	Jul 4, 2013 6:17 PM
35	I believe that all areas within DeSoto feel connected to the other areas of the community	Jul 3, 2013 7:29 PM
36	I am not sure.	Jul 3, 2013 12:32 PM
37	I'm not sure which part of the city is not connected but I do feel a disconnect when traveling throughout the City.	Jul 3, 2013 7:43 AM
38	No, there are no areas within DeSoto that are not connected to the surrounding	Jun 30, 2013 5:32 PM

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39	Each area seems to have a different vibe which is not bad. No area should be neglected as far as roads, sidewalks, parks and landscaping. It would be good if commercial buildings and apartments were held to a higher standard.	Jun 29, 2013 9:04 AM
40	The areas within DeSoto seem connected and appropriately separated based on usage.	Jun 28, 2013 5:16 AM
41	I am boxed in between Danieldale and Pleasant Run near I-35. From Hampton & Wintergreen to I-35 I feel totally disconnected and like a dumping ground to things not wanted in other parts of the city. Even though my area is primarily commercial the streets are unkept, high grass stands on vacant lots, street lights are outI do not feel connected to other areas of DeSoto.	May 9, 2013 4:08 PM
42	What are you talking about if you put to many shrubs or bushes it blocks from seeing cars.	May 7, 2013 6:23 PM
43	Development in this city has been rampant, haphazard and ill-advised, allowing for low-quality development, crime and the destruction of green space. Landscaping in implemented then not maintained. Gateways to the city are inconsistent from a modern look (Hampton north) to the phallic symbol that is I-35 and Pleasant Run to red brick.	May 3, 2013 12:21 PM
44	retail is disjointed on Hampton. Shops are here and there, not a nice flow. Phone lines look bad. Wreaths on the lightpoles at Christmas are hideous. One every several poles looks ridiculous.	Apr 30, 2013 3:43 PM
45	no comment	Apr 28, 2013 7:34 PM
46	I don't think so	Apr 28, 2013 4:49 PM
47	I think the western areas are disconnected by virtue of the size and values of homes. We suffer as the value of other properties decline.	Apr 26, 2013 2:03 PM
48	At this pointI see no issue regarding being connected at any location within the City.	Apr 26, 2013 12:28 PM
49	All of the above	Apr 26, 2013 11:26 AM
50	I suppose all parts feel semi-disconnected. We all seem to stick to our own sections. I don't know what problems exist in each of the areas.	Apr 24, 2013 12:17 PM
51	no	Apr 24, 2013 7:45 AM
52	each part (not just one) of DeSoto there are disconnects with the urban design.	Apr 22, 2013 9:45 AM
53	IT WOULD BE GREAT IF ALL AREAS WOULD FEEL CONNECTED TO OTHER AREAS ESPECIALLY WITH THE OLDER COMMUNITIES	Apr 19, 2013 1:31 PM
54	With there not being any REAL downtown DeSoto anymore it all feels disconnected.	Apr 18, 2013 7:34 PM

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55	Need better code enforcement on the east side of DeSoto. Fences are always falling down and it looks bad. It also leads to this east/west divide that is not good for the city. You also need to have tighter regulations of the folks who live in the apartments on Wintergreen. That is a huge gateway to our community-keep it nice.	Apr 18, 2013 2:26 PM
56	Really stupid question.	Apr 16, 2013 12:09 PM
57	no	Apr 15, 2013 9:57 AM
58	No disconnection.	Apr 14, 2013 6:08 AM
59	Every are of DeSoto needs.a facelift, not just north desoto.	Apr 13, 2013 2:45 PM
60	I don't need to feel connected with another neighbnorhood. Why is this even a goal? Use the \$\$ to repair streets, schools and improve public safety.	Apr 11, 2013 7:57 AM

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1	The Hampton Road corridor from Wheatland Road to Parkerville Road needs to be re-vitalized and made to look more appealing.	Jul 26, 2013 9:48 AM
2	Please no DART busses	Jul 25, 2013 3:01 PM
3	The city of Desoto need to provide signage at all major intersections to stop uturns that constantly disrupt the flow of traffic and create a safety issue.	Jul 25, 2013 2:49 PM
4	I see no need for the city to spend tax money on Hotels or other commercial enterprises. This survey tries to pigeon hole a person into giving the city permission to spend money where it is not necessarily needed.	Jul 25, 2013 2:02 PM
5	lam very much displeased with our alley perservation budget. I have live hear 32 years and have witness the alley structure go down and down. Each day I leave or come home I hate coming into my alley. I don't ever bring my friends into my. It looks as if we have left Desot an gone into a SLUM area.	Jul 25, 2013 9:49 AM
6	Is the rusting art work in the medians south of Whataburger and Jack In The Box INVIOLATION OF CITY ORDINANCE AGAINST RUSTING DISPLAYS AND SIGN?	Jul 24, 2013 6:50 PM
7	retail will not come to I35 south of Danieldale north of Wintergreen despite the desire of City Council	Jul 24, 2013 5:36 PM
8	I believe that Desoto should have a skate park, indoor/outdoor swimming pool for adults, family oriented entertainment venues, and pods of seating and visiting cafes to enjoy like the Bishop Arts District. One cafe there allows walk up traffice to enjoy a wine or beer. Need to connect to Dallas County trail system, and have walkable spaces.	Jul 24, 2013 3:28 PM
9	The most important thing is to have a city where people are safe in and enjoy their residences, but yet have enough revenue to maintain beauty and the services needed. More restaurants would be nice. More shopping would be nice. I strongly suggest that the city continue to cooperate with the community of faith and always allow for prayer over the city. Prayer is one of the reasons that Cedar Hill is flourishing. The churches and people do a lot of prayer for wisdom, guidance and blessing in all areas. We do NOT want DART! DART most definitely brings crime. Inner-DeSoto public transportation would be OK. Always keep DeSoto private transportation friendly. If we have a hotel and convention center, it should NOT put the city into debt and should belong to the city. It should NOT be by the Town Center and cause TRAFFIC congestion there and disturb residential areas. A better place would be on I-35, visible to all who pass, bringing in more business and tax revenue, and away from residential areas. Safety is paramount.	Jul 23, 2013 9:39 PM
10	I would like to see trash container for trash (like Dallas) pickup so we can stop animals from getting into our trash and trash going though out the neighborhood	Jul 22, 2013 6:10 PM
11	My Plea is do not forget about all major entries; Pleasant Run, Wintergreen, Beltline and Parkerville Road are all the same show equality with the four roads.	Jul 22, 2013 7:55 AM
12	My concerns are increase in crime and becoming over populated in Desoto.	Jul 21, 2013 4:46 PM

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13	Noticed lighted road signs have been replaced in the main throughfare in DeSoto, however, Polk and Beltline sign has not been replaced, why? I have lived in DeSoto 15 years and two projects that I know of were approved, however, the results were not as planned i.e., when Polk @ Parkerville Road thoroughfare was opened, we were promised "exclusive" homes to be built in that area, that didn't happened; and plans for our new Town Square, that didn't happened. So I guess we the citizens of DeSoto need to really get involved from the beginning of each of the plans offered to us for approval.	Jul 20, 2013 7:04 PM
14	I am most interested in connecting Desoto to the city of Dallas through a mass transit, i.e. commuter train system.	Jul 20, 2013 12:13 PM
15	Too many chicken houses. To much Oak Cliff type businesses being allowed which to me gives it a SLUM HOOD look.	Jul 20, 2013 7:35 AM
16	I would certainly like to see the I35, Parkerville entrance to the city be updated/beautified. The trailor park looks like this is a trashy city. Can a wall be built or something like that?	Jul 19, 2013 7:40 PM
17	DeSoto needs a major attraction like Uptown Mall, updated food stores, restaurants etc	Jul 19, 2013 1:53 PM
18	Desoto is showing signs of wear and decline with many aging or empty storefronts in business zoned areas. Many have become small churches and although very important to a community, I believe a balance is necessary to ensure adequate tax revenues for our city. Our older neighborhoods are filled with poorly maintained properties with multiple code violations and I fear we are headed to become the next Oak Cliff or Pleasant Grove. Our City and it's citizens need to be concerned over the entire city's appearances not just the entryways if we are to remain an All American City. Thank you for opportunity for my input. I've lived in this City for over 35 years and want to stay and be proud of it.	Jul 18, 2013 5:21 PM
19	Desoto needs to buy into the DART system of transportation so that people who work out of Desoto can live here.	Jul 18, 2013 1:48 PM
20	Desoto has too many people walking the streets day/night. Rolling around in wheelchairs, people sitting in front of stores, downgrading our community like it's Oak Cliff. If I wanted to live in Oak Cliff, I would have moved there 30 years ago. Look at Cedar Hill, it has grown so much. They even have a Mall. We have enough 7-elevens, and Dollar Generals. Where's the Dollar Tree, the Restaurants, Stores that will help the city prosper? Our schools are overcrowded because we have more houses, apartments than we will ever need. Who really cares about the look /style of signs? Why do we have a Trucking Co. next to our soccer field/park?	Jul 18, 2013 1:28 PM
21	I don't like the rusted metal art work on Pleasant Run and Hampton Road. You could have saved money by not intalling those eyesores and using only plants that thrive in warmer climates.	Jul 18, 2013 1:16 PM
22	Safety is a concern for my as a residents of DeSoto for 24 yrs now, after living in the Mockingbird area of DeSoto for 10 yrs I was broken into, and the police was	Jul 18, 2013 1:04 PM

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	not concern at all about trying to catch the intruders, and I have heard several complaints on the crime in DeSoto, and they do not feel safe anymore.	
23	I understand "prettying up" the community is important, but fixing the roads and where damaged and making other needed improvements are a better use of money to spend.	Jul 18, 2013 12:50 PM
24	Again, my main concern is the lack of sidewalk for students who have to attend East Middle School. I don't really care too much about making Desoto beautiful. I feel that its already beautiful. I feel that something needs to be looked into getting a side walk built for the students who have to walk down Chattey Road to Beltline in order to attend East Middle School. If sidewalks are not an option, I would suggest road bumps. People drive too fast down that road. When you mix in talking on their cell phones and texting, This is a recipe for disaster.	Jul 18, 2013 12:38 PM
25	DeSoto has a problem with residents not maintaining their personal property, parking junky cars in streets, littering in residential areas, etcthat need to be addressed.	Jul 18, 2013 7:12 AM
26	Please improve the school district. Teachers have changed tremedously. The will force residents to sale the homes and move into a community with a better school district. Zero tolorance on negativity. God Bless	Jul 17, 2013 2:41 PM
27	I would like for the trash collection system to be updated to an automatic one. The city will provide the residents with special tras bins, which the trucks will lift up automatically.	Jul 17, 2013 2:20 PM
28	spend more money on lowing taxes please	Jul 17, 2013 12:01 PM
29	I believe we should address the appearance of old unused buildings. We should look into ways that may help expedite road construction. Also, it would be nice if we could enhance the appearance of our medians. We should look into bringing a Whole Foods Market or Aldi Store. There are so much land that is unused	Jul 16, 2013 3:41 PM
30	I would like to see the old Texaco station at Hampton & Pleasant Run and burned out strip mall area become a Farmers Market like Grand Prairie.	Jul 16, 2013 10:51 AM
31	We need a YMCA. Our currect recreation center does not provide an inclusive option for programming for the family. YMCAs provide a more comprehensive option for families than our recreation center. I think instead of increasing our recreation center size, we can spend the resources to continue to improve on our trails. A citywide connecting trail system will be an attraction for many people throughout the region. Add mile markers to the current trails so we can know how far we go. The current map on the website is not very helpful. Increase the sidewalks on side streets. The cars are not to kind to bikers and runners.	Jul 15, 2013 8:32 PM
32	Community development must target attracting business expansions and limiting cont. dev. where market saturation has occurred (eg, fried chicken and fish, dollar stores, hair supply venues, barber shops and salon, etc.). We need high end outlet malls or stores featuring perhaps, the Gap, Ann Taylor Loft, IKEA, Nordstrum's). Additionally, a Whole Foods Market would be delightful. Please open your minds to the possibilities and the citizenry will respond favorably.	Jul 15, 2013 12:43 PM

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	Thanks for asking.	
33	Instead of landscaping of roads & entrance to the City, I believe the money would be better spent on street lighting in residential areas.	Jul 14, 2013 8:41 PM
34	My family (husband, wife, and two young sons) has been living in the city of DeSoto for almost four years now, and we love it here! We like our neighborhood and the community as a whole.	Jul 14, 2013 7:10 PM
35	I believe that Desoto is on the right track as far as maintaining a nice-looking appearance for the common areas of Desoto such as along the major thoroughfares. We need some improvement as far as fence maintenance is concerned, but I realize that's primarily an individual homeowner issue. The city council and city staff are overall doing a good job to maintain high quality appearance for the city.	Jul 12, 2013 2:40 PM
36	Please also consider expanding the workout facility in the Rec where it is more cutting edge and less crowded. I think the city has outgrown that small facility it has now. I tend to frequent Cedar Hill's Center. Also, please consider having more family focused and child centered events here. I tire of driving to Allen, Frisco, and even downtown Dallas for great events and interactive parks for children/families.	Jul 12, 2013 8:53 AM
37	Moore need to be done to beautify Eagle Drive in the area of the High School. It is a sore spot.	Jul 11, 2013 8:10 AM
38	We have too many vacant buildings, and this land should always be considered for development before new buildings on pristine land are considered. Will Nance Farm ever come out of private ownership? What a showplace that could be. Please keep our greenspace and Roy Orr between Hampton Place Estates and Town Center!	Jul 10, 2013 9:58 PM
39	Why were barricades erected in from of the new Desoto monument markers on the eastern and western ends of Beltline Rd? It gives the perception that the area is accident prone and detracts from the beauty of the monument.	Jul 10, 2013 6:35 PM
40	I am interested in seeing a link between emergency vehicles and its control of the traffic lights. Many vehicles fail to yield with the distant sound of emergency vehicles. Perhaps, providing an alert sign (i.e a flashing light on top of the traffic lights on approach of an emergency vehicle) would readily alert the driver, increase traffic yielding, and prevent accidents from occurring	Jul 10, 2013 11:06 AM
41	To see wider buffered sidewalks and safer paved trails for runners and walkers in an already beautiful southern city.	Jul 10, 2013 10:41 AM
42	The community of Desoto is a beautiful place to live, unfortunately not too many options to work. Please continue to invite busineses to relocate to the area with incentives that will benefit residents. Also continue to make code enforcement a priority in maintaining the beauty of the city.	Jul 10, 2013 9:28 AM
43	I would like for DeSoto to bring a La Madeleine into the community, and maybe a new restaurant	Jul 9, 2013 3:10 PM

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44	1) If DeSoto could expand the current recreation center by using the opened parking lot land, this would allow for more classes/sports. 2) The Town Center is a congested area. If it could spread out, there would be more for the citizens to do and not feel like they are crowded or closed in to such a tiny space.	Jul 8, 2013 12:51 PM
45	Please demolish the vacant old gas station across the street from the Desoto Towncenter because it really is an eye sore. The Towncenter is beautiful but that old abandoned gas station is making the are look poor and trashy Thanks guys	Jul 8, 2013 9:10 AM
46	Desoto needs to do business with people that live and have offices in Desoto. I see no effort in supporting our tax base.	Jul 5, 2013 10:17 PM
47	The empty commercial buildings detract from the aesthetics of the City, especially on the East side.	Jul 4, 2013 7:12 PM
48	The beautification of the city is very important. As I walk in the community, I see residents blowing clippings into the streets, parking on street, etc. Need a media bliss to educate. Start with existing resourcesbill insert, TV,website, associations, etc.	Jul 4, 2013 6:17 PM
49	More lightning is needed in the western area. Some street lights are out or do not give out enough light.	Jul 3, 2013 2:41 PM
50	I love living in the City of Desoto. I appreciate all beautification efforts. My major concern is the presence of public transportation. It should never be considered for the City of Desoto.	Jul 3, 2013 12:32 PM
51	More police presence at Mosely Park in the Summer children jumping fences destroying the park	Jul 1, 2013 10:03 PM
52	I don't live in the city yet but I'm planning on buying my next home there in the next 2 years. The city and school district are great.	Jul 1, 2013 6:22 PM
53	The lighted street name signs add safety and a feeling of a quality community.	Jun 30, 2013 8:03 PM
54	The first priority should be the school system in order to attract businesses and homeowners to DeSoto. Property taxes need to be capped, and should be reduced as there is no perceived value to the high tax rate and the poor school scores. Better diversity advertising should be marketed as most believe DeSoto to be a minority based community rather than a diverse community.	Jun 30, 2013 5:32 PM
55	Thanks to the Mayor and city council for all you do for Desoto. Hope you have success against all the nay sayers you are up against.	Jun 29, 2013 9:04 AM
56	DeSoto lacks an identity. While important, beautification is not the sole answer. The city needs to support its citizens by providing more employment and internship opportunities - designing the city to enable the population to travel within city limits with unobstructive mobility through the use of cars, buses, bikes and by foot.	Jun 28, 2013 5:16 AM
57	more must be done to create bike riding, walking and overall health development	Jun 24, 2013 4:02 PM
58	DeSoto is a great city and can become an even greater city if it truly listen to it's citizens and take into consideration it's suggestions, compromise is worth it if it	May 9, 2013 4:08 PM

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	makes our city better. Thanks for allowing me to participate in this survery.	
59	I wish that all the people who are elected on the council board rethink and stop trying to get a bus line in Desoto.	May 7, 2013 6:23 PM
60	Buildings along Hampton have no organization or flow to them. One bank looks like a Mosk -so ugly. Phone lines should be put underground. New area by Rec Center looks good.	Apr 30, 2013 3:43 PM
61	DeSoto and its leaders have done and are doing an excellent job; its time to move on to the next frontier: exploring public transportation within our community.	Apr 26, 2013 8:12 PM
62	I would like to see lighting in Frost Farms improved to enhance the safety of the community. Lights put in during the initial construction in 1985 are wattage limited and way too far between. It's just not safe!	Apr 26, 2013 2:03 PM
63	We do not need to carry more debt with the building of a convention center.	Apr 26, 2013 1:55 PM
64	Maintaing a balance is most importantdo not allow any additional apartment unitsstrongly consider a housing development for active seniors or those 50+ example: Robson Ranch & build quality upper end townhomes for the generation of 25-45 years old. Please think carefully about adding more "junk" stores along Hampton Rd. example: Dollar Stores. The City needs to bring higher quality retail or everyone will continue going to Cedar Hill.	Apr 26, 2013 12:28 PM
65	I feel that Desoto needs to improve the over feel of all entrances into the city. There are places where you are not sure where you are. Someone traveling thru should be able to look up and say "WOW". That would attract quality people and business.	Apr 26, 2013 11:26 AM
66	Something needs to be done about the intersection of Pleasant Run and Hampton. That gas station has been empty too long and the few buildings south on Hampton look shabby. With this being the main intersection, we need to look at ways to improve it.	Apr 24, 2013 12:17 PM
67	My customers walk on the trails much more than I do, it is very important to them to have the trails maintaned, safe and clean.	Apr 23, 2013 10:06 AM
68	I FEEL THAT DESOTO IS A CLEAN AND ATTRACTIVE TOWN AND WE NEED TO KEEP IT THAT WAY	Apr 19, 2013 1:31 PM
69	All business strip centers should update looks. Curb appeal is not very good anymore.	Apr 18, 2013 7:34 PM
70	There is always more work to do. Make this place really nice, kick out the idiots who don't respect the community. Have a strong police presence that makes people feel safe. And attract more business! I love this city a whole lot though, just want it to be the absolute best.	Apr 18, 2013 2:26 PM
71	na	Apr 16, 2013 12:23 PM
72	BEAUTIFY/DEVELOP DESOTO, NOT JUST SPECIFIC PARTS/AREAS OF DESOTO. Let's show how proud we are of our CITY. INTERGRATE THE	Apr 13, 2013 2:45 PM

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	DEVELOPMENT TO THE CITY OF DESOTO, NOT CERTAIN ZIP CODES OF DESOTO. Make the ENTIRE CITY inviting and welcoming. Make EVERY AREA scream: "YOU'RE IN DESOTO, TEXAS. WELCOME! STAY A WHILE!"	
73	My concern is garage signsI feel that we the people should be able to advertise a garage sale & put up ay least a couple of signs within our street without getting a ticket. Not advertising on a major street cause people not to know where the sales are. The city should change these rules. I would propose that we be allowed to post signs major streets but fine the people who do not take the sings down by Monday morning. Only be able to have garage sales on Thursday thru Sunday. More money would be made for the city instead of paying for a city person work on a Saturday pulling ul signs. That is a waste of tax payers money.	Apr 13, 2013 12:58 PM
74	DeSoto has a lot of beauty, but it is hidden. I forget how beautiful Town Center is until I visit the library or City Hall. Nothing draws a person to a creek or a park that they cannot see. Can we get something of interest that we can see from the road? Something that would make us want to check DeSoto out? I would love to see Desoto stay somewhat rural. I'm not that impressed with Cedar Hill. The strip malls in DeSoto are especially unappealing and empty. Can we get rid of the empty strip malls and get a nice farmers market? The apartment complexes (especially the small ones) get away with being dirty and unattractive. There is no excuse for sheets to be hanging in the windows instead of blinds or drapes. Most decent apartments supply blinds. Desoto is a great little city to live in but can be so much more. We just need to quit hiding in the shadows and jump out into the light.	Apr 12, 2013 7:44 PM
75	Plan with the future in mind.	Apr 11, 2013 8:29 PM
76	Don't spend my money on appearances. Don't build more office buildings on speculation, no more obelisks. Don't try to make it appear a good place to live. Make it a good place - safe, friendly, good school environment.	Apr 11, 2013 7:57 AM